

## **Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 277: Dasturji Dhalla - Family Prayer - Part I (b) - Prayer 1**

Hello all Tele Class friends:

### **Farvardegaan Day – Farvardin Maah and Farvardin Roj**

The last of our Holy Days during the first month of Farvardin is the Farvardegaan on Farvardin Maah and Farvardin Roj (19th day). This is the day when most of the Parsis/Iranis go to the Doongerwaadi in Mumbai and Saghdi/Dokhma in other towns and villages where prayers are performed for the dear departed ones.

Farvardin word is derived from Fravashi and so on the Farvardin Mahino Parab, Farvardin Roj and Farvardin Maah, it is the day to remember all the Fravashis of our departed ones. This Shehenshahi Parabh day is today, Tuesday September 4th, and many in our NA diaspora have Jashans and prayers on this day. Let us on this day remember all our dear departed Fravashis!

The usual prayers performed on this day at Doongerwaadi and Saghdi/Dokhma are in Uziran Geh and the Mobeds perform the prayers of Farokhshi (Farvardin Yasht) and Satum No Kardo (prayer for the departed ones) there.

Farvardin Yasht (Yasht 13) is the longest Yasht (157 verses) and is one of the prayers recited as Farokhshi by Mobeds, usually after performing Aafringaan for their Behdins for their departed ones.

Farvardin Yasht is completely dedicated in its first part to all the Fravashis in general and in its second part to the Fravashis of our Religious stalwarts of olden days, men and women and Kings, remembered by taking their names.

The first part “is the glorification of the powers and attributes of the Fravashis in general” and gives us a glimpse by Dadar Ahura Mazda to Zarathushtra how Fravashis help the righteous Humdins when they are faced with adversities, especially facing the evil spirits and even in the battles. They also help Ahura Mazda to sustain the sky, protect the earth and its mountains and pastures and water and vegetation.

### **Dasturji Dhalla - Family Prayer**

In our last WZSE #276, we presented: “Prayer – The Medium used by Zarathushtra to approach Ahura Mazda.” Continuing with this theme of Prayer, today we will present “Family Prayer” by our own Shams-ul-Ulema Dasturji Maneckji Dhalla from his wonderful book: Homage Unto Ahura Mazda – Part I (b) - Prayer 1!

### **Dasturji Dhalla - Family Prayer – Part I (b) - Prayer 1**

[\(audio is attached\)](#)

**Our fathers have worshipped thee, Ahura Mazda, in this house and we worship thee now and will worship thee as our strength holds out, O Father Eternal.**

Unto thee we raise our hearts in praise and adoration, Ahura Mazda. Our devotion for thee animates our hearts. We will open our hearts every morn unto thee, when thy radiant sun shows his shining face and sheds his light upon our house. Lend thy kindly ear to our daily prayer.

In this house may life throb with health and happiness and prosperity and peace and concord and contentment and humility and devotion and piety and purity and truth and righteousness. Give us a long life and a useful life. Help us to diffuse cheer and joy and hope among the young and the old in our house.

May the Fravashis of the righteous keep their nightly vigil over our house. May they enter our house attended by blessings, as wide as the earth, as long as the river, and as high as the sun. May the Ameshaa Spentaas and the Yazatas bless our family with their august presence. And may thou, above all, be with us and near us by night, and we will raise our hands and bend our knees and bow our heads to offer thee prayer of gratitude and worship thee in the citadel of our hearts.

Open our eyes to our daily duties and help us in their loyal performance. Fill our minds with thy thoughts and thy ideals. Elevate our ideals, help us to live up to them and lead us from day unto day to be near their realization, O thou Divine Householder.

(Dasturji Maneckji Dhalla – *Homage Unto Ahura Mazda* – Part I (b) - Prayer 1

<https://www.zarathushtra.com/z/article/dhalla/ch1b/ib01.htm>)

## SPD Comments

1. Dasturji Dhalla has presented a great prayer for the whole family to pray together. Written in the language everyone understands filled with Zarathushtri ideals and thoughts, it is a great **Family Prayer**.

**May the Flame of Fellowship, Love, Charity and Respect for all burn ever eternal in our hearts so we can do HIS work with humility, diligence and eternal enthusiasm!**

**In HIS service 24/7!**

**Atha Jamyaat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish!)**

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli