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## Merits and Teachings of Fatima Zahra (SA)

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When writing about the greatness of a personality, one needs a gold standard with which to compare the strengths and weaknesses of that individual. However, if that person is herself the gold standard, then it makes it impossible to adequately describe her greatness. Fatima Zahra (SA) is such a personality. Her merits are unmatched in history and Allah swt himself testifies in the Qur'an about her purity and piety.

**The Merits of Fatima Zahra (SA).** It is related that Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq (A) said: "Fatima has nine names near(to) Allah swt, they are: *Fatima*, *As-Siddiqah* (the honest), *Al-Mubarakah* (the blessed one), *At-Tahirah* (virtuous), *Az-Zakiyah* (the chaste), *Ar-Radhiyatul-Mardhiah* (who is gratified and shall be satisfied), *Al-Muhaddathah* (the one to whom angels speak), and *Az-Zahra* (the splendid.)

Below are quoted a few passages from the introduction of the Book titled "Fatima the gracious" by Abu Muhammad Ordoni, the Jordanian scholar.<sup>1</sup>

"Fatima is a female created by Allah swt to be a sign of His marvelous and unprecedented Might. For, the Almighty Lord created Muhammad (S) as a sign of His among the Prophets; and created from him a daughter, Fatima Zahra, to be a Sign of His ability to create a female possessing all moral excellence and talents. In fact, Allah the Almighty bestowed Fatima with a vast share of greatness and high level of majesty, which no other woman can ever claim to have reached. She is one of the prominent people close to Allah swt, whose greatness was acknowledged by the Heaven before the creation of mankind; and in whose regard verses from the Qur'an that are (being read) and will be read day and night until the day of resurrection, were revealed." Fatima's (SA) genius is considered an example of a Muslim woman's adherence to noble traits. She is a perfect example of how a daughter, a wife, and a mother should act while keeping her decency and pure character. She also shows us the Muslim women's role in social fields within the limits of religion and virtue. Her life confirms that Islam does not deprive women of acquiring scientific, cultural and literary knowledge;"

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<sup>1</sup> Book "Fatima the Gracious" by Abu Muhammad Ordoni. Ansariyan Publications-Qum

The merits of Fatima Zahra (SA) are many. Numerous verses in the Qur'an are revealed in Prophet's (s) family's praise including her. Some of the well-known verses in the Qur'an in praise of the Ahlul Bayt, including Fatima (SA) are listed below:

1. Verse of Mubahila. Chapter 3: v. 61
2. Verse of Purity. Chapter 33: v. 33
3. Verse of Muwaddat. Chapter 42: v. 23
4. Verses of Surah Ad-Dahr. Chapter 76

The knowledge that Fatima Zahra (SA), the daughter of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) gained was from the tradition she learned from her father. According to the book "Fatima (SA), the Daughter of Muhammad (S)," in the chapter "a brief Biography" by Yasin T. Al-Jibouri<sup>2</sup>, the Angel Gabriel brought revelations to her, which Imam Ali A.S. wrote down in a collection called "Mus-haf of Fatima." We are told that it is in possession of the Imam of our time.

### **Selected Traditions Attributed to Fatima Zahra (SA)**

Following are a selection of some Traditions of Fatima Zahra (SA) adapted from the book "Fatimeh Al- Zahra (SA)<sup>3</sup>.

Sayyid Muhammad Ghamri Shafai states in his book through a long chain of narrators leading to Fatima Zahra (SA) reported that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said, " Be aware, whoever has left this world with the love and affection of the holy Prophet's (SAW) family, has left the world as (if he were) a martyr."<sup>4</sup>

Fatima Zahra (SA) has narrated a tradition from Imam Ali (AS), and he said: "The holy Prophet (SAW) said 'Whoever does a favor to a person from among my children, and does not get compensated, his reward will be on me.'<sup>5</sup>"

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<sup>2</sup> "Fatima (SA) The Daughter of Muhammad (s). A brief Biography" By Yasin T. Al-Jibouri (Available on [www.al-islam.org](http://www.al-islam.org))

<sup>3</sup> Fatimeh AL-Zahra (SA). Writings of Sayyid Munthir Hakim." Translated by Sayyid Hussein Alamdar. Available at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com)

<sup>4</sup> Name of the book not available

<sup>5</sup> Bihar al-Anwar, 225/96

Ali (AS) has narrated from Fatima Zahra (SA) that she said: “The holy Prophet said to me ‘Dear Fatima, whoever sends greetings upon you, God would forgive him and he/ she would be with my band in paradise.’<sup>6</sup>”

Saha bin Sa’d Ansari said: “I asked Fatima Zahra (SA) who are the leaders of the religion. She replied: The holy Prophet (SAW) had told Ali (AS), ‘Ali, you are the leader and my successor, and more deserving to lead the believers than others; after you is your son Hasan, and after him his son Husain, after him his son Ali bin Husain, after him his son Muhammad, after him his son Ja’far, after him his son Musa, After him his son Ali, after him his son Hasan, and after him his son Muhammad, the Qayame Aali Muhammad. He deserves more to lead the believers than others. God through him will widen the East and the West of the earth. They will be righteous Imams and the speaking tongues of Islam. Whoever rushes to their help, God will help him, and whoever would leave them, God will leave him alone (misguided).’<sup>7</sup>”

It has been narrated by Fatima Zahra (SA) that Prophet (SAW) said: “The worst individuals in a community are those who are well fed and well dressed, but they taunt others and make fun of them.”<sup>8</sup>

Fatima Zahra (SA )is reported to have said that she heard from her father, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) this: “The best person among you is the one with most humility and modesty in dealing with people, and the most virtuous person is he who shows most respect to his women.”

It has been narrated from Fatima Zahra (SA): “one night I was ready to retire to bed, when Prophet Muhammad (SAW) came and said: ‘Dear Fatima, until you have done four things, do not go to sleep. 1. You have recited the whole Qur’an. 2. You have appointed the Prophets as your intercessors. 3. You have achieved the pleasure of all believers. 4. You have performed the Hajj and lesser Hajj pilgrimage.’ He then got busy in offering prayers. I waited for him to finish his prayers and then I said; ‘O the holy Prophet, you have ordered me to do the four things that I am not able to do in a short time before going to bed.’ He smiled and said; ‘O my

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<sup>6</sup> Kash al Ghammeh, 427/1

<sup>7</sup> Kifayah al-Athar, PP. 193-200

<sup>8</sup> Ahl al-Bayt (AS) by Toufiq Abu Ilm, P. 131

daughter, when you have recited the Surah Al-Ikhlas three times, you have finished the whole Qur'an. When you have sent salutation and greetings upon me, and upon the prophets and messengers that came before me, then all of us will be your intercessors on the Day of Judgment; when you seek forgiveness for the believers, all of them will be pleased with you, and when you have recited the four praises of God (Tasbih-e-Arba), i.e., Glory be to God, all praise belongs to God, there is no god but God, and God is greater (than all), then you have performed Hajj and Umrah (lesser Hajj pilgrimage).<sup>9</sup>”

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<sup>9</sup> Khulasateh Al-Azkar P. 70

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