

## Hazrat Ali's (رضى الله عنه) Humanity

Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) was a noble, kind-hearted and righteous man. He (رضى الله عنه) was also a man of brave, humble and forgiving spirit. Gentle in behaviour and affectionate in conduct, he (رضى الله عنه) set the noblest example of character to the world. Even during his Khilafat he (رضى الله عنه) remained simple in living and courteous with the poor.

In his early childhood; he (رضى الله عنه) was blessed with the care of his cousin, the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (ﷺ). To him, his cousin was like a guiding star. He followed his actions and deeds and high values of morality. By mind and character, he (رضى الله عنه) excelled the others and attained a very high place in the society.

He (رضى الله عنه) was married to Hazrat Fatima (رضى الله عنها), the daughter of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). It was a very happy marriage and they led a contented life. They found their only pleasure in prayers. They did their best to share the sorrows and sufferings of the poor. They felt pride in serving the humanity.

In the battle of Ohad, Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) came across his worst enemy, Talha. In hand to hand encounter, Talha got injured and fell down. Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) left him like that and walked away. A friend advised Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) to finish him. But Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) refused to do so and said, "I cannot strike the man who is not in a position to defend himself. If he survives, he is welcome to live as long as his life lasts."

In another battle, his slave brought some sweet syrup saying, "My lord, the sun is very hot and you have been constantly fighting; have a glass of this cold drink to refresh yourself." He (رضى الله عنه) looked around and replied, "Shall I refresh myself when hundreds of people around me are lying wounded and dying of thirst? Better give this cold drink to each of these wounded persons." The slave said, "My lord, they are all our enemies." Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) replied, "They may be, but they are all human beings. Go and attend to them."

On another occasion, Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) allowed his enemies to take water from the river. When his officers objected to it, he (رضى الله عنه) said, "They are human beings first and enemies later. I cannot think of refusing a man food and drink because he is my enemy. I fight for truth and justice and not for my personal motives." Throughout his life he (رضى الله عنه) availed himself of every opportunity to serve the human beings without any prejudice.

Words	Meanings
righteousness	moral excellence
affectionate	loving
courteous	civil, polite
excelled	surpassed

luxury	comfort
finish him	kill him
survive	recover

### EXERCISES

1. Tick (✓) the correct answer as in the text.

- i. Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) was a noble, kind-hearted and  
 a) famous man.                      b) righteous man.  
 c) humble man.
- ii. Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) was married to  
 a) his cousin.                              b) Hazrat Fatima (رضى الله عنها)  
 c) his uncle's relative.
- iii. Talha was Hazrat Ali's (رضى الله عنه)  
 a) friend.                                      b) neighbour.  
 c) enemy.                                      d) companion.

2. Answer the following questions.

- i. Write a paragraph on Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) with special reference to the great qualities he (رضى الله عنه) possessed.
- ii. What kind of life did Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) and Hazrat Bibi Fatima (رضى الله عنها) lead?
- iii. Write a few lines to describe Hazrat Ali's (رضى الله عنه) early childhood. Who took care of him?
- iv. How did Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) behave with his enemies?

3. Punctuate the following lines.

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4. Use the following words in the sentences of your own.

kind hearted, humble, contented, sorrows, survive, attend, object, refuse, avail.

5. Future Perfect Tense

Future perfect tense shows an action that will be completed in the future. For example: By tomorrow afternoon, I will have finished my work.

Use the following verbs to make sentences in the future perfect tense.

1. visit    2. train    3. leave    4. find    5. increase