

Hazrat Baba Fareeduddin Ganje Shakar (R.A)



(Dargah Baba Fareeduddin Ganje Shakar (R.A), Paak Pattan, Pakistan.

Hazrat-e-Khwaja Fareeduddin Shahe Ganje Shakar (R.A)

Mujh peh ho altaaf Qutb-e-Awliya (R.A) ke wastey

Name: Masood

Title: Fareeduddin and Ganje Shakar

Genealogy: Farooqi (The Progeny of second Caliph of Islam Hazrat Umar Farooq (R.A)

Commonly known as: Ganje Shakar or Shakar Ganj (Treasure of Sugar)

If one runs his sight over the Indian subcontinent, he will witness millions of people following the Deen-e-Hanifah or the pure religion that is Islam. From thousands of Mosques echoes the call of Tawheed (Oneness of Allah) and Risalat (Prophet hood), which is the result of tremendous amount of hardship and dedication of these Awliya of Allah or Friends of Allah whose goal was the upliftment of humanity and guiding them towards the right path. Among these Awliya-e-Kamileen (Perfect Saints) is Hazrat Baba Fareeduddin Masood Ganje Shakar (R.A).

Baba Fareed's (R.A) ancestors were from a town called Aush, south of Fergana [Babur's hometown] south east of Ajodhan. Baba Fareed's (R.A) grandfather [Qadi Shuaib] left Kabul and took refuge in Lahore under the Ghaznavid Sultan in 1125 and later he moved to Kasur above 34 miles southeast of Lahore where the Sultan entrusted him to the Qadi [Qadi- a semi-religious administrator] position. Eventually he left and settled in Kothiwal leaving Kasur.

Baba Fareed's (R.A) father Jamal-ud-din Suleiman married the daughter of Sheikh Wajih-ud-din Khojendi called Qarsum Bibi [some say her name was Mariam]. Qarsum was a lady of great piety. According to legend it was she who influenced Baba Fareed (R.A) to pray by placing small cubes of Shakar [Brown sugar] under Baba Fareed's (R.A) prayer mat. One day it is said that although she did not place the Shakar, nevertheless there was a piece of Shakar under Farid's mat.

The King at Delhi Balban welcomed Baba Fareed (R.A) in Delhi and introduced him to his family; Balban's daughter was married to Baba Fareed (R.A) and the gifts for the marriage were distributed among the poor and needy. There is a town called Fareedkot in Indian Punjab. Baba Fareed's wisaal (communion) took place on Thursday 05th of Muharram 670 Hijri/13 August 1271.

It is also very important to be noted that in the construction of the internal part of the Mazaar (Tomb) of Hazrat Baba Saheb's (R.A), every brick used in its construction has been placed after an entire Quran shareef had been recited and blown over it. This entire process took place in the auspicious presence of Hazrat Nizamuddin Awliya (R.A) "Mehboob-e-Ilahi".

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