

12. Hadithul Kisaa

The Prophet (pbuh) once went to the house of his daughter Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh) and asked her to give him a 'Kisaa' - which is like a blanket or a large cloak. She gave him the Kisaa and he wrapped himself with it.

There was a knock on the door. It was her son Imam Hasan (pbuh) He greeted his mother and then said that he could feel the presence of his grandfather Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the house. She said he was beneath the Kisaa. Imam Hasan (pbuh) went to his grandfather and asked him if he could join him beneath the Kisaa and the Prophet (pbuh) agreed.

Imam Husayn (pbuh) then knocked, greeted his mother and said that he could feel that his grandfather was in the house. His mother told him he was under the Kisaa with Imam Hasan (pbuh). Imam Husayn (pbuh) went to his grandfather and asked whether he could join them beneath the Kisaa. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) agreed and Imam Husayn (pbuh) joined them both beneath the Kisaa.

Imam Ali (pbuh) then knocked on the door and greeted Sayyida Fatima Zahra. Imam Ali (pbuh) said that he could feel that his cousin - Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was there. Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh) said the Prophet (pbuh) was with their two sons beneath the Kisaa. Imam Ali (pbuh) asked the Prophet (pbuh) whether he could join them. The Prophet (pbuh) agreed and Imam Ali (pbuh) joined them all beneath the Kisaa.

Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh) came up to them and asked if she could also join them under the Kisaa. The Prophet (pbuh) agreed and she did so.

The angel Jibrail asked Allah who was under the Kisaa? Allah said it was Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh), her father, her husband and her two sons .

Jibrail obtained permission from Allah to join them and came down to earth and asked the Prophet's (pbuh) permission. The Prophet (pbuh) agreed. Jibrail joined them under the Kisaa.

He had brought a message of Allah which is an aya of the Qur'an in which Allah called them the Ahlul bayt (people of the House). They are also known as Ahlul Kisaa (people of the cloak).

