

Activity 2.6a: Review Questions

1. In the beginning of this lesson, we saw that the Prophet of Allah (*Rasūlullāh*) ﷺ told his companion, Jābir, the name of the 4th Imām ؑ. Recall who Jābir ibn ‘Abdullāh al-Anṣārī was. Why is this ḥadīth significant?

2. How old was Imām as-Sajjād ؑ when his grandfather, Imām ‘Alī ؑ, was martyred? Would he have been old enough to see the injustices that his grandfather faced?

3. What are the two most famous titles of Imām ‘Alī ibn Ḥusayn ؑ ? How are these two related? What is the difference between the two?

Activity 2.6b: A Personal Du‘ā’

The book, *Aṣ-Ṣaḥīfah as-Sajjādiyyah*, can be found here:

www.al-islam.org/sahifa-al-kamilah-al-sajjadiyya-imam-ali-zayn-al-abidin/

Aṣ-Ṣaḥīfah as-Sajjādiyyah is a collection of supplications (*du‘ās*) and whispered prayers (*munājāt*) taught by Imām as-Sajjād عليه السلام, and we see that the Imām begins the prayers with the praise of Allah ﷻ, followed by praise of His Messenger ﷺ, and the Ahlul Bayt عليهم السلام.

In the following *du‘ās*, we see that the Imām عليه السلام often uses this similar pattern to make *du‘ā*; and it is also one of the recommended acts to start our supplications with *Bismillāh* and *Ṣalawāt*.

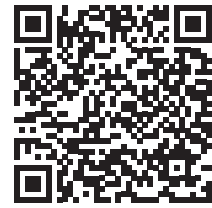
A translator of the *Ṣaḥīfah* says:

In the Ṣaḥīfah, we see Islamic spirituality—or that dimension of the religion of Islam which deals with the practical and lived reality of the personal relationship between human beings and God—expressed in the most universal of languages, that of the concrete and intimate yearning of the soul for completion and perfection.⁵

1. What do you think this means? Show evidence from some of the *du‘ās* to back your understanding.

2. After reflecting on this statement, write a personal *du‘ā* around one specific thing you would like to ask Allah ﷻ for, perhaps using some of the words from the Ahlul Bayt عليهم السلام as an inspiration.

Aṣ-Ṣaḥīfah As-Sajjādiyyah



⁵ *Translator’s introduction*. Al-Islam. (2013, January 27). Retrieved November 14, 2022, from <https://www.al-islam.org/sahifa-al-kamilah-al-sajjadiyya-imam-ali-zayn-al-abidin/translators-introduction>