

Alhamdulillah we the followers of the Ahle Sunnat Jamaat and we regard Imam Jaffer Saadiq ؑ as one of the great Imams and Mashaikh of the noble Qadri Silsila.

Sayyiduna Imam

Jaffer Saadiq ؑ

HIS POSITION IN THE SILSILA: Hazrat Sayyiduna Imam Jaffer Saadiq ؑ is the sixth Imam and Sheikh of the Silsila ‘Aaliyah Qaadiriyah Barakaatiyah Razwiyah Nooriyah. Much has been said in his praise by many great scholars.

BIRTH: He was born on a Monday, the 7th of Rabi ul Awwal in either 80 or 83 Hijri in Madinah Munawwarah. [Masaalikus Saalikeen vol.1 pg 217]

HIS NAME: His name was Jaffer bin Muhammad ؑ, and he was also known as Abu Abdullah and Abu Ismaeel. His titles were Saadiq, Faadil and Taahir.

HIS MOTHER: His mother’s name was Umme Fardah who was the daughter of Hazrat Qasim ؑ, the grandson of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique ؑ and Hazrat Qasim’s ؑ mother, Aasma ؑ is the daughter of Hazrat Abdur Rahmaan ؑ, the son of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique ؑ.

HIS FEATURES: He was very handsome and had a radiant appearance. He had the perfect height, and was tan in complexion. He encompassed the exemplary qualities his forefathers. Haafiz Abu Naeem Isfahani narrates in Khalifatul Abraar on the authority of Umar bin Midqaam: “When I used to look at Hazrat Imam Jaffer Saadiq ؑ then I used to immediately feel that he was from amongst the descendants ؑ of the Prophets ؑ.”

EXCELLENCE: He was without doubt the true successor to the Muslim empire and one of the greatest Imams of his era. Imam Jaffer Saadiq ؑ was a great Aabid and Sufi. Various secrets of Tasawwuf were explained by him.

It is in Tabqaatul Abraar, that he received the authority of Hadith from his blessed father, from Imam Zuhri ؑ and Naafi ؑ and ibn Munkadir ؑ etc. and Sufyaan Sawri ؑ, Ibn Ainiyyah ؑ, Shuba ؑ, Yahya Al Qataan ؑ, Imam Maalik ؑ and his son Imam Moosa Kaazim ؑ attained this authority of Hadith from him. Allama Ibn Hajar Makki ؑ writes in Sawaaq Muharriqa . *The exalted Imams such as Yahya Bin Saeed ؑ, Ibn Jareeh ؑ, Imam Maalik ibn Anas ؑ, Imam Sufyaan Sawri ؑ, Sufyan bin Ainiyyah ؑ, Imam Abu Hanifa ؑ and Abu Ayoob Sajistani ؑ took Hadith from him.*[Masaalikus Saalikeen]

HIS CHARACTER: He was a very exalted and pious personality. His inner and outer appearance exuded brightness and radiance. He addressed the poor and the downtrodden with great love. Once he called all his servants and said “Let us give our hands in the hands of one

another and promise that whichever one of us first receives salvation on the day of Qiyaamah, he will intercede for the rest of us.” On hearing this, they said: “O Ibn Rasoolﷺ! For what reason do you need our intercession, when your beloved forefather Rasoolullahﷺ will intercede for the entire creation.” He then said: “I am ashamed to take my deeds and stand before my forefather the Holy Prophetﷺ.”

Once Hazrat Dawood Taaeeﷺ came to Hazrat Jaffer Saadiqﷺ and said: “Beloved descendant of the Prophetﷺ! Please give some advice, as my heart had become dark.” Hazrat Jafferﷺ said: “O Abu Sulaiman! You are great Zaahid of your era. What need do you have for my advice.” Hazrat Dawood Taaeeﷺ said: “O descendant of the Prophetﷺ! You have been blessed with excellence of the people and to advise everyone is compulsory upon you.” He then said: “O Abu Sulaiman! I fear that on the day of Qiyaamah, my forefather Muhammadur Rasoolullahﷺ will hold me by my collar and ask: “Why were you slow in fulfilling your right to submission?” What will I say then? Thus, this deed (of advice) does not depend on ones stature or family connections, but it deals with good deeds which are done in the Court of Allahﷻ.” Hazrat Dawoodﷺ heard this and began to weep. He then said: “O Allahﷻ! When such a great personality, who is the descendant of a Prophetﷺ, and whose reality is filled with light and wisdom, and whose great grandmother is Bibi Fathimaﷺ, is so afraid of his future and condition, then what right does Dawood Taaeeﷺ have to be proud of his deeds [Masaalikus Saalikeen]

HIS IBAADAT: He was well known for his ‘ibaadat, and his striving in the Court of Allahﷻ. Hazrat Imam Malikﷺ says: “I spent a very long time serving him, and I always found him in one of three ‘ibaadats. Either he was in Namaaz, or engrossed in recitation of the Quran, or he would be fasting. He never narrated any Hadith Shareef without Wudu. [Tazkiratul Owliya]

HIS DUA: He was without doubt a faithful servant of Allahﷻ, and he always attained everything that he asked for from the Court of Allahﷻ. Abul Qasim Tibriﷺ narrates from Wahabﷺ, that he heard Laith bin Saadﷺ saying: “I was on my way to Hajj by foot, in 113 Hijri and I reached Makkah Muazammah. At around the time of Asr, I reached Jabl Abu Qais, and I saw a pious man sitting there making dua. He was saying Ya Rabbiﷻ Ya Rabbiﷻ so many times, that breathing became difficult. Then in the same way, he said Ya Hayyﷻ Ya Hayyﷻ then Ya Rabbahuﷻ Ya Rabbahuﷻ, then in the same way, he said Ya Allahﷻ Ya Allahﷻ in one breath continuously. He then said Ya Rahmaanuﷻ Ya Rahmaanuﷻ, Ya Raheemuﷻ Ya Raheemuﷻ and then he went on to say Ya Arhamar Raahimeenﷻ. He then said: O Allahﷻ I desire to eat grapes. Please bless me with some, and my clothes have become old and tattered. Please give me new ones.”

Hazrat Laithﷺ says: By Allahﷻ, he was still completing his dua, when I saw a basket of grapes kept before him, whereas it was not even the grape season and I did not see any grapes near him before his dua. I also saw that there were two pieces of cloth kept near the grapes. I have never seen such beautiful material before. He then sat down to eat the grapes. I went up to him and said: “Huzoor! May I also have a part in this, and he asked how this

was so, so I said, I was saying Aameen as you made the dua. He said: "Well then, step forward and join me. I also began to partake in the grapes. They were so tasty, that never have I eaten such delicious grapes. I ate until I was satisfied, but the basket still remained as it was before, full of grapes. He then offered on piece of cloth to me, and I said that I had no need for it, so he tied one around his waist, and he draped the other over his shoulder. He then descended from the mountain and I followed him. As he drew close to Safa and Marwa, a beggar called out to him and said: "O Descendant of the Prophet ﷺ! Give these clothes to me and Allah ﷻ will dress you in the clothes of Jannat. He immediately gave the two pieces of cloth to the beggar. I enquired from the beggar about the identity of this pious man and he informed me that he was Hazrat Jaffer Saadiq ﷺ. I then looked for him so that I may listen to some words of wisdom from him and attain his blessings but he had disappeared from my sight." [Tazkiratul Owliya pg 12]

Once some people saw that Hazrat Jaffer ﷺ was wearing a very expensive robe. One of them walked up to him and said: "Huzoor! It is not good for the Ahle Bait to wear such expensive clothing." He caught hold of the man's hand and thrust it into his sleeves. The man was amazed when he found that the Hazrat was wearing clothes made from sack under his robe. Hazrat Jaffer ﷺ then said: "The one inside is for my Creator ﷻ and the one on top is for the creation.

A man once lost his money pouch which contained one thousand dinars. Imam Jaffer ﷺ was walking close to him, so he held the hand of the Imam and accused him of stealing his money. Hazrat Imam Jaffer ﷺ asked how much he had in his money bag, and the man said that he had one thousand dinars. Hazrat took him home and gave him one thousand dinars from his wealth. The next day, the man found his money bag, and came rushing to Hazrat Imam Jaffer Saadiq ﷺ to return the money he had taken from him. Hazrat Imam Jaffer ﷺ said: "We do not take back what we have already given." The man then asked some people who this person was, and he was told that it was Hazrat Imam Jaffer Saadiq ﷺ. When he heard this, he became very sad and regretted his behaviour. [Tazkiratul Owliya]

DEBATE WITH AN ATHEIST : Hazrat Jaffer ﷺ spent a lot of his time spreading the word of Allah ﷻ and His ﷻ Rasool ﷺ. He always spoke against those who did not believe in Allah ﷻ. An atheist from Egypt came to Hazrat Jaffer Saadiq ﷺ whilst he was in Makkah. Hazrat Jaffer Saadiq ﷺ asked him his name and he said that his name was Abdul Malik and he was also known as Abdullah. On hearing this Hazrat said: "Malik, whose servant you are, is he from the Kingdom of the Skies or the Kingdom of the earth, the Lord that is the Lord of your son, is he the Lord of the skies or the Lord of the Earths?" The atheist could not answer this question. Hazrat ﷺ then said: "Did you ever journey under the earth. Do you know what is beyond it? He replied in the negative and said: "I think there is nothing beyond it. Hazrat ﷺ then said: "To think is not good enough. However, have you ever flown into the skies and journeyed beyond the skies?" Again he replied in the negative. Hazrat ﷺ said: "Did you ever travel the entire East and West and did you realise anything about the future from this?" Again he answered in the negative. Hazrat ﷺ said: "I am amazed that you are not aware of the earth and what is beneath it: and the sky and what is beyond it: and in this state of ignorance, you still have the arrogance to reject the existence of Allah ﷻ. O Ignorant man! There is no argument for one who is naive about that which is a reality. The sun, the moon, the night and

day, are all in a specific pattern. Verily they are within some Divine Control. If they were free, they would move as they willed and would sometimes go to an appointed spot and not return. Why is it that the night does not take the place of day and the day does not take the place of night? Do you not ponder upon the reality of the skies and the earth? Why does the sky not come to the earth and why is it that the earth is not flattened by the sky. There is definitely One ﷻ, who has all this in His ﷻ control. It is He ﷻ (Allah ﷻ) who is All Powerful. It is He ﷻ, who is our and their Lord ﷻ.” When the atheist heard this, he immediately accepted Islam and had faith in the existence of Allah ﷻ.

HAZRAT BAYAZEED BUSTAAMI ﷻ: Hazrat Ba Yazeed Bustaami ﷻ used to distribute water in the Darbaar of Hazrat Imam Jaffer ﷻ. Hazrat ﷻ placed his saintly sight on Hazrat Ba Yazeed Bustaami ﷻ once, and he became one of the greatest mystics of his time. He then served in the Court of Hazrat Imam Jaffer ﷻ and became one of the greatest Owliya.

HAZRAT IMAM AZAM ABU HANIFA ﷻ: Hazrat Imam A‘azam Abu Hanifa ﷻ attained great blessings from Hazrat Imam Jaffer Saadiq ﷻ. It is narrated that once he asked Imam Abu Hanifa ﷻ concerning who is an intelligent person. Hazrat Imam Abu Hanifa ﷻ said: “*He who can differentiate between good and evil is an intelligent man.*” Hazrat Imam Jaffer ﷻ said: “*Even animals have the ability to differentiate. It can differentiate between those who love them, beat them or instil fear in them.*” Imam Abu Hanifa ﷻ then said: “*O Hazrat ﷻ! Would you please explain who is truly intelligent?*” Hazrat Imam Jaffer ﷻ said: “*An intelligent person, is one who can differentiate between two good things and two evil things, so that he may choose the better of two good things and that he may be able to repel the worse of two evils.*”

SHEIKH-E-TARIQAT: He was the Mureed and Khalifa of Hazrat Sayyiduna Imam Baaqir ﷻ and attained great blessings from his beloved father ﷻ.

GEMS OF WISDOM: He would often make the following dua: “*O Allah ﷻ! Please bless me with respect which is in Your ﷻ obedience and do not disgrace me due to my shortcomings. O Allah ﷻ let me assist him through Your ﷻ Grace and Mercy, whose sustenance You ﷻ have decreased, for you ﷻ have blessed me in abundance.*”

There is no provision greater than piety. There is nothing better than silence, and there is no enemy more dangerous than ones ignorance and there is no disease worse than lies. He who has attained the closeness to Allah ﷻ divorces himself from everything in the world. There is no ‘ibaadat without repentance, since Allah ﷻ has caused repentance to be above ‘ibaadat. He who sits in the companionship of all types of people will not be safe. One who walks on the wrong path will always arouse suspicion. One who cannot keep his tongue in control will always be disgraced.

Stay away from five kinds of people:

I. A liar, as he will also betray you,

2. A witless person, as he will try to benefit you, but will always cause you harm,
3. A miser, for he will cause you intense loss in order to gain even the slightest benefit,
4. A coward who will leave you in distress during a difficult situation.
5. A man who does bad actions, for he will sell you for one morsel and will still be hopeful of even less than that. [Masaalikus Saalikeen vol.1 pg 224]

KARAAMATS: Hazrat Imam Jaffer Saadiqؑ is an example for Muslims in every way. His greatest Karaamat was his firmness on the Shari'at. His every step was in accordance with the Sunnat of the Prophetﷺ. A few of his Karaamats are being quoted below.

A HOUSE IN HEAVEN: Once, a man came to Hazrat Jafferؑ before journeying for Hajj. He gave Hazrat 10,000 Dirhams, and asked him to purchase a mansion for him before he returned. Instead of purchasing a mansion, Imam Jafferؑ distributed the entire 10,000 Dirhams in the way of Allahﷻ. After the man returned from Hajj, he went to meet Hazrat Imam Jaffer Saadiqؑ. Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ told him that he had purchased his mansion and then handed the title deed over to him. The title deed read as follows: *One wall of the house is adjoined to the house of the Prophetﷺ, the other wall is adjoined to the house of Hazrat Aliؑ, the third wall is adjoined to the house of Imam Hassanؑ and the fourth wall is adjoined to the house of Imam Hussainؑ.* The man took this title deed, and asked his family members to place it in his grave when he passed away. After his demise, his family members found the title deed on the top of his grave and on the rear of the title deed the following words were written: **HAZRAT IMAM JAFFERؑ WAS HONEST AND LOYAL IN WHAT HE SAID.** [Masaalikus Saalikeen vol.1 pg.220]

AMAZING INCIDENT: Once, he was on his way to Hajj, when he stopped to rest under a date tree which was completely dried out. At the time of Chaasht, he asked the tree to present him with some dates. Immediately, the tree became green and lush and full of dates. Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ then ate from it. A villager was passing by and saw this. He saw this great karaamat and said that it was magic. Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ said: *"This is not magic. Almighty Allahﷻ has blessed me with such a quality, that Heﷻ accepts all my Du'as. If I make Du'a, then you can be even turned into a dog."* Hazratؑ had not yet completed what he was saying, when the villager began to resemble a dog. He quickly repented and asked Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ to forgive him. Hazratؑ made dua for him and he was transformed to his normal self. [Masaalikus Saalikeen vol.1 pg 223]

KHALIFA MANSOOR: Khalifa Mansoor once sent one of his ministers to summon Imam Jafferؑ to his Court. He informed his servants that when Imam Jafferؑ arrived, they should wait for him (Mansoor) to remove his crown. The moment he did this, they should martyr Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ. When the minister heard this, he was not pleased and thus tried to explain to Mansoor how wrong it was to kill a pious person who is also a Sayyid. The Khalifa did not take heed and had Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ summoned. When Hazrat Imam Jafferؑ arrived, the servants waited for their cue, so that they may martyr Imam Jafferؑ. Instead,

Mansoor rose from his throne and rushed towards the Imam ﷺ. He brought him towards his throne and allowed him to sit on it with great respect, whilst he sat on the ground in front of the great Imam ﷺ. The servants and ministers were surprised to see this sudden change in plan. Mansoor then asked the Imam if he had any requests. Imam Jaffer ﷺ said: *"In future you should not summon me to your court, as I wish to remain engrossed in 'ibaadat."* When he heard these words, his body began to tremble and he allowed the Imam ﷺ to leave with respect. When the Imam ﷺ left, the minister asked about the sudden change in plan and Mansoor said: *"When Imam Jaffer ﷺ entered my court, I saw a huge python with him. The python had its one lip over my throne and one under my throne, and it spoke to me and said that if I tried to ever harm the Imam ﷺ, then he would consume me with my throne, and that is why I behaved in the manner which I did."* [Tazkiratul Owliya]

HIS CHILDREN: He was blessed with six sons and one daughter. Their names are :1. Hazrat Ismaeel ﷺ 2. Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ 3. Hazrat Ali ﷺ 4. Hazrat Abdullah ﷺ 5. Hazrat Ishaq ﷺ 6. Hazrat Moosa Kaazim ﷺ 7. Bibi Umme Fardah ﷺ.

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