

HAAMAL IN MASJID-E-JAMKARAN

In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

The learned Shi'ite research scholars and historians in their books have narrated from Hasan-bin-Mathleh Jamakarani - a righteous man of upright conduct and noble character, and a lover of the family of the revelation and prophethood (i.e. the AhlulBait, the holy progeny of the prophet) regarding the construction of the Holy Jamkaran Mosque at the outskirts of Qum as follows :

"I was sleeping at my home in the village of Jamkaran on Tuesday-night, the 17th day of the blessed and holy month of Ramadhan of 393 A.H. (Lunar Calendar). It was after the midnight that a group of people came to my home and awakened me up and said : 'Oh Hasan! Wake up and arise, and obey the command of your Lord and Master of the Age - Hazrat-e-Mehdi (A.S.) - who has summoned you.' After hearing this command, I waked up immediately for getting ready and replied:

'Please permit me to put on my clothes', and being amazed and confused in total darkness, I picked up a shirt to put it on, then I heard the voice saying:

'Hasan don't put it on, because it did not belong to you.' After removing it and putting on my own shirt, I picked up a trouser, then again I heard the voice saying: 'Hasan! This is not your trouser don't put it on', and finally I was able to dress up wearing my own shirt and trouser in the darkness, Then I started looking for the key to open the door, when again I was told that don't search for the key the door has already been opened.

When finally I came out of the door I saw a group of great pious

personalities and offered them salutations who reciprocated them accordingly and treated me kindly with appreciation. Then I was directed by them to a place the present location of the Holy Jamkaran Mosque - and after looking carefully I saw a couch covered with fine carpets and pillows. A young man of approximately thirty years with grandeur and special dignity was sitting on that couch resting his back, against those pillows, and besides him an old man was holding a book in his hand reading for the young man. There were more than sixty people, some of them dressed in white, while others dressed in green had surrounded the couch, and were busy in offering prayers and praises of God-Almighty. Suddenly it occurred to me that this young man is the Lord and Master of the age, **حَضُرَتِ بَقِيَّتِهِ اللهُ الْاَعْظَمُ - اَرْوَاحَنَا فِدَا** Vali-e-Asr (A.S.) (may our soul be sacrificed for him), and the old man with beautiful features sitting besides him was prophet Khizr (A.S.), who asked me to be seated; and then the Lord of the Age, Vali-e-Asr (A.S.) commanded me as follows :

'Oh Hasan! You must go to see Hasan bin Muslim - the farmer of this land, and tell him that for five continuous years he has been farming on this holy land, in spite of my warning signals during all these years. This is a blessed holy land and God-Aimighty has distinguished it over other lands by bestowing distinction and dignity; even this year he is intending to cultivate this land, while he has neither any rights over this land nor is authorized to do so.

Therefore, till now whatever financial earnings he had earned and all relevant benefits achieved because of commissioning this land must be returned by him for the building of a Holy Mosque at this sacred land. Also, emphasize upon him that because of his transgressions for annexing this holy land into his own estate, God Almighty had taken away his two young sons as punishment for

his offense. But it seems that even this severe punishment has not awakened him up. You must warn him that if he still persists and do not change his course, he must be ready for a horrible catastrophic punishment beyond his imagination, from God-Aimighty.

After carefully listening to these heart appealing words of my Master I replied :

'Oh my Master and Lord!'

'I must have some unique convincing signs for delivering your message, because otherwise people will not believe my words, and it will be quite difficult to convince them.'

The Imam (A.S.) replied:

'We will mark some special signs showing the boundaries of the Holy Mosque, which will prove the truthfulness of your statement. Go and convey my message for the people.'

The Imam further added;

'Go and see Sayyid Abul Hasan and ask him to accompany you to visit Hasan bin Muslim, and together you both collect from him the earnings of that farm land for past couple of years; and use this money for laying the foundation of the mosque structure. For the remaining expenditure, you may collect it from the village of Rehaq in the Ardhaal region (near the city of Kashan), which belongs to me; and in this manner, complete the remaining superstructure of the Holy Mosque. Also, the half of the estate of the village of Rehaq has been made as an endowment for the maintenance of the Holy Mosque, and the yearly income of the said endowment should be spent for its improvement and habitation.'