

# THE LOYAL ONES



Book 7

Kumayl ibn Ziyad

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*“Indeed these are what the followers  
of Ali are like”*



*Prepared by 'ASR'*

May Allah swt bless us with an opportunity to be a  
true follower of our Imam (as), Inshallah!!

## Introduction

- Hazrat Kumayl ibn Ziyad Nakha'i was a companion of the Prophet (pbuh) but is most commonly known to be one of Imam Ali's (a.s.) companions. He was very close to Imam (as).
- He was also taught Dua-e-Kumayl (supplication of Kumayl) by Imam Ali (a.s.).
- He was from the tribe of Nakha'i (same as Malik-e-Ashtar).



## About

- Name: Kumayl
- Father: Ziyad ibn Nakha'i
- Tribe: Nakha'i
- Death: executed at the age of 70-90 yrs on the orders of Hajjaj bin Yusuf.
- Companionship: Hazrat Kumayl served the Prophet (p.b.u.h) until finally the Prophet died. Kumayl was 18 when the Prophet passed away. Then he served Imam Ali (a.s.).



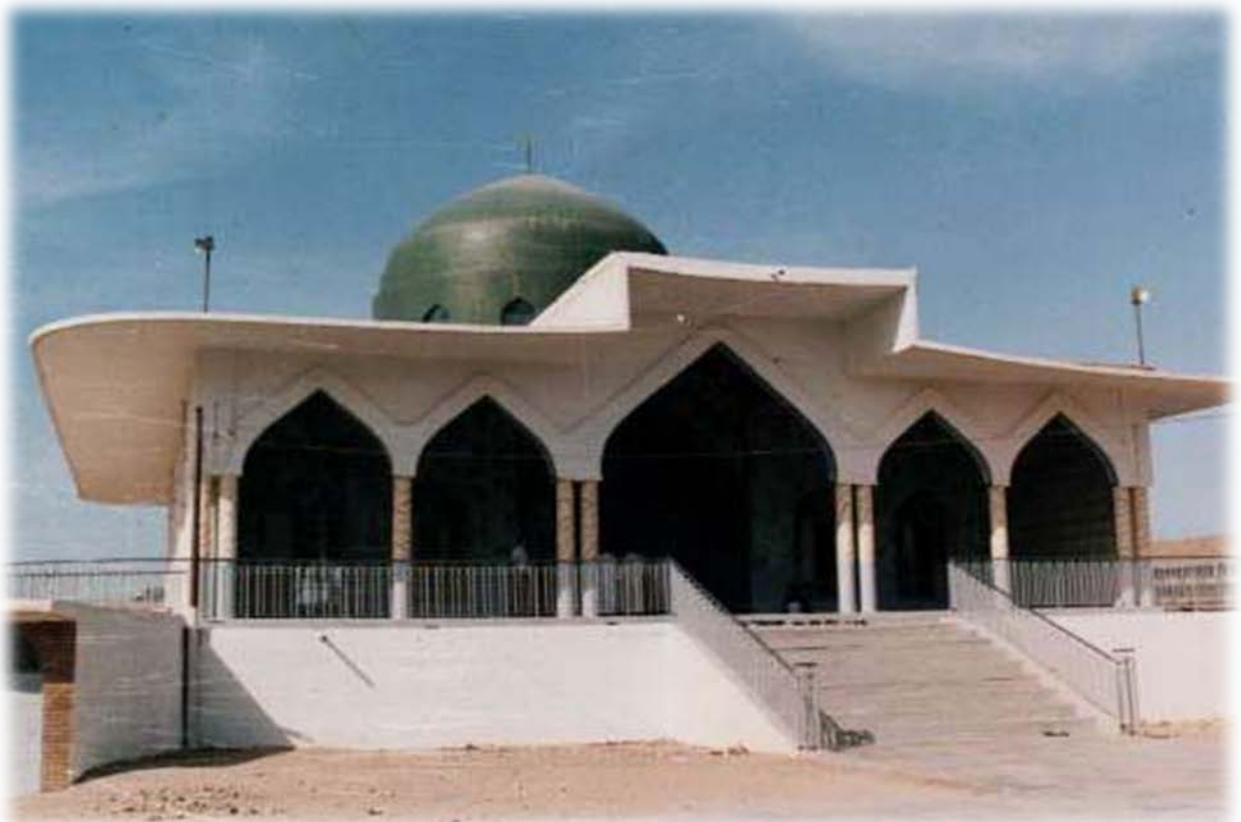
## Life History...

- Kumayl was born in the tribe of Nakha'i (same as Malik-e-Ashtar, a very well known companion of Imam Ali (as)).
- After the conquering of Mecca, the Prophet (saw) eventually sent Imam Ali (as) to preach Islam in Yemen.
- Many people from a Yemeni tribe called Nakha'i were very fascinated with Imam Ali (as), including personalities like Malik-e-Ashtar, Kumayl bin Ziyad etc.
- They soon became sincere companions of Imam Ali (a.s.).
- Imam Ali (a.s) taught Kumayl the dua (Dua-e-Kumayl) which was previously known as Dua Khizr.
- It is recommended to be recited every Thursday and specially on the 15th of Shaban.

- He was appointed to be the governor of a city called 'Hit' by Imam Ali (as).
- Hazrat Kumayl also participated in a revolution against Hajjaj bin Yousef.
- Hajjaj bin Yousef was a bloodthirsty, villainous ruler.
- However, the revolution did not succeed.
- Hajjaj, then started murdering all those who participated in the revolution.
- Imam Ali (a.s.) had foretold the death of Kumayl.
- When Hajjaj Ibn Yusuf was appointed as the ruler of Iraq by the Umayyid ruler, he sought after Kumayl to kill him for his affection



- for the Ahlebait (as).
- Being a shi'a was the greatest sin in the Umayyid regime.
  - Hajjaj stopped the release of any pension for Kumayl's relatives from baytul mal (public treasury).
  - Then Hajjaj ordered to behead Kumayl who at that time was ninety years of age.
  - His holy tomb is in Thuwiah, a place between Najaf and Kufah.



## Who was Hajjaj bin Yousef?

- Hajjaj bin Yousef Saqafi was born in the year 40 AH, 661 AD in Taef in Hijaz.
- He lived a life full of crime, bloodshed and horror.
- Hajjaj was an Arab administrator, politician and the minister of defense of the Ummayyads.
- He killed more than 120,000 people.
- He had imprisoned about 50,000 men and 30,000 women.
- They were kept and fed in the most miserable way.
- Upon seeing the performance of Hajjaj, Abdul Malik bin Marwan (the last Ummavi caliph) appointed him as the governor of Iraq.



- In his twenty year rule of horror and crime, he attacked the holy Kaaba, and also brought an end to the rule of Abdullah bin Zobeir.
- Imam Ali (as) in Nahjul Balagha describes the future of Iraq as such,

*Prophecy of Imam Ali (as)*

*‘From Taef, from the tribe of Thaqif, a ruler will rule over you. He will usurp your wealth, ruin your lands and crops.’*

- It is very important for us to learn about the status of the community which imposes such leaders on them.
- Many of the shias and sincere followers of Ameerul Momineen (as) were martyred by Hajjaj bin Yousef.
- These include Kumayl bin Ziyad Nakhaii and Qambar, the servant of Imam Ali (as).
- Abdur Rahman bin Abi Laila was lashed to curse Ameeril Momineen, but instead he praised him and was martyred.
- Yahya bin Umme Taweel (Imam Sajjad (as)'s companion) had his limbs cut and was martyred.
- Last of all was Saeed ibn Jubayr a sincere companion of Imam Sajjad (as).
- As a result of the dua of Saeed ibn Jubayr, Hajjaj ibn Yousef did not live

for more than fifteen nights after he killed him.

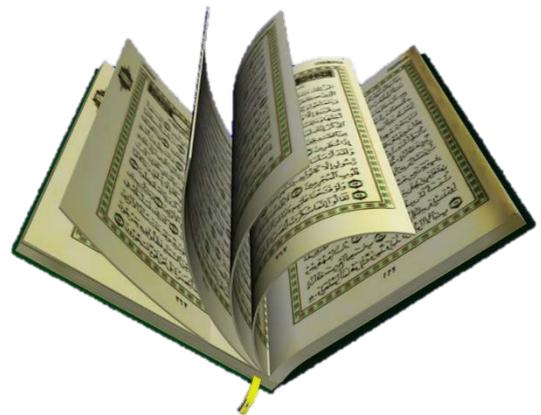
- Historians say that Hajjaj had nightmares after murdering Saeed.
- He was terrified and scared such that he fainted every now and again.
- He was cold and shook and shivered so much, that to keep him warm, fire was burnt all around him.
- Hajjaj died on 13<sup>th</sup> Ramadhan, 95 AH, 714 AD, at the age of fifty-four.



## The Revolution...

- King Ratbil ruled Turkey.
- Hajjaj sent Abid al-Rahman bin al-Ashath to Turkey to invade it.
- Abid al-Rahman went deep into the Turkish land.
- He won victories at some battles.
- He sent Hajjaj a letter.
- In the letter he asked him to stop fighting and to refresh his fighters.
- Hajjaj's answer was full of abuses.
- He ordered Abid al-Rahman to go deeper into the Turkish lands.
- Abid al-Rahman and his fighters knew Hajjaj's wicked aims.
- So, they decided to revolt against Hajjaj and Abid al-Malik.
- After Abid al-Rahman had announced the revolution, he came back from Turkey.
- Many people supported him.

- The Qur'an readers were the first to support him.
- They formed a battalion.
- Kumayl bin Ziyad led the battalion.
- Because the people of Kufa suffered from persecution, they also supported.
- The number of revolutionaries was over one hundred people.
- This number included the Qur'an readers, worshippers, poets, religious jurists, and the commoners.
- Half of them were foreigners who suffered from racial discrimination.
- The Umayyads preferred Arabs to non-Arabs.
- Saeed bin Jubair, the most famous jurist, was also among the revolutionaries.



- He made people eager to start the revolution.
- However, the revolution didn't succeed and the revolutionaries were massacred.



## Dua-e-Kumayl...

- Allamah Majlisi narrates from "Iqbal" of Sayyid Ibn Tawus in his book "Zad al-Ma'ad."
- Kumayl said:
- One day, I was with my master 'Ali (as) in Kufah.

We were talking about Sha'ban, the fifteenth.

Imam (as) said:

"One who spends that night worshipping and recites Dua Khidhr, his prayer will be answered for sure."

When Imam (as) returned home, I went to him.

- He said: "What do you want?"
- I answered: "I've come to you so that you may teach me Dua Khidhr."



- He told me to sit down.
- Then he said:

*"O Kumayl! When you memorize this dua, recite it every Thursday night, or once in a month, or once in a year*

or once in your lifetime, and Allah (swt) will save you from enemies, help you, extend your sustenance, and forgive your sins. O Kumayl! Your extended and faithful service has made me teach you such a blissful dua."

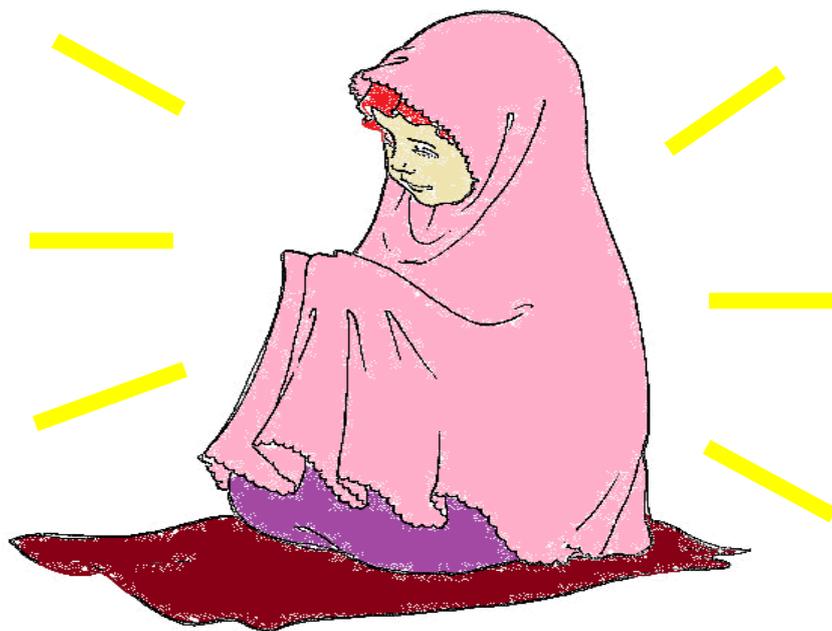
- Then he said:

"Write it down!"

- And he then recited it to me.

## Importance of Dua-e-Kumayl...

- Imam Ali ibn Talib (as) taught this dua to his very close companion, Kumayl ibn Ziyad.
- Allama Majlisi says that this dua reached Imam Ali (as) through Prophet Khizr.
- It should be recited during the night of the middle of Shaban and every Thursday night.
- If not possible, recite once a month on any Thursday night, or once in a lifetime.



- It is also recited to seek fulfillment of legitimate desires.
- Recite it after obligatory prayers until your desires are fulfilled.
- It keeps a person safe from the intrigues of enemies, multiplies means of livelihood, and sins are forgiven.



- My Dua Kumayl log...

Day\Week	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

Imam Ali (a.s) recommends us to recite it every day. Every time you recite Dua Kumayl, mark it on the chart.

If that looks too difficult, start by doing it every Thursday. Inshallah, you will soon be able to do it on all the days.

**Good Luck!**

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