

# Taking Refuge With Ahl Al Bait's Ship



Today, when Muslims are so forlorn, the hope of their salvation from this whirlpool of heresy is on the ship of the sons of the Best of Mankind. It is stated in a hadith <sup>[1]</sup> : "My Ahl al- bait bayt <sup>[2]</sup> , that is, my sons, are like Hadrat <sup>[3]</sup> Noah's ship. Those who take refuge with them will be saved." Strive hard so that you may attain to this great fortune! So much thanks be to Allahu ta'ala. He has given you such blessings as rank, power, and influential speech. The honour of your own person being added to these, it will be very easy for you to surpass all of your peers in the field of salvation. [Hadrat Ali and Hadrat Fatima 'radiy- Allahu 'anhuma' and their children and all of their descendants are called Ahl-i bayt.]

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## GLOSSARY

**[1] hadith (sharif):** i) a saying of the Prophet ('alaihi 's-salam).; al-Hadith ash-sharif: all the hadiths as a whole; ii) 'ilm al-hadith; iii) Books of the hadith ash-sharif. iv) Al-hadith al-qudsi, as-sahih, al-hasan: kinds of hadiths (for which, see Endless Bliss, II).

**[2] Ahl al-Bait:** immediate relatives of the Prophet ('alaihi 's-salam): (according to most 'ulama') 'Ali, first cousin and son-in-law; Fatima, daughter; Hasan and Husain, grandsons (radiy-Allahu ta'ala 'anhum).

**[3] Hadrat:** title of respect used before the names of great people like and Islamic scholars.