

يَا بَنِي الْمُصْطَفَى

English Introduction

This *qasida* was written by Syedna Mo'ayyad al Shirazi beseeching Aimmat Tahereen. He wrote a long *qasida* in praise of the Aimmat, from which these are a few select verses. Syedna Mo'ayyad was the *babul abwaab* of Imam Mustansir AS, and held a very high position in the knowledge of dawat and the progeny of Mohammad Rasulullah SA. Imam Mustansir AS once said, addressing him, that you are a mountain of knowledge, such that nobody can reach its peak.

يَا حُجَّةَ مَشْهُورَةٍ فِي الْوَرَى
وَطُودَ عِلْمٍ اعْجَزَ الْمُرْتَقِي

The knowledge of the Fatimid Imams came in *Satr ni Dawat* (the period of the Imam's seclusion) at the hands of Syedna Mo'ayyad. The Dai from Yemen, Syedna Lamak, took knowledge from Syedna Mo'ayyad, who in turn gave this knowledge to his son Syedna Yahya. Syedna Yahya then passed on this knowledge fully to the first Dai al Mutlaq, Syedna Zoeb RA. As Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA says:

مِنْ دُعَاةٍ قَدْ أَيْدَتْ هُمْ سَوَارِي
بَرَكَاتِ الْمُؤَيَّدِ الشِّيرَازِي

Syedna Mo'ayyad has composed many verses in the praise of the Imams. Ya Banil Mustafa is often prayed after the namaaz of *Qadha'il Hawa'ij*, so that by the intercession of the Imams our wishes (hawa'ij) may be granted by Allah Ta'aala.

In the *qasida* Syedna Mo'ayyad addresses the progeny of Mohammad Rasulullah SA and says that –

It is in you that the sorrowful seeks asylum in calamities.
It is from you that the wishes of our hearts are sought.
O my masters, how do I praise you, when the utmost limit of my praise is effort without success.

He ends the *qasida* by praying *salawaat* on the pure Imams.

In this module we present a few select verses from this long *qasida*.