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Lesson 29

Sadiq tv Kafan (Shrouding the Dead)

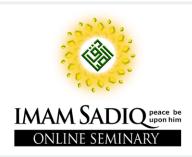
- The minimum for a *Kafan* (shroud) to be valid is three pieces of clothes. The *Sunna* (recommendation) is five pieces of clothes. According to a Hadith, anything more than five pieces of clothes is *Bid'ah* (innovation).
 - a) The first piece is a garment called *Mi'zar*. It is a garment which must cover the area from the belly to the knees.
 - b) The second piece is called the *Qamees* (shirt). It must cover from the shoulder to the feet.
- c) The third piece is called *Izar*. It is a full covering which covers the body

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 - d) For men, it is Mustahab to include a turban (*amamah*). It is a piece of cloth which is wrapped around the head and its two ends are brought under the chin and tied there.
 - e) The fifth piece is wrapped fully around the middle-part of the body. This cloth is also for a male.
 - For a woman, instead of the *Amamah*, a *Maqna* (headscarf) is recommended and apart from the belt that covers the middle-part of the body, a piece of cloth must also be wrapped around the thighs.

Recommendations for Kafan

- ⊕ | m a 1. The Kafan must be of good quality. It is Mustahab that some part of the d | q | t ∨ Kafan be from Yemen.
 - 2. It is Mustahab to have the Holy Quran written on the Kafan (one must ensure that the piece of cloth remains away from any Najasah).
 - 3. It is Mustahab for the Kafan to be white in colour and to be made of pure cotton.

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- 4. One must ensure that Kafan is bought from lawful money; and that money is purified by paying off all the religious dues like Khums and Zakat. It is better to specifically pay Khums on the amount spend on Kafan.
- 5. It is Mustahab to write the phrase of Talqeen on the Kafan.
- 6. It is recommended to write Duaa Jaushan al-Kabir and Jaushan al-Saghir on the Kafan or on a paper.
- 7. It is Mustahab to write those two lines of poetry on the Kafan that were written by Imam Ali (as) for his companion Salman (ra):

I have come in the presence of the Generous one without any provision

Lacking good deeds and a pure heart

It is inappropriate to carry the provision, if you are visiting someone who is Al-Karim (the generous).

- 8. To include the Turbah (grave) of Imam Husain (As) in the Kafan.
- ⊕ I m a 9. To make Kafan from the Ihram that was used for Hajj.

Conditions of the pieces of cloth used for Kafan

- 1. It must be pure.
- 2. It must be Mubah (permissible to use)
- 3. It must not be made from silk.
- 4. It must not be made from Haram leather.
- All the laws of Kafan must apply to any child that dies, any foetus that is developed over 16 weeks or is fully formed.
- If the foetus is younger than the mentioned age (16 weeks), it can be wrapped in a cloth and buried.
- The Kafan of the wife is to be provided by the husband mandatorily. If she made it available for herself, the obligation will be lifted from the husband.

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