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Lesson 33

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First: *al- Ihtidar*

Second: *Taghsil* (Bathing the dead)

Third: *Takfin*

Sunan (recommended acts) of *Takfin*

- It is recommended for the *ghasil* to perform *ghusl* before providing *kafan* for the dead, or perform *wudu'*.
- To provide the dead with '*Ibri hibarah* (a Yemeni dress), not embroidered with gold, and a **piece of cloth (tatter) for his thighs**, with the length of three and a half cubits, and a width of about one span.
- Both of its ends should be tied to a *haqwiyyah* (*Haqw*: the part of the body on either side between the ribs and the haunch bone), wrapping the two



thighs of the dead with its hanging down parts, so tightly, after placing some cotton in between the rumps.

... If it is feared that some discharge (excrement) may be emitted (of the dead), there is no objection to insert some cotton into the anal outlet.

- To make a **turban**, wrapping with it his head, with its two ends brought out from under the palate (*taht al-hanak*), and casted over his chest.
- A wrapper has to be added to the woman to cover her breasts, beside a *namat* (covers the whole body, over everything) and instead of the turban a **veil or mask (*qina'*)** may be put on her head.
- To provide the *kafan* from cotton.
- To **inscribe the names of Infallible Imams** (peace be upon them), all of them. It can be done **with the soil taken of the cemetery of *al-Imam al-Husayn*** (peace be upon him).
- It is ***makruh*** (reprehensible), to provide a *kafan* made of **linen**, and to make ***akmam*** (sleeves) for the elementary *kafans*, or to write on them with **black color**. It is ***makruh*** also to put a bit of camphor inside his ears or eyes.