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Dear brothers:

My commandment to you is to protect the path the Imam Hussein has drawn, to be the plain road we pursue to reach our Deity honored and proud, and to sacrifice blood and sacred things to preserve it and protect the real message of prophet Mohammad. So to be sincere to Imam Hussein and all the martyrs you should preserve God's will in this world.

Dear sisters:

Your veil has a greater value than the martyrs' blood for it is a sign for Islam, and the holiness of a woman is revealed in her veil. I hope you encourage martyrdom because people know more when they are killed as Imam Khomeini said,¹ and if Islam starts from simple things how about the veil that is one of the utmost duties on Muslims in our glorious religion.

My mother:

He who has passed as a martyr is honored at heaven, which is only reached by sincerely devoted people, so we thank God for putting us on the straight path because death is inescapable, and patience is a sign for the strong faith as the prophetic tradition mentioned 'patience is part of faith as the head is part of the body.'² So do not cry on your calamity; cry on the tragedy of the martyrs' leader, Imam Hussein, and the captivity of Lady Zeinab.

My kind hearted mother:

Peace be upon you, I kiss your gracious hands, and smell your Hussein fragrance, for you taught me the love of Ahlul Bayt [the family of the prophet], the honesty and integrity in dealing with others, and here I am, my beautiful mother, putting your instructions into effect. I loved Ahlul Bayt, and how wonderful it is! I was always sincere and honest as God willed, and how noble this work is! Finally I fulfilled the precept, but am still negligent before their giving, so I beseech you with the tragedies of Lady Zahraa and Lady Zeinab [PBUthem] let your crying on me be for his honor Hussein, and be happy for my happiness, this is the straight path and the best end. I beg your pardon and hope you will forgive my negligence and pray for me because a mom's prayer for her son is always granted. Peace is upon you and God bless you.

¹ "Keep on killing us, our people will be aware more and more." an often quoted statement by Imam Khomeini.

² The precise quotation is: "Patience of the faith like the head of the body".

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