

Wearing Black Clothes to Mark Our Grief for the Death of the Holy Household of the Prophet - 18 /Dec/ 2019

question Is it a meritorious deed to wear black clothes as a sign of mourning in commemorating the death of the members of the Holy Household of the Prophet?

answer Wearing black clothes on the occasion of the anniversary of the martyrdom of the Holy Infallibles by way of “venerating the hallmarks of faith” (ta’zīm sha’ā’ir allāh) and as a sign of mourning is a meritorious deed that is undoubtedly rewarded by God. Moreover, contrary to the common assumption, the objectionability of wearing black clothes at all times is not a definitively-established precept; that which is definitively objectionable is wearing black clothes while performing canonic prayers.