



Imam Khadhim [A.S]

امام الكاظم (ع)

Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Be introduced to Imam al-Kāḍim as our 7th Imam
- Briefly learn the meaning of the title Imam al-Kāḍim as the 'One who suppresses his anger'

Imam al-Kāḍim (as)

As we have learnt in the previous lessons, we have 12 Imams. In this lesson, we will learn a little about our 7th Imam. Here is a little profile:

Name: Imam Mūsā Ibn Ja'far

Title: al-Kāḍim

Father: Imam Ja'far al-Ṣādiq

Mother: Ḥamidah

Birth day: 7th Safar 128 AH

Place of Birth: Abwa (a place between Medina and Mecca)

Death Anniversary: 25th Rajab 183 AH

Buried: Kāḍimayn, Baghdad, Iraq

FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

LEVEL 1

THE SUPPRESSION OF ANGER

Imam al-Kāḍim (as) was given this title because he would never get angry no matter how hard the situation was. This story might help you understand how the Imam used to suppress his anger:

There was a poor uneducated farmer who was very rude to our Imam (as) whenever he saw him.



No matter how rude this man was, Imam al-Kāḍim (as) never got angry and he never said anything to the man.

The Imam's friends wanted to punish the rude man, but Imam al-Kāḍim (as) would not allow them to.

One day the Imam rode out to the rude man's farm where the man was working. When the man saw Imam he stopped working and put his hands on his hips, ready to be abusive again.

Imam al-Kāḍim (as) dismounted, went towards the man and greeted him with a friendly, smiling face. He then told him that he should not overwork himself and that the land he had was very good. He then asked him how much he was expecting to receive for the crop.

The farmer was amazed at the Imam's politeness and sincerity. He waited a little then said that he was expecting to get around 200 gold pieces. The Imam took out a purse and gave it to the farmer telling him that in it was 300 gold pieces, more than the value of his crop. Imam al-Kāḍim (as) told the man to take the money and also to keep the crop, and that he hoped the man would receive more for it.

The farmer, faced with such kind behaviour was very ashamed of himself and asked the Imam's forgiveness. After this incident whenever the man would see Imam al-Kāḍim (as) he would greet him very politely.

Moral of the Story:

Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Even though the man was very rude to our Imam, the Imam treated him with respect because that is what Islam teaches us to do. We should be kind to people even if they do not deserve it. By doing so, we can often bring people to like us.

CLASS DISCUSSION: SHOWING ANGER

We all get angry sometimes. The important thing is to be able to control our anger and express it in a way that is okay.

What are some bad ways of expressing our anger?

What are some okay ways of expressing our anger?

What happens when we express our anger in the wrong way? What about when we express it in the right way?

Class Activity:

In this table, write down 5 things that make you angry and next to it how you would control your anger in that situation:
