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Lesson 35

***Furuz* (Obligatories) & *Sunan* (recommended acts) of Burial**

It is **wajib** to inhume the body in the ground. If a person dies on a ship (far away from land) the body should be thrown into the sea, either made heavy (by tying iron or a stone to it), or placed in a firm coffin or a barrel which can be capped, if it was not possible to retain it for burial on land.

It is **wajib** also to make the body lie on the right side, facing the **qiblah**. If it is of a non-Muslim woman pregnant of a Muslim man, it is **wajib** to keep her back to the **qiblah**.

***Sunan* of Burial:**

- To dig the grave **up to the height of man's stature**, or up to the collarbone (*tarquwah*) with making a **lahd** (tomb) for it facing the **qiblah**.
- The person undertaking the burial acts **unties the knots of the kafan**, from the head and feet.
- Placing beside the dead a little of soil (*turbah*) of *al- Imam al- Husayn (A)*.
- To dictate to him (***talqin***).



- After that the attendants pour the dust down upon him, with backs of their hands, saying: 'إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ' (We all belong to Allah, and to him we shall return).
- To make the gravestone at the height of four fingers, made quadrilateral, with pouring the water over it from the side of the head.
- Placing the hand on it, asking God to have mercy upon the dead.
- The *wali* dictates to him after departure of people, with loud voice.

Makruh acts are:

- It is *makruh* for the *rahim* relatives to pour down dust upon the dead;
- To plaster or renew the grave.
- Bury two dead bodies in one grave.
- Transferring the dead from a country to another.
- It is *makruh* to recline upon the grave, or walk over it.