

## Did Imam "Ali" [AS] will that his son is the next caliph?

### Description:

Sunnis say that why Hadrat "Ali" [AS] didn't announce the Imamate of Hadrat "Hasan" [AS] and in response to those who asked him if we swear allegiance with Imam "Hasan" [AS] or not, Hadrat "Ali" [AS] said that choose is yours if you want you can do so.

### Response:

That Imam "Ali" [AS] has willed and selected Imam "Hasan" [AS] as his successor is amongst the definitive matters of the history and even Sunni scholars have admitted it. Since you asked this question from the perspective of Sunni I just say issues from Sunni books and other wise no Shia has doubted this matter.

"Ibn Kathir Damascene Salafi" writes:

ثمّ بعدهم الحسن بن علي لأنّ عليّاً أوصي اليه و بايعه أهل العراق.

After former caliphs, "Hasan ibn Ali" became caliph because "Ali" willed that he is Imam and people of "Iraq" swore allegiance with "Hasan ibn Ali".

"Al-Bidayah wa'i-Nihayah" – vol. 6 – p 249

"Abu al-Faraj Isfahani" quotes from "Abu al-Aswad Dueli":

”و قد أوصي بالامامة بعده الي ابن رسول الله و ابنه و سليله و شبيهه في خلقه و هديه“

"Ali" willed that his son who was similar to him in terms of morality is the next Imam.

"Al-Aghani"- vol. 12 – p 380

"Ibn Abd Rabbih Andualusi" writes:

”قال هيثم بن عدي أدركت من المشايخ أنّ عليّ بن ابيطالب أصر الامر الي الحسن“

Many of elders that I met told me that "Ali ibn abi Talib" abdicated caliphate to his son.

"Al- 'Iqd al-Farīd" – vol. 4 – p 475

"Ibn A'isam Kufi" narrates that Imam "Hasan" said in his letter to "Muawiyah":

Commander of the faithful Ali ibn abi Talib appointed me as the caliph of Muslims when on the point of dying.

"Al-Futuoh" vol. 4 – p 278