

Ashura as a day of mourning for the killing of Hussein?

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

And as for taking it ('Ashura') as a day of mourning as the Raafidah (Shia) do on account of the killing of Al-Hussein [(rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him], then that is from the deeds of the one whose efforts have been wasted in this life while he thought that he was acquiring good by his actions.¹

Allaah, nor His Messenger [(sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] have ordered to take the days on which the Prophets were stricken with calamities and their deaths as days of mourning, so what then about those who are lesser than them (in virtue)?!

قال الحافظ ابن رجب رحمه الله: وأما اتخاذه مأتما كما تفعله الرافضة لأجل قتل الحسين رضي الله عنه فيه، فهو من عمل من ضل سعيه في الحياة الدنيا، وهو يحسب أنه يحسن صنعا، ولم يأمر الله ولا رسوله باتخاذ أيام مصائب الأنبياء وموتهم مأتما فكيف بمن دونهم؟!

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¹ Footnote translator: As Allaah, the Most High, says in the Noble Qur'aan: [Say (O Muhammad [(sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him]): "Shall We tell you the greatest losers in respect of (their) deeds? Those whose efforts have been wasted in this life while they thought that they were acquiring good by their deeds!"] [Soorah al-Kahf [18:103-104]]