

# The Love Between Imam Ali (as), Allah & Rasulallah



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# Imam Ali (as) & His Love For Allah & Rasulallah



Imam Ali (as) is our first Imam. He was born three years before the marriage of Prophet Muhammad (S) with Lady Khadijah (sa).

Imam Ali (as) lived with his father and brothers for six years. After that he moved to the Prophet's (S) house because of the financial hardship that his father, Hadrat Abu Talib had to face.

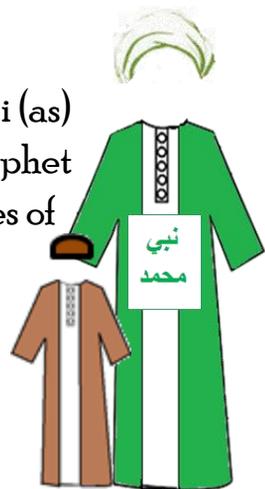
Since that young age Imam Ali (as) lived with the Prophet (S). The Prophet (S) took care of him as a father. Imam Ali (as) spent his early life in the Prophet's house and witnessed all the special events that happened in the life of the Prophet (S). He was always ready to support and help him.

## Education

Imam Ali's (as) education and training was very special because he was taught by the Prophet of Allah! He followed the Holy Prophet (S) like his shadow. Imam Ali (as) referred to the vast knowledge he received at the hands of the Prophet of Allah (S) in one of his speeches.

He said from the very beginning of his life the Prophet (S) loved him and he loved the Prophet (S). The Prophet (S) took him in his lap as a baby and ever since Imam Ali (as) was always with him.

The Prophet would hug him and hold him close to his heart. Imam Ali (as) could smell the beautiful fragrance from the Prophet's body. The Prophet (S), would feed Imam Ali (as) with his own hands and chew hard bites of food for him when he was a baby.



Imam Ali (as) followed the Prophet (S) step by step as a baby camel follows its mother. Daily the Prophet (S) would teach him something new and ask him to follow it. Every year he used to stay in a cave for some time, and nobody used to be with him except Imam Ali (as). None could see or hear him but the Imam. During those days, there were only three followers of Islam—the Prophet (S), his wife, Lady Khadijah (sa) and Imam Ali (as). Nobody else in the world had accepted Islam.



Imam Ali (as) said that when the Prophet (S) received the first revelation, Shaytan cried so loudly that Imam (as) asked the Prophet (S) who was crying and why? The Prophet (S) replied that it was Shaytan who had given up hope of being able to trick everyone because the Prophet had been appointed by Allah to guide mankind. The Prophet (S) told Imam Ali (as), that he could hear whatever the Prophet (S) could hear, and he could see whatever the Prophet (S) could see except that Imam Ali (as) was **NOT** a prophet. But that he would be his successor and helper, and that he would always hold on to truth and justice.

Imam Ali (as) himself told how Prophet Muhammad (S) would take care of him, love him, feed him, hug him, teach him, guide him and treat him as though he were his own beloved son.



In the Quran, Allah says that if you love Him, then follow the Prophet (S), then Allah will love you and forgive you for Allah is the Very Kind and Merciful.

We can see how the Prophet (S) loved Imam Ali (as) and how Imam Ali (as) loved the Prophet (S) back. Allah too loved Imam Ali (as) so much that he gave him the honor of being the only one born in the Ka'bah! Nobody else can claim that. Later, Allah selected the Ka'bah as the Qiblah of all Muslims. Allah selected the Last Prophet to be the caretaker and teacher of Imam Ali (as). He blessed Imam Ali (as) with the best of wife and the best of children.



Once when Imam Ali (as) was in his house, his young daughter, Sayyidah Zainab (sa) asked him, "Dear father, do you love me?"

Imam Ali (as) said, "Yes, of course, my children are like a part of my heart."

Upon hearing this, she said, "You also love Allah. How can two loves be in one heart of a true believer—the love of Allah and that of children?"

Imam Ali (as) smiled and replied, "Love Allah and for the sake of His love, you love His creatures; children and fellow beings too. I love you for the sake of Allah."

The Noble Qur'an says: "The believers are stronger in their love for Allah." We see through out Imam Ali's life of how he loved Allah and raised his children to love God too. They all did everything for the sake of Allah.

# Examples from the Life of Imam Ali (as)

Imam Ali (as) used to act as a body guard of the Prophet even when he was a young boy of just 13 or 14 years of age. He would defend the Prophet (S) when the children would throw stones at him when their parents would tell them to do so. He would often have to fight against those who were older than him but he never let the Prophet (S) go out alone. He was so brave and courageous, Subhan Allah!

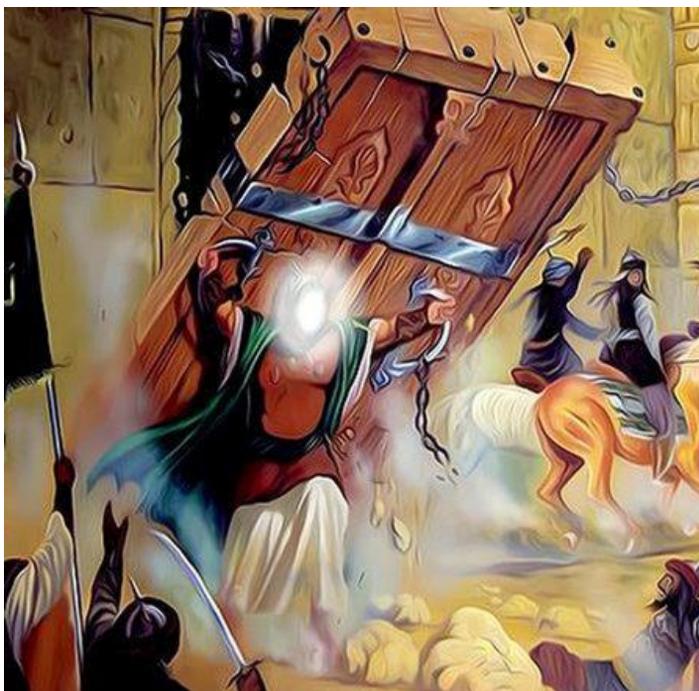
Once when the unbelievers had decided to kill Prophet Muhammad (S) in Makkah, the Prophet (S) told Imam Ali (as) of his plan to migrate to Madina. The Prophet (S) asked him if he would sleep in his bed covering himself with the Prophet's blanket.



It was a very dangerous situation; the walls of the Prophet's (S) house were not very high. Anybody could peep in and see whether the Prophet (S) was in the house or not! But when, Rasulallah asked Imam Ali (as) if he would accept this danger to his life, Imam Ali (as) replied with a question, "If I sleep in your place, in your bed, will your life be saved?" The Prophet (S) told him yes and so Imam Ali (as) thanked Allah and bravely slept in the bed of the Prophet (S) covering himself with the Prophet's (S) blanket without any hesitation.

This showed how much he loved the Prophet (S). He was always willing to sacrifice his life to save that of Rasulallah. Allah loved this action of Imam Ali (as) so much that He revealed a verse of the Quran in his honor for it.

Another time when the Prophet was fighting in a battle, Imam Ali (as) was sick and couldn't be there with him. However, it didn't seem that the war could be won. Finally after many days passed, the Prophet (S) said to the people that tomorrow I will give the flag to a man who loves Allah and His Prophet and who Allah and His Prophet love—one who is brave and not from those who will run away—one who will have the angels on his sides. Everyone wondered who that special man would be? It was none other than Imam Ali (as)!



Through out his life Imam Ali (as) risked his own life out of the love for Rasulullah. He loved Allah and lived his life to serve Him. He gave food and his belongings to the poor, helped the orphans, took care of the needy and did whatever Allah wanted him to do. Not only that but he taught his children—Imam Hasan (as), Imam Husayn (as), Sayyidah Zainab (sa) and Sayyidah Umm Kulthum (sa) to do the same.

He was a great father and one of the best role models Allah has blessed us with. The Prophet (S) once said: “Ali and I are the fathers of this nation.” Both of them made many sacrifices for Muslims out of the love for Allah and for that we celebrate Imam Ali’s (as) birthday as Fathers Day.

# Allah Loves Imam Ali Rhyme:

(Tune of *Barney's / Love You*)

Allah loves Imam Ali!  
Yes, He does!  
It's His special mercy to  
all those who believe,  
We all love Imam Ali!

