

Walking without shoes towards Holy Shrines/Sites

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Abbreviations:

saww: - Sal lal la ho Allay hay **Wa** Aal lay he **Wasallam**

azwj: - Az Za **Wa** Jalla

asws: - Allay hay Salawat **Wass Salam**

AJFJ: Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak

ra: - Razi Allah^{-azwj}

La: - Laan Allah^{-azwj}

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ, وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ, وَسَلَّم تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah^{-azwj} the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah^{-azwj} Lord^{-azwj} of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad^{-saww} and his^{-saww} Purified Progeny^{-asws}, and greetings with abundant greetings.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ وَالْعَنِ أَعْدَائَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

‘Walking without shoes towards Holy Shrines/Sites’

Introduction

Some Ahadith are presented below regarding walking barefoot whilst performing Ziyarah of Holy Sites.

Walking without shoes as a sign of respect:

و حَدَّثَنِي عَلِيُّ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ مُوسَى بْنِ بَابُوَيْهِ وَ جَمَاعَةٌ رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ عَنْ سَعْدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنِ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ عَنِ الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ عَامِرٍ عَنْ جَابِرِ الْمَكْفُوفِ عَنْ أَبِي الصَّامِتِ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع وَ هُوَ يَقُولُ مَنْ أَتَى قَبْرَ الْحُسَيْنِ ع مَاشِيًا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِكُلِّ لَحْطَوَةٍ أَلْفَ حَسَنَةٍ وَ مَحَا عَنْهُ أَلْفَ سَيِّئَةٍ وَ رَفَعَ لَهُ أَلْفَ دَرَجَةٍ فَإِذَا أَتَيْتَ الْفُرَاتَ فَاعْتَسِلْ وَ عَلِّقْ نَعْلَيْكَ وَ امْشِ خَافِيًا وَ امْشِ مَشْيَ الْعَبْدِ الدَّلِيلِ فَإِذَا أَتَيْتَ بَابَ الْحَائِرِ فَكَبِّرْ أَرْبَعًا ثُمَّ امْشِ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ كَبِّرْ أَرْبَعًا ثُمَّ ائْتِ رَأْسَهُ فَقِفْ عَلَيْهِ فَكَبِّرْ أَرْبَعًا [فَكَبِّرْ وَ صَلِّ عِنْدَهُ وَ اسْأَلْ] وَ صَلِّ أَرْبَعًا وَ اسْأَلِ اللَّهَ حَاجَتَكَ.

Ali Ibn Al-Husayn Ibn Musa ibn Babawiyah and the group of Allah have mercy on them told me about Sa'ad ibn Abdullah about Al-Hasan Ibn Ali Ibn Abdullah Ibn Al-Mughairah about Al-Abbas Ibn Amer about Jaber Al-Makhuf about Abu Al-Samat and he said I heard:

Abu Abdullah^{-asws} (Imam Al- Sadiq^{-asws}) said: The Almighty Allah^{-azwj} Records a thousand good deeds and erases a thousand sins for every step taken by one who performs the Ziyarat of Imam Hussain^{-asws} on foot. He will also increase their status a thousand times for every step.

Then Imam^{-asws} said: When you arrive at Euphrates, perform Ghusl, ‘و عَلِّقْ نَعْلَيْكَ وَ امْشِ خَافِيًا وَ امْشِ مَشْيَ الْعَبْدِ الدَّلِيلِ’ and remove your shoes and walk barefoot like the ‘Mashi’ (walk) of a humble servant. Once you arrive at the door of the holy shrine, recite Takbir four times. Then walk a little and repeat this four more times. Then come near his head,

stand there and repeat it four more times. Pray near his grave and ask Allah^{-azwj}, the Exalted for your needs.¹

عَنِ الْقَاسِمِ بْنِ يَحْيَى عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ رَاشِدٍ عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ ثَوَيْرٍ بْنِ أَبِي فَاحْتَةَ قَالَ: أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَ فَاعْتَسِلْ عَلَى شَاطِئِ الْفُرَاتِ ثُمَّ الْبَسْ ثِيَابَكَ الطَّاهِرَةَ ثُمَّ امْشِ خَافِيًا فَإِنَّكَ فِي حَرَمٍ مِنْ حَرَمِ اللَّهِ وَ حَرَمِ رَسُولِهِ وَ عَلَيْكَ بِالتَّكْبِيرِ وَ التَّهْلِيلِ وَ التَّمْجِيدِ وَ التَّعْظِيمِ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا وَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ حَتَّى تَصِيرَ إِلَى بَابِ الْخَائِرِ [الْحُسَيْنِ ع] ثُمَّ قُلِ السَّلَامَ عَلَيْكَ يَا حُجَّةَ اللَّهِ.....

From Al-Qasim ibn Yahya about Al-Hasan Ibn Rashid about Al-Husayn Ibn Thuwair Ibn Abi Fakhta he said:

Abu Abdullah^{-asws} (Imam Al- Sadiq^{-asws}) said: “When you go to the Ziyarat of Imam Hussain^{-asws}, perform a Ghusl on the banks of Euphrates and wear your most purified clothes. Then walk barefoot (towards the grave) because you are walking in one of the sanctuaries of Allah^{-azwj} and His Messenger^{-saww}. You should recite *Takbir* and *Tahlil* exceedingly and glorify and sanctify Allah^{-azwj} more. Invoke blessings on Muhammad^{-saww} and his family^{-asws} until you arrive at the door of the holy shrine. (An extract).²

Rewards for walking barefoot in the Haram:

عِدَّةٌ مِنْ أَصْحَابِنَا عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ الْقَاسِمِ بْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبَانَ بْنِ تَغْلِبٍ قَالَ كُنْتُ مَعَ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) مُزَامِلَةً فِيمَا بَيْنَ مَكَّةَ وَ الْمَدِينَةِ فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى إِلَى الْحَرَمِ نَزَلَ وَ اغْتَسَلَ وَ أَخَذَ نَعْلَيْهِ بِيَدَيْهِ ثُمَّ دَخَلَ الْحَرَمَ خَافِيًا فَصَنَعْتُ مِثْلَ مَا صَنَعَ فَقَالَ يَا أَبَانُ مَنْ صَنَعَ مِثْلَ مَا رَأَيْتَنِي صَنَعْتُ تَوَاضَعُ لِلَّهِ تَحَا اللَّهُ عَنْهُ مِائَةُ أَلْفِ سَيِّئَةٍ وَ كُتِبَ لَهُ مِائَةُ أَلْفِ حَسَنَةٍ وَ بَنَى اللَّهُ عَرْوَ وَ جَلَّ لَهُ مِائَةُ أَلْفِ دَرَجَةٍ وَ قُضِيَ لَهُ مِائَةُ أَلْفِ حَاجَةٍ .

A number of our companions, from Ahmad Bin Abu Abdullah, from his father, from Al Qasim Bin Ibrahim, from Aban Bin Taghlab who said,

‘I was with Abu Abdullah^{-asws} accompanying him^{-asws} in what is between Makkah and Al-Medina. So when he^{-asws} ended up to the *Haram*, he^{-asws} encamped and washed, and grabbed his^{-asws} slippers by his^{-asws} hands, then entered the *Haram* bare-footed. So I did similar to what he^{-asws} did’. So he^{-asws} said: ‘O Aban! The one who does like what you saw me^{-asws} do, in reverence to Allah^{-azwj}, Allah^{-azwj} would Delete from him one hundred thousand sins, and Write for him one hundred thousand good deeds, and Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic would Build for him one hundred thousand Levels, and would Fulfil for him one hundred thousand needs’.³

¹ 132 ص؛ النص؛ كامل الزيارات، Chapter 49, H. 4

² 198 ص؛ النص، كامل الزيارات، Chapter 79, H. 2.

³ Al Kafi – V 4 – The Book of Hajj Ch 116 H 1

APPENDIX

Additional Ahadith on walking barefoot out of respect/whilst bereaving

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ صَالِحِ بْنِ الْبَنْدِيِّ عَنْ حَمَّادِ بْنِ عِيسَى عَنْ حُسَيْنِ بْنِ الْمُخْتَارِ عَنْ أَبِي عُبَيْدَةَ قَالَ زَأَمَلْتُ أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ (عليه السلام) فِيمَا بَيْنَ مَكَّةَ وَالْمَدِينَةِ فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى إِلَى الْحَرَمِ اغْتَسَلَ وَ أَخَذَ نَعْلَيْهِ بِيَدَيْهِ ثُمَّ مَشَى فِي الْحَرَمِ سَاعَةً .

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Salih Bin Al Sandy, from Hammad Bin Isa, from Husayn Bin Al Mukhtar, from Abu Ubeyda who said,

'I accompanied Abu Ja'far^{-asws} in what is between Makkah and Al-Medina. So when he^{-asws} ended up to the *Harram*, he^{-asws} washed and grabbed his^{-asws} slippers by his^{-asws} hands, then walked into the *Harram* for a while'.

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحَكَمِ عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ الْمُخْتَارِ مِثْلَهُ .

Muhammad Bin yahya, from Muhammad Bin Al Husayn, from Ali Bin Al Hakam, from Al husayn Bin Al Mukhtar – similar to it'.⁴

الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ مُعَلَّى بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ جَمِيعاً عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ عَنْ أَبَانَ بْنِ عُثْمَانَ عَنْ عَجَلَانَ أَبِي صَالِحٍ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) إِذَا انْتَهَيْتَ إِلَى بَيْتِ مَيْمُونٍ أَوْ بَيْتِ عَبْدِ الصَّمَدِ فَاغْتَسِلْ وَ اخْلَعْ نَعْلَيْكَ وَ امشِ حَافِياً وَ عَلَيْكَ السَّكِينَةُ وَ الْوَقَارُ .

Al Husayn Bin Muhammad, from Moalla Bin Muhammad, and Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad, altogether from Al Hassan Bin Ali, from Aban Bin Usman, from Ajlan Abu Salih who said,

'Abu Abdullah^{-asws} said: 'Whenever you end up to the well of Maymoun, or the well of Abdul Samad, so wash, and take off your slippers, and walk bare-footed, and upon you should be the tranquillity and dignity'.⁵

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ عَنِ الْفَضْلِ بْنِ شاذَانَ جَمِيعاً عَنْ صَفْوَانَ بْنِ يَحْيَى وَ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ مُعَاوِيَةَ بْنِ عَنَارٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ إِذَا دَخَلْتَ الْمَسْجِدَ الْحَرَامَ فَادْخُلْهُ حَافِياً عَلَى السَّكِينَةِ وَ الْوَقَارِ وَ اخْشَوْعِ غَفَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ فُلْتُ مَا الْخُشُوعُ قَالَ السَّكِينَةُ لَا تَدْخُلُ بِتَكْرُرٍ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, and Muhammad Bin Ismail, from Al Fazl Bin Shazaan, altogether from Safwan Bin Yahya, and Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Muawiya Bin Ammar,

⁴ Al Kafi – V 4 – The Book of Hajj Ch 116 H 2

⁵ Al Kafi – V 4 – The Book of Hajj Ch 118 H 6

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws} having said: 'Whenever you enter the Sacred Masjid, so enter it bare-footed upon the tranquillity, and the dignity, and the reverence'. And he^{-asws} said: 'And the one who enters it with reverence, Allah^{-azwj} would Forgive him, Allah^{-azwj} Willing'. I said, 'What is the reverence?' He^{-asws} said: 'The tranquillity, not entering it with arrogance.

فَإِذَا انْتَهَيْتَ إِلَى بَابِ الْمَسْجِدِ فَتَقُمْ وَ قُلِ السَّلَامَ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَ بَرَكَاتُهُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَ بِاللَّهِ وَ مِنْ اللَّهِ وَ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَنْبِيَاءِ اللَّهِ وَ رُسُلِهِ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

So when you end up to the door of the Masjid, then stand and say, 'Greetings be upon you^{-saww}, O Prophet^{-saww}, and Mercy of Allah^{-azwj}, and His^{-azwj} Blessings. In the Name of Allah^{-azwj}, and by Allah^{-azwj}, and from Allah^{-azwj}, and whatever Allah^{-azwj} so Desires. And greetings be upon the Prophets^{-saww} of Allah^{-azwj} and His^{-azwj} Rasools^{-as}. And the greetings be upon Rasool-Allah^{-saww}, and the greetings be upon Ibrahim^{-as}. And the Praise is for Allah^{-azwj} Lord^{-azwj} of the worlds'.

فَإِذَا دَخَلْتَ الْمَسْجِدَ فَأَرْفَعْ يَدَيْكَ وَ اسْتَغْفِرِ الْبَيْتَ وَ قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا فِي أَوَّلِ مَنْاسِكِي أَنْ تَقْبَلَ تَوْبَتِي وَ أَنْ تَجَاوَزَ عَنِّي خَطِيئَتِي وَ تَضَعْ عَنِّي وَزْرِي الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي بَلَّغَنِي بَيْتَهُ الْحَرَامَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ هَذَا بَيْتُكَ الْحَرَامَ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ مَثَابَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَ أَمْنًا مُبَارَكًا وَ هُدًى لِلْعَالَمِينَ

So when you enter the Masjid, then raise your hands and face the House (Kabah), and say, 'O Allah^{-azwj}! I ask You^{-azwj} in this place of mine during the first of my rituals that You^{-azwj} should Accept my repentance, and that You^{-azwj} should Overlook my errors, and Place my burden away from me. The Praise is for Allah^{-azwj} Who Made me reach His^{-azwj} Sacred House (Kabah). O Allah^{-azwj}! I hereby testify that this is Your^{-azwj} Sacred House which You^{-azwj} Made it as a resort for the people, and a security, Blessed, and a Guidance for the worlds.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ وَ الْبَلَدُ بَلَدُكَ وَ الْبَيْتُ بَيْتُكَ جِئْتُكَ أَطْلُبُ رَحْمَتَكَ وَ أُوْمُ طَاعَتَكَ مُطِيعاً لِأَمْرِكَ رَاضِياً بِقُدْرِكَ أَسْأَلُكَ مَسْأَلَةَ الْمُضْطَرِّ إِلَيْكَ الْخَائِفِ لِعُقُوبَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَ اسْتَعْمِلْنِي بِطَاعَتِكَ وَ مَرْضَاتِكَ .

O Allah^{-azwj}! I am Your^{-azwj} servant, and the city is Your^{-azwj} city, and the House is Your^{-azwj} House. I have come seeking Your^{-azwj} Mercy, and intending to obey You^{-azwj}, obedient to Your^{-azwj} Command, being pleased with Your^{-azwj} Ordainment. I ask You^{-azwj} with the asking of the one desperate to You^{-azwj}, the one fearful of Your^{-azwj} Punishment. O Allah^{-azwj}! Open for me the doors of Your^{-azwj} Mercy, and Utilise me with Your^{-azwj} obedience and Your^{-azwj} Pleasure'.⁶

عَلَيْهِ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنِ الْقَاسِمِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ عُثْمَانَ قَالَ لَمَّا مَاتَ إِسْمَاعِيلُ بْنُ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) خَرَجَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) فَتَقَدَّمَ السَّرِيرَ يَلَا حِذَاءً وَ لَا رِذَاءً .

⁶ Al Kafi – V 4 – The Book of Hajj Ch 119 H 1

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Al Qasim Bin Muhammad, from Al Husayn Bin Usman who said,

‘When Ismail, son of Abu Abdullah^{-asws} died, Abu Abdullah^{-asws} went out and walked in front of the coffin without shoes as well as (without) a cloak’.⁷

الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ إِسْحَاقَ عَنْ سَعْدَانَ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ عَنْ أَبِي بَصِيرٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ يَنْبَغِي لِصَاحِبِ الْمُصِيبَةِ أَنْ لَا يَلْبَسَ رِدَاءً وَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِي قَمِيصٍ حَتَّى يُعْرَفَ .

Al Husayn Bin Muhammad, from Ahmad Bin Is’haq, from Sa’dan Bin Muslim, from Abu Baseer,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws} having said: ‘It is befitting for the ‘صَاحِبُ الْمُصِيبَةِ’ bereaved that he should not wear a cloak, and does not happen to be in a shirt, until he is recognised (as a bereaved)’.⁸

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ بَعْضِ أَصْحَابِهِ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ يَنْبَغِي لِصَاحِبِ الْمُصِيبَةِ أَنْ يَضَعَ رِدَاءَهُ حَتَّى يَعْلَمَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ صَاحِبُ الْمُصِيبَةِ .

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from one of his companions,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws} having said: ‘It is befitting for ‘صَاحِبُ الْمُصِيبَةِ’ the bereaved that he should place down his cloak until the people know that he is ‘صَاحِبُ الْمُصِيبَةِ’ the bereaved’.⁹

⁷ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book Of Funerals CH 69 H 5

⁸ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book Of Funerals CH 69 H 8

⁹ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book Of Funerals CH 69 H 6