

Muharram - Sacred month of Allah, **Jumu'ah** - Sacred & blessed day, **Aashurah & Hijrah** - Sacred events, **Musa** ﷺ & **Muhammad** ﷺ - Sacred connection & relationship. Those reflect, receive rewards & **NAFAHAAT**

The Prophet ﷺ entered Madinah – found Jewish community fasting in gratitude to Allah ﷻ, victory of Musa ﷺ over Firawn. نحن أولى بموسى منكم

“We have more right, closer to, love Musa ﷺ more than you” (Muslim)

We celebrate his victory – thus the fast of Aashurah was mandated.

The Hijrah & Aashurah are not separate events – deeply connected.

المعية ties them together. Whom is Allah's favour and aid with? is Allah ﷻ with you? Are you with Him? What qualities bring about Allah's support?

Only in 2 occasions throughout Qur'an, Allah ﷻ speaks about His **معية** being intimately, actively present with a person.

These 2 occasions of **المعية الخاصة** are - Aashurah & Hijrah.

At the final moment of being pursued by army of Firawn, danger & death imminent, end of Jews, they give up, **إنا لمدركون** - Musa respond **كلا إن معي ربي**

“ALLAH IS WITH ME, HE WILL SURELY GUIDE ME.” (26:62)

The Prophet ﷺ & Abu Bakr **رضي الله عنه** are in the cave on Hijrah. They hear the footsteps and see the feet of those trying to kill them.

In those moments both can see the enemy, danger is imminent – end of Islam if they look down, however, Allah ﷻ is with us. **لا تحزن إن الله معنا**

“DO NOT WORRY, ALLAH IS WITH US.” (9:40)

Aashurah-Hijrah, vulnerable & desperate moments. But both Prophets knew that Allah ﷻ was with them. **المعية الخاصة**

WHY? Because they lived their lives always being with Allah ﷻ

So, now they knew with certainty that Allah ﷻ was with them.

The devotion & certainty they had in those moments is what we lack.

QUESTION: A person prayed really hard, with Yaqeen that Allah is with them, they failed. If Imam Husain was right, why was Allah not with him?

المعية العامة is when people achieve certain qualities:

مع المتقين – مع الصابرين – مع المحسنين –

“WITH PEOPLE OF FAITH, PIETY, PATIENCE, RIGHTEOUSNESS “

When believers face desperate moments they are able to call on Allah ﷻ, knowing He is with them – but as long as they exhibit these qualities.

If you want anyone to be **WITH** you, you need to be **WITH** them, you need to show them qualities that make them want to be **WITH** by you.

PRINCIPLES, VALUES, ETHICS, MORALS, CHARACTER, FAITH.

Do I have the qualities that make Allah ﷻ want to be WITH me?

Football, cricket, sports, winner says Allah is with us. The victorious say God was with me, therefore I won. I read this Du'a, Allah is with me?!

But believers you don't measure whether or not Allah ﷻ is with you by the outcome of victory or defeat.

We measure it by the qualities that Allah ﷻ mentions in the Qur'an.

3 qualities repeated over and over again in the Qur'an.

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You cannot disobey Allah and claim Allah is with you.

You cannot be impatient and claim Allah is with you.

You cannot be ungrateful and claim Allah is with you.

You cannot question Allah and claim Allah is with you.

Is Allah with those who martyred Imam Husain/Badr/Uhud?

Is Allah with the crusaders, the tyrants or killers of innocent people?

(57:4) وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ

ALLAH IS ALWAYS WITH US - (but not necessarily His Aid)

We don't measure by outcome. We measure with Taqwa, Sabr & Ihsan

If you saw the Prophet ﷺ in Sajda and crying, would you be able to tell if something really bad or good happened to him?

If you saw the Prophet ﷺ upset, would you be able to tell he got the news of having a baby or just lost a child?

If you saw the Prophet ﷺ devastated, would you be able to tell, he was crying just after Badr or after Uhud?

The Prophet ﷺ in all outcomes of great tribulation or great joy was always exhibiting the qualities of **Taqwa, Sabr, & Ihsaan**. He was always with Allah ﷻ & Allah ﷻ was with him. *طرفة عين*

If you want to know whether Allah ﷻ is with you or not, measure your **Taqwa, Sabr & Ihsaan** – not the material outcomes.

You ultimately choose who you are with & who is with you.