

Complying with the laws – Government

It is incumbent upon you to comply with the laws of a ruler/governing body. Some Ahadith are presented below to better understand our legal responsibilities and act accordingly.

فَوَلَّجْتُ إِلَيْهِ فَإِذَا أَنَا بِعِلَامٍ أَسْوَدَ يَبْدِهِ مَقْصُصٌ يَأْخُذُ اللَّحْمَ مِنْ جَبِينِهِ وَ عَزِينَ أَنْفِهِ مِنْ كَثْرَةِ سُجُودِهِ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَجِبِ الرَّشِيدَ فَقَالَ مَا لِلرَّشِيدِ وَ مَا لِي أَمَا تَشْغَلُهُ نِعْمَتُهُ عَنِّي

I (manage) passing through to him^{-asws}, and there was a black slave having scissor in his hand. He was cutting out the flesh from his^{-asws} forehead, and the bridge of his^{-asws} nose, due to the frequency of his^{-asws} Sajdahs. I said to him^{-asws}, ‘The greetings be to you^{-asws}, O son^{-asws} of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}! Answer Al-Rasheed!’ He^{-asws} said: ‘What is for Al-Rasheed and what is for me^{-asws}? Do his bounties not pre-occupy him from me^{-asws}?’

ثُمَّ قَامَ مُسْرِعًا وَ هُوَ يَقُولُ لَوْ لَا أَبِي سَمِعْتُ فِي خَبْرٍ عَنِ جَدِّي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص أَنَّ طَاعَةَ السُّلْطَانِ لِلتَّقِيَّةِ وَاجِبَةٌ إِذَا مَا جِئْتُ

Then he^{-asws} stood up hurriedly and he^{-asws} was saying, ‘Had I^{-asws} not heard in a Hadeeth from my^{-asws} grandfather^{-saww} Rasool-Allah^{-saww}: ‘Obedience to the Sultan, out of Taqiyya (dissimulation) is obligatory’, then I^{-asws} would not have come!’

فَقُلْتُ لَهُ اسْتَعِدَّ لِلْعُقُوبَةِ يَا أَبَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَحِمَكَ اللَّهُ فَقَالَ عَ أَلَيْسَ مَعِيَ مَنْ يَمْلِكُ الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةَ وَ لَنْ يَقْدِرَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَى سُوءٍ بِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

I said to him^{-asws}, ‘Be prepared for the punishment, O Abu Ibrahim^{-asws}! May Allah^{-azwj} have Mercy on you^{-asws}!’ He^{-asws} said: ‘Isn’t He^{-azwj} with me^{-asws}, the One^{-azwj} Who Rules the world and the Hereafter? And you will never be able with evil upon me^{-asws} today if Allah^{-azwj} so Desires!’¹(an extract

الكتاب العتيق الغروي مهج، مهج الدعوات الحسن بن محمد النوفلي عن الربيع صاحب المنصور قال: حججت مع أبي جعفر المنصور فلما كان في بعض الطريق قال لي المنصور يا ربيع إذا نزلت المدينة فادكر لي جعفر بن محمد بن علي بن الحسين بن علي فوالله العظيم لا يقتله أحد غيري اهدر [أن] تدع أن تُذكرني به

‘Kitab Al Ateeq’ of Al Garwy, (and) ‘Mahj Al Dawaat’ – Al Hassan Bin Muhammad Al Nowfaly, from Al-Rabie, companions of Al-Mansour who said,

‘I performed Hajj with Abu Ja’far Al-Mansour. When we were in one of the roads, Al-Mansour said to me, ‘O Rabie! When you descended at Al-Medina, then remind me of Ja’far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws} Bin Ali^{-asws} Bin Al-Husayn^{-asws} Bin Ali^{-asws}. By Allah^{-azwj} the Magnificent! No one will kill him^{-asws} apart from me. Be cautious of leaving reminding me of him^{-asws}’.

قَالَ فَلَمَّا صِرْنَا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ أَنْسَانِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ ذِكْرَهُ قَالَ فَلَمَّا صِرْنَا إِلَى مَكَّةَ قَالَ لِي يَا رَبِيعُ أَمْ أَمْرُكَ أَنْ تُذَكِّرَنِي بِجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ إِذَا دَخَلْنَا الْمَدِينَةَ قَالَ فَقُلْتُ نَسِيتُ ذَلِكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

He (the narrator) said, ‘When we came to Al-Medina, Allah^{-azwj} Caused me to forget mentioning him^{-asws}. When we came to Makkah, he said to me, ‘O Rabie! Did I not order you

¹ Bihar ul Anwar, vol. 48

to remind me of Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws} when we enter Al-Medina?' I said, 'I forgot that O my master! O commander of the faithful!'

قَالَ فَقَالَ لِي إِذَا رَجَعْتُ إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ فَادْكُرْنِي بِهِ فَلَا بُدَّ مِنْ قَتْلِهِ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ لِأَضْرَبَنَّ عَنْقَكَ فَقُلْتُ نَعَمْ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

He (the narrator) said, 'He said to me, 'When I return to Al-Medina, then remind me of him^{-asws}, for there is no escape from killing him^{-asws}. If you don't do so, I shall strike off your neck!' I said, 'Yes, O commander of the faithful!'

ثُمَّ قُلْتُ لِغُلَامَانِي وَ أَصْحَابِي اذْكُرُونِي بِجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ إِذَا دَخَلْنَا الْمَدِينَةَ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فَلَمْ يَزَلْ غُلَامَانِي وَ أَصْحَابِي يُدْكُرُونِي بِهِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ وَ مَنْزِلٍ نَدْخُلُهُ وَ نَنْزِلُ فِيهِ حَتَّى قَدِمْنَا الْمَدِينَةَ

Then I said to my servants and my companions, 'Remind me of Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws} when we enter Al-Medina, if Allah^{-azwj} the Exalted so Desires'. So, my servants and my companions did not cease to remind me of him^{-asws} during every time and stop we had entered and paused in it, until we arrived at Al-Medina.

فَلَمَّا نَزَلْنَا بِهَا دَخَلْتُ إِلَى الْمَنْصُورِ فَوَقَفْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَ قُلْتُ لَهُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ جَعْفَرَ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ

When we descended at it, I entered to see Al-Mansour and stood in front of him, and said to him, 'O commander of the faithful! Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws}'.

قَالَ فَضَحِكَ وَ قَالَ لِي نَعَمْ اذْهَبْ يَا رَبِيعُ فَأْتِنِي بِهِ وَ لَا تَأْتِنِي بِهِ إِلَّا مَسْخُوبًا قَالَ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ حُبًّا وَ كِرَامَةً وَ أَنَا أَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ طَاعَةً لِأَمْرِكَ

He (the narrator) said, 'He laughed and said to me, 'Go, O Rabie and come to me with him^{-asws}, and do not come to me with him^{-asws} except dragged'. I said, 'O my master! O commander of the faithful! Love and honour, and I shall do that, obedient to your order'.

قَالَ ثُمَّ مَخَضْتُ وَ أَنَا فِي خَالِ عَظِيمٍ مِنْ اِزْتِكَابِي ذَلِكَ قَالَ فَأَتَيْتُ الْإِمَامَ الصَّادِقَ جَعْفَرَ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ ع وَ هُوَ جَالِسٌ فِي وَسْطِ دَارِهِ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ جَعَلْتُ فِدَاكَ إِنَّ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَدْعُوكَ إِلَيْهِ

He (the narrator) said, 'Then I got up and I was in a grievous state from my involvement in that. I came to the Imam Al-Sadiq Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws}, and he^{-asws} was seated in the middle of his house. I said to him^{-asws}, 'May I be sacrificed for you^{-asws}! Commander of the faithful is summoning you^{-asws} to him!'

فَقَالَ لِي السَّمْعَ وَ الطَّاعَةَ ثُمَّ مَخَضَ وَ هُوَ مَعِيَ يَمْشِي قَالَ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ أَمَرَنِي أَنْ لَا آتِيَهُ بِكَ إِلَّا مَسْخُوبًا

He^{-asws} said to me: 'The hearing and the obeying!' Then he^{-asws} got up and he^{-asws} walked with me. I said to him^{-asws}, 'O son^{-asws} of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}! He has ordered me that I should not come to him with you^{-asws} except dragged'.

قَالَ فَقَالَ الصَّادِقُ امْتِنِلْ يَا رَبِيعُ مَا أَمَرَكَ بِهِ قَالَ فَأَخَذْتُ بِطَرْفِ كُمِهِ أَسُوْفُهُ إِلَيْهِ فَلَمَّا أَدْخَلْتُهُ إِلَيْهِ رَأَيْتُهُ وَ هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى سَرِيرِهِ وَ فِي يَدِهِ عَمُودٌ حَدِيدٌ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَقْتُلَهُ بِهِ وَ نَظَرْتُ إِلَى جَعْفَرِ ع وَ هُوَ يُحْرِكُ شَفَتَيْهِ فَلَمْ أَشْكُ أَنَّهُ قَاتِلُهُ وَ لَمْ أَفْهَمْ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَانَ جَعْفَرٌ يُحْرِكُ شَفَتَيْهِ بِهِ فَوَقَفْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهِمَا

He (the narrator) said, 'Al-Sadiq^{-asws} said: 'Comply, O Rabie, whatever you have been ordered with!' I grabbed an end of his^{-asws} sleeve and ushered him^{-asws} to him. When I entered him^{-asws} to see him, I saw him, and he was seated upon his throne, and in his hand was an iron rod intending to kill him^{-asws} with it, and I looked at Ja'far^{-asws}, and he^{-asws} was moving his^{-asws} lips. So, I had no doubt that he would be killing him^{-asws}, and I did not understand the speech which Ja'far^{-asws} was moving his^{-asws} lips with. I stood looking at them both.

قَالَ الرَّبِيعُ فَلَمَّا قَرَّبَ مِنْهُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ قَالَ لَهُ الْمَنْصُورُ اذْنُ مَنِي يَا ابْنَ عَمِّي وَ تَهَلَّلْ وَجْهَهُ وَ قَرَّبَهُ مِنْهُ حَتَّى اجْلَسَهُ مَعَهُ عَلَى السَّرِيرِ ثُمَّ قَالَ يَا عَلَامُ ائْتِنِي بِالْحَقَّةِ فَأَتَاهُ بِالْحَقَّةِ فَإِذَا فِيهَا قَدْحُ الْعَالِيَةِ فَعَلَقَهُ مِنْهَا بِيَدِهِ ثُمَّ حَمَلَهُ عَلَى بَعْلَةٍ وَ أَمَرَ لَهُ بِدَرَّةٍ وَ خَلَعَةٍ ثُمَّ أَمَرَهُ بِالْانْصِرَافِ

Al-Rabie said, 'When Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws} went near him, Al-Mansour said to him^{-asws}, 'Come near me, O son^{-asws} of my uncle^{-asws}!' And his face was joyful, and he drew him^{-asws} closer until he seated him^{-asws} upon the throne. Then he said, 'O slave! Bring me the container!' He brought him the container, and there was expensive perfume in it. He applied on him^{-asws} from these by his own hand, then had him^{-asws} carried upon a mule and ordered Dinars and garments for him^{-asws}, then instructed him^{-asws} with leaving.

قَالَ فَلَمَّا تَخَصَّ مِنْ عِنْدِهِ حَرَجْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ حَتَّى وَصَلْتُ إِلَى مَنْزِلِهِ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ يَا بَنِي أَنْتَ وَ أُمِّي يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ إِنِّي لَمْ أَشْكُ فِيهِ سَاعَةً تَدْخُلُ عَلَيْهِ يَتَّقُكَ وَ رَأَيْتُكَ تُحَرِّكُ شَفَتَيْكَ فِي وَقْتِ دُخُولِكَ فَمَا قُلْتَ

He (the narrator) said, 'When he^{-asws} got up from his presence, I went out in front of him^{-asws} until I arrived to his^{-asws} house. I said to him^{-asws}, 'May my father and my mother be (sacrificed) for you^{-asws}, O son^{-asws} of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}! I had no doubt regarding him, the moment you^{-asws} enter to see him, he would kill you^{-asws}, and I saw you^{-asws} moving your^{-asws} lips during the time of your entry. So, what did you^{-asws} say?'

قَالَ لِي نَعَمْ يَا رَبِيعُ اعْلَمْ أَنِّي قُلْتُ حَسْبِيَ الرَّبُّ مِنَ الْمَرْتُوبِينَ الدُّعَاءِ.

He^{-asws} said to me: 'O Rabie! Know that I^{-asws} said: 'Sufficient for me^{-asws} is the Lord^{-azwj} from the slaves' – the supplication''.²

مهج الدعوات من كتاب عتيبي به حدثنا محمد بن أحمد بن عبد الله بن صفوة عن محمد بن العباس العاصمي عن الحسن بن علي بن يقطين عن أبيه عن محمد بن الربيع الحاجب قال: قعد المنصور يوماً في قصره في القبة الخضراء وكانت قبل قتل محمد وإبراهيم تُدعى الحمراء وكان له يوم يُعقد فيه يُسمى ذلك اليوم الذبح وكان أشخص جعفر بن محمد ع من المدينة فلم يزل في الحمراء تهاؤه كُله حتى جاء الليل ومضى أكتفه

(The book) 'Mahj Al Dawaat' – From the book of Ateeq, 'It is narrated to us by Muhammad Bin Ahmad Bin Abdullah Bin Safwah, from Muhammad Bin Al Abbas Al Aasimy, from Al Hassan Bin Ali Bin Yaqteen, from his father, from Muhammad Bin Al-Rabie, the guard (of Al-Mansour) who said,

'One day Al-Mansour saw in his castle, in the green dome, and before the killing of Muhammad and Ibrahim, it was called 'The red (dome)', and there was a day for him in which he used to it. That day was called, 'The day of slaughter', and Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws}

² Bihar Al Awaar – V 46, The book of History – Ja'far Al Sadiq^{asws}, Ch 6 H 37

was being brought from Al-Medina, so he did not cease to be in the red (dome) for whole of his day until the night came, and most of it went.

قَالَ ثُمَّ دَعَا أَبِي الرَّبِيعِ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَا رَبِيعُ إِنَّكَ تَعْرِفُ مَوْضِعَكَ مِنِّي وَ إِنِّي يَكُونُ لِي الْحَبْرُ وَ لَا تَطْهَرُ عَلَيْهِ أُمَّهَاتُ الْأَوْلَادِ وَ تَكُونُ أَنْتَ الْمُعَالِجُ لَهُ

He (the narrator) said, 'Then he called my father Al-Rabie and said to him, 'O Rabie! You know your place from me, and there happens to be the news for me, and do not reveal it to mothers of the children, and you happen to be the healer for it'.

فَقَالَ قُلْتُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ذَلِكَ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ عَلَيَّ وَ فَضْلِ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ مَا فَوْقِي فِي النُّصْحِ غَايَةٌ

He (Rabie) said, 'I said, 'O commander of the faithful! That is from the Grace of Allah^{-azwj} upon me, and grace of commander of the faithful, and there is no peak above me in the advice'.

قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَنْتَ سِرِّ السَّاعَةِ إِلَى جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ بْنِ فَاطِمَةَ فَأَنْبِي عَلَى الْحَالِ الَّذِي تَجِدُهُ عَلَيْهِ- لَا تُعَيِّرْ شَيْئاً بِنَّمَا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ

He said, 'You are like that. Travel right now to Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws} son^{-asws} of (Syeda) Fatima^{-asws}, and bring him upon the state which you find him^{-asws} to be upon, not changing anything from what he^{-asws} is upon'.

فَقُلْتُ إِنَّنَا لِلَّهِ وَ إِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ هَذَا وَ اللَّهُ هُوَ الْعَظْبُ إِذْ أَنْبَيْتُ بِهِ عَلَى مَا أَرَاهُ مِنْ عَضْبِهِ قَتْلَهُ وَ دَهَبَتِ الْآخِرَةُ وَ إِنَّمَا آتٍ بِهِ وَ أَدَهْنَتْ فِي أَمْرِهِ قَتْلِي وَ قَتْلَ نَسْلِي وَ أَخَذَ أَمْوَالِي فَحَيَّرْتُ بَيْنَ الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ فَمَالَتْ نَفْسِي إِلَى الدُّنْيَا

I said, 'We are for Allah^{-azwj} and are returning to Him^{-azwj}! By Allah^{-azwj}, it would be the Punishment, if I were to come with him^{-asws} upon what I can see him of his anger, he will kill him^{-asws} and the Hereafter would be gone! And if I don't come with him^{-asws} and do not carry out his order, he would kill me and kill my offspring and seize my wealth'. So I had a choice between the world and the Hereafter, and I inclined myself to the world'.

قَالَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الرَّبِيعِ فَدَعَانِي أَبِي وَ كُنْتُ أَفْظُ وُلْدِهِ وَ أَغْلَظُهُمْ قَلْباً فَقَالَ لِي امْضِ إِلَى جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ فَتَسَلَّقْ عَلَى حَائِطِهِ وَ لَا تَسْتَفْتَحْ عَلَيْهِ بَاباً فَيَعَيِّرَ بَعْضَ مَا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ وَ لَكِنْ انْزِلْ عَلَيْهِ نُزُولاً فَأْتِ بِهِ عَلَى الْحَالِ الَّتِي هُوَ فِيهَا

Muhammad Bin Al-Rabie said, 'My father called me, and I was rudest of his children and their hardest of heart. He said to me, 'Go to Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws} Bin Ali^{-asws}, climb upon his^{-asws} wall, and do not open a door to him^{-asws} for he^{-asws} would change what he^{-asws} is upon, but descend upon him^{-asws} with a descent and come with him^{-asws} being upon a state which he^{-asws} is in'.

قَالَ فَأَتَيْتُهُ وَ قَدْ ذَهَبَ اللَّيْلُ إِلَى أَقْلِهِ فَأَمْرَتْ بِنَضْبِ السَّلَالِيمِ وَ تَسَلَّقْتُ عَلَيْهِ الْحَائِطَ فَتَرَلْتُ عَلَيْهِ دَارَهُ فَوَجَدْتُهُ قَائِماً يُصَلِّي وَ عَلَيْهِ قَمِيصٌ وَ مِنْدِيلٌ قَدِ انْتَزَرَ بِهِ فَلَمَّا سَلَّمَ مِنْ صَلَاتِهِ قُلْتُ لَهُ أَجِبْ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

He (the narrator) said, 'I came to him^{-asws}, and the night had gone to its little, and I set up the steps (ladder) and climbed upon it and descended over it in his^{-asws} house. I found him^{-asws} standing, praying Salat, and upon him^{-asws} was a shirt and a towel he^{-asws} had trousered with. When he^{-asws} performed Salaam from his^{-asws} Salat, I said to him^{-asws}, 'Answer commander of the faithful!'

فَقَالَ دَعْنِي أَدْعُو وَ أَلْبَسُ ثِيَابِي فَقُلْتُ لَهُ لَيْسَ إِلَيَّ تَرْكِكَ وَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلٌ قَالَ وَ أَدْخُلُ الْمُعْتَسِلَ فَأَتَطَهَّرُ قَالَ قُلْتُ وَ لَيْسَ إِلَيَّ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلٌ فَلَا تَشْغَلْ نَفْسَكَ فَإِنِّي لَا أَدْعَاكَ شَيْئاً

He^{-asws} said: ‘Leave me^{-asws} and I^{-asws} shall wear my^{-asws} clothes’. I said to him^{-asws}, ‘There isn’t any way for me to leave you and that’. He^{-asws} said: ‘And can I^{-asws} entered the washroom and cleanse?’ I said, ‘And there isn’t any way to that, so do not pre-occupy yourself^{-asws} for I will not leave you for anything!’

قَالَ فَأَخْرَجْتُهُ خَافِئاً حَاسِراً فِي قَمِيصِهِ وَ مِنْدِيلِهِ وَ كَانَ قَدْ جَاوَزَ عِ السَّبْعِينَ فَلَمَّا مَضَى بَعْضُ الطَّرِيقِ ضَعُفَ الشَّيْخُ فَرَحِمْتُهُ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ ارْكَبْ فَرَكِبَ بَعْلٌ شَاكِرِي كَانَ مَعَنَا ثُمَّ صَرْنَا إِلَى الرَّبِيعِ

He (the narrator) said, ‘I brought him^{-asws} out bare-footed in his^{-asws} shirt and his^{-asws} towel, and he^{-asws} had exceeded the seventy (years). When he^{-asws} had passed some of the road, the old man weakened, so I pitied him^{-asws}. I said to him^{-asws}, ‘Ride!’ So he^{-asws} rode a hired mule which was with us. Then we came to Al-Rabie.

فَسَمِعْتُهُ وَ هُوَ يَقُولُ لَهُ وَئَيْلَكَ يَا رَبِيعَ قَدْ أَبْطَأَ الرَّجُلُ وَ جَعَلَ يَسْتَحِثُّهُ اسْتِحْثَاتاً شَدِيداً فَلَمَّا أَنْ وَقَعَتْ عَيْنُ الرَّبِيعِ عَلَى جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ هُوَ بَيْتَكَ الْحَالِ بَكَى وَ كَانَ الرَّبِيعُ يَتَشَيَّعُ

I heard him (Al-Mansour) and he was saying to him, ‘O Rabie! The man has been delayed!’ And he went on to provoke him with severe provoking. When the eyes of Al-Rabie fell upon Ja’far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws}, and he^{-asws} was in that state, he cried, and Al-Rabie was escorting him^{-asws}.

فَقَالَ لَهُ جَعْفَرُ ع يَا رَبِيعُ أَنَا أَعْلَمُ مَيْلَكَ إِلَيْنَا فَدَعْنِي أَصَلِّي رَكَعَتَيْنِ وَ أَدْعُو قَالَ شَأْنُكَ وَ مَا تَشَاءُ فَصَلَّى رَكَعَتَيْنِ خَفِيفَتَهُمَا ثُمَّ دَعَا بَعْدَهُمَا بِدَعَايِهِ لَمْ أَفْهَمْهُ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ دَعَا طَوِيلٌ وَ الْمَنْصُورُ فِي ذَلِكَ كُلِّهِ يَسْتَحِثُّ الرَّبِيعَ

Ja’far^{-asws} said to him: ‘O Rabie! I^{-asws} know of your inclination towards us^{-asws}, so leave me to pray two Cycles Salat and supplicate’. He said, ‘Your^{-asws} concern and whatever you like’. So he^{-asws} prayed two Cycles (Salat), lightening them, then supplicated after them with a supplication I could not understand except that it was a lengthy supplication, and during all that, Al-Mansour was scolding Al-Rabie.

فَلَمَّا فَرَغَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَى طُولِهِ أَخَذَ الرَّبِيعُ بِذِرَاعِيهِ فَأَدْخَلَهُ عَلَى الْمَنْصُورِ فَلَمَّا صَارَ فِي صَحْنِ الْإِيوَانِ وَقَفَ ثُمَّ حَرَكَ شَفْتَيْهِ بِشَيْءٍ لَمْ أَدْرِ مَا هُوَ ثُمَّ أَدْخَلْتُهُ فَوَقَفَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ

When he^{-asws} was free from his^{-asws} supplication upon its length, Al-Rabie grabbed his^{-asws} forearm and entered him^{-asws} to see Al-Mansour. When he^{-asws} came to be in the courtyard hall, he^{-asws} paused, then moved his^{-asws} lips with something, I do not know what it was, then I entered to pause him^{-asws} in front of him.

فَلَمَّا نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ قَالَ وَ أَنْتَ يَا جَعْفَرُ مَا تَدْعُ حَسَدَكَ وَ بَعْثِكَ وَ إِفْسَادَكَ عَلَى أَهْلِ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ مِنْ بَنِي الْعَبَّاسِ وَ مَا يَرِيدُكَ اللَّهُ بِذَلِكَ إِلَّا شِدَّةَ حَسَدٍ وَ نَكْدٍ مَا تَبْلُغُ بِهِ مَا تَقْدِرُهُ

When he looked at him^{-asws}, he said, ‘And you^{-asws}, O Ja’far^{-asws}! You^{-asws} have not left your^{-asws} envy, and your rebellion, and your^{-asws} spoiling (matters) upon the people of this house from the clan of Al-Abbas, and Allah^{-azwj} has not increased you^{-asws} except severity of the envy and hate what you^{-asws} have reached with, what you^{-asws} can measure’.

فَقَالَ لَهُ وَ اللَّهُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَا فَعَلْتَ شَيْئاً مِنْ هَذَا وَ لَقَدْ كُنْتُ فِي وَلايَةِ بَنِي أُمَيَّةِ وَ أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُمْ أَعْدَى الْخَلْقِ لَنَا وَ لَكُمْ وَ أَنَّهُمْ لَا حَقَّ لَهُمْ فِي هَذَا الْأَمْرِ

He^{-asws} said to him: ‘By Allah^{-azwj}, O commander of the faithful! I^{-asws} have not done anything from this, and I^{-asws} used to be in the governance of the clan of Umayya and you know they are the most inimical of the people to us^{-asws} and to you all, and they, there are no rights for them in this command (caliphate).

قَالَ اللَّهُ مَا بَعَيْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَ لَا بَلَغْتُهُمْ عَنِّي سُوءَ مَعَ جَفَاهُمْ الَّذِي كَانَ بِي وَ كَيْفَ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَصْنَعُ الْآنَ هَذَا وَ أَنْتَ ابْنُ عَمِّي وَ أَمْسُ الْخَلْقِ بِي رَحِمًا وَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ عَطَاءً وَ بَرًّا فَكَيْفَ أَفْعَلُ هَذَا

By Allah^{-azwj}! I^{-asws} neither rebelled against them nor did any evil reach them from me^{-asws}, along with their tyranny which was with me^{-asws}, and how, O commander of the faithful, can I^{-asws} be doing this now and you are a son of my^{-asws} uncle, and the closest of the people with me^{-asws} in kinship, and their most abundant of awarding and righteous. So, how can I^{-asws} be doing this?’

فَأَطْرَقَ الْمَنْصُورُ سَاعَةً وَ كَانَ عَلَى لَيْدٍ وَ عَنِ يَسَارِهِ مَرْفَقَةٌ جُرْمَقَانِيَّةٌ وَ تَحْتِ لَيْدِهِ سَيْفٌ ذُو فِقَارٍ كَانَ لَا يُفَارِقُهُ إِذَا قَعَدَ فِي الْقُبَّةِ

Al-Mansour lowered his head for a while, and he was (sitting) upon fluffy wool, and on his left was a *Jumurqany* pillow, and under his wood was a sharp sword he would not separate from whenever he would sit in the dome.

قَالَ أَبْطَلْتُ وَ أَمِنْتُ ثُمَّ رَفَعْتُ نِيَّ الْوِسَادَةِ فَأَخْرَجَ مِنْهَا إِصْبَارَةً كُتِبَ فَرَمَى بِهَا إِلَيْهِ وَ قَالَ هَذِهِ كُتُبُكَ إِلَى أَهْلِ خُرَاسَانَ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى نَقْضِ بَيْعَتِي وَ أَنْ يُبَايَعُوكَ دُونِي

He said, ‘I was tried, and I sinned’. Then he raised the pillow and brought out a dossier of letters and threw these towards him^{-asws} and said, ‘These are your^{-asws} letters to the people of Khurasan, calling them to break my allegiance, and that they should pledge allegiance to you^{-asws} besides me’.

فَقَالَ وَ اللَّهُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَا فَعَلْتُ وَ لَا أَسْتَجِلُّ ذَلِكَ وَ لَا هُوَ مِنْ مَذْهَبِي وَ إِنِّي لَمَنْ يَعْتَقِدُ طَاعَتَكَ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ وَ قَدْ بَلَغْتُ مِنَ السِّبِّ مَا قَدْ أَصَعَفَنِي عَنْ ذَلِكَ لَوْ أَرَدْتُهُ فَصَبَّرَنِي فِي بَعْضِ جُبُوشِكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَنِي الْمَوْتُ فَهُوَ مِنِّي قَرِيبٌ

He^{-asws} said: ‘By Allah^{-azwj}, O commander of the faithful! I^{-asws} have not done so, nor did I^{-asws} allow that, nor is it from my^{-asws} doctrine, and I^{-asws} am one who believes in obeying you upon every situation, and I^{-asws} have reached from the years what has weakened me^{-asws} from that. If I^{-asws} had wanted it. Make me^{-asws} to be in one of your armies until the death comes to me^{-asws}, for it is near from me^{-asws}’.

فَقَالَ لَا وَ لَا كِرَامَةَ ثُمَّ أَطْرَقَ وَ صَرَبَ يَدَهُ إِلَى السَّيْفِ فَسَلَّ مِنْهُ مِقْدَارَ شِبْرٍ وَ أَخَذَ بِمَقْبِضِهِ فَقُلْتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ ذَهَبَ وَ اللَّهُ الرَّجُلُ

He said, 'No, and there is no honour (in doing that)!' Then he lowered his head and struck his hand to the sword and he bared from it the measurement of a palm's width and held its hilt. I said, 'We are for Allah^{-azwj}! By Allah^{-azwj}, the man is gone!'

ثُمَّ رَدَّ السَّيْفَ وَ قَالَ يَا جَعْفَرُ أَمَا تَسْتَحْيِي مَعَ هَذِهِ الشَّيْبَةِ وَ مَعَ هَذَا النَّسَبِ أَنْ تَنْطِقَ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَ تَشُقُّ عَصَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تُرِيقَ الدِّمَاءَ وَ تَطْرَحَ
الْفِتْنَةَ بَيْنَ الرَّعِيَّةِ وَ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ

Then he returned the sword and said, 'O Ja'far^{-asws}! Are you^{-asws} not ashamed being with this grey hair, and being with this lineage that you^{-asws} speak with the falsehood and are splitting the stick (unity) of the Muslims intending to spill the blood, and drop the discord to be between the citizens and the friends?'

فَقَالَ لَا وَ اللَّهُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَا فَعَلْتُ وَ لَا هَذِهِ كُتُبِي وَ لَا حَطِّي وَ لَا حَاتَمِي

He^{-asws} said: 'No, by Allah^{-azwj}, O commander of the faithful! I^{-asws} have neither done so, nor are these my^{-asws} letters, nor my^{-asws} handwriting, nor my^{-asws} seals!'

فَأَنْتَضَى مِنَ السَّيْفِ ذِرَاعًا فَقُلْتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَضَى الرَّجُلُ وَ جَعَلْتُ فِي نَفْسِي إِنْ أَمَرَنِي فِيهِ بِأَمْرٍ أَنْ أَعْصِيَهُ لِأَنِّي ظَنَنْتُ أَنَّهُ يَأْمُرُنِي أَنْ أَخَذَ السَّيْفَ فَأَضْرِبَ
بِهِ جَعْفَرًا

He removed a cubit from the sword. I said, 'We are for Allah^{-azwj}! The man is gone!' And I made it to be in myself that he would order me regarding him with an order, and I shall disobey him because I thought he would be ordering me to take the sword and strike Ja'far^{-asws} with it.

فَقُلْتُ إِنْ أَمَرَنِي ضَرَبْتُ الْمُنْصُورَ وَ إِنْ أَتَى ذَلِكَ عَلَيَّ وَ عَلَى وُلْدِي وَ ثَبْتُ إِلَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ بِمَا كُنْتُ نَوَيْتُ فِيهِ أَوَّلًا فَأَقْبَلَ يُعَايِنُهُ وَ جَعْفَرُ يَعْتَذِرُ ثُمَّ
انْتَضَى السَّيْفَ إِلَّا شِبْعًا يَسِيرًا مِنْهُ فَقُلْتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَضَى وَ اللَّهُ الرَّجُلُ

I said (within myself), 'If he orders me, I shall strike Al-Mansour (instead), and even if that goes against me and my children', and I repented to Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic from what I had intended at first. He went one to rebuke him^{-asws} and Ja'far^{-asws} was excusing. Then he brought out the sword except for a little bit from it. I said, 'We are for Allah^{-azwj}! By Allah^{-azwj}, the man is dead!'

ثُمَّ أَعْمَدَ السَّيْفَ وَ أَطْرَقَ سَاعَةً ثُمَّ رَفَعَ رَأْسَهُ وَ قَالَ أَطْنُكَ صَادِقًا يَا رَبِيعُ هَاتِ الْعَيْبَةَ مِنْ مَوْضِعِ كَانَتْ فِيهِ فِي الْقُبَّةِ فَأَتَيْتُهُ بِهَا فَقَالَ أَدْخِلْ يَدَكَ فِيهَا
فَكَانَتْ مَمْلُوءَةً غَالِيَةً وَضَعَهَا فِي حَبْتِهِ وَ كَانَتْ بَيْضَاءَ فَاسْوَدَّتْ

Then he sheathed the sword and lowered his head for a while, then raised his head and said, 'I think you^{-asws} are truthful. O Rabie! Bring the container', which was in such and such place in the dome. He came with it. He said, 'Insert your^{-asws} hand in it'. It was filled with expensive perfume. He placed it in his^{-asws} beard, and it was white, and it became black.

وَ قَالَ لِي احْمِلْهُ عَلَى فَارِهِ مِنْ دَوَائِبِ اللَّيْلِ أَرْكُبُهَا وَ أَعْطِيهِ عَشْرَةَ آلَافِ دِرْهَمٍ وَ شَبِعُهُ إِلَى مَنْزِلِهِ مُكْرَمًا وَ حَيَّرَهُ إِذَا أَتَيْتَ بِهِ إِلَى الْمَنْزِلِ بَيْنَ الْمَقَامِ عِنْدَنَا
فَنُكْرِمُهُ وَ الْإِنْصِرَافِ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ جَدِّهِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص

And he said to me, 'Carry him^{-asws} upon my light animal which I tend to ride, and give him^{-asws} ten thousand Dirhams, and escort him^{-asws} to his^{-asws} house honourably and give him^{-asws} a choice when you come with him^{-asws} to the house, between the staying with us, and we shall honour him^{-asws}, and the leaving to the city of his^{-asws} grandfather^{-saww} Rasool-Allah^{-saww}!'

فَخَرَجْنَا مِنْ عِنْدِهِ وَ أَنَا مَشْرُورٌ فَرِحَ بِسَلَامَةِ جَعْفَرٍ عَ وَ مُتَعَجِّبٌ مِمَّا أَرَادَ الْمَنْصُورُ وَ مَا صَارَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ فَلَمَّا صِرْنَا فِي الصَّخْنِ قُلْتُ لَهُ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ إِنِّي لَأَعْجَبُ مِمَّا عَمَدَ إِلَيْهِ هَذَا فِي بَابِكَ وَ مَا أَصَارَكَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كِفَائِيهِ وَ دِفَاعِيهِ

We went out from his presence and I was cheerful with happiness for the safety of Ja'far^{-asws} and was surprised from what Al-Mansour had intended and what he had come to of his^{-asws} matter. When we came to the courtyard, I said to him^{-asws}, 'O son^{-asws} of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}! I am surprised from what this one had deliberated to regarding your^{-asws} matter, and Allah^{-azwj} Caused him to come to, from his sufficing, and his repelling.

وَ لَا عَجَبَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ وَ قَدْ سَمِعْتُكَ تَدْعُو فِي عَقِيبِ الرَّكْعَتَيْنِ بِدُعَاءٍ لَمْ أَدْرِ مَا هُوَ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ طَوِيلٌ وَ رَأَيْتُكَ قَدْ حَرَّكَتَ شَفَتَيْكَ هَاهُنَا أَعْنِي الصَّخْنَ بِشَيْءٍ لَمْ أَدْرِ مَا هُوَ

And I am not surprised from the Command of Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic, and I have heard you^{-asws} during the follow-up of your^{-asws} two Cycles of Salat, with a supplication I do not know what it was except that it was lengthy, and I saw you^{-asws} to be moving your^{-asws} lips over there, I mean in the courtyard, with something I do not know what it was'.

فَقَالَ لِي أَمَّا الْأَوَّلُ فَدُعَاءُ الْكَرْبِ وَ الشَّدَائِدِ لَمْ أَدْعُ بِهِ عَلَى أَحَدٍ قَبْلَ يَوْمِئِذٍ جَعَلْتُهُ عَوْضاً مِنْ دُعَاءٍ كَثِيرٍ أَدْعُو بِهِ إِذَا قَضَيْتُ صَلَاتِي لِأَنِّي لَمْ أَنْتَرْكُ أَنْ أَدْعُو مَا كُنْتُ أَدْعُو بِهِ

He^{-asws} said to me: 'As for the first, it is a supplication for the distress and the adversities (Do'a Al-Karb Wa Al-Shadaaid). I^{-asws} have not supplicated with it against anyone before today. I^{-asws} made it to be instead of a lot of supplications I^{-asws} could have supplicated with when I^{-asws} had fulfilled my^{-asws} Salat, because I^{-asws} have not left supplicating what I^{-asws} had been supplicating with.

وَ أَمَّا الَّذِي حَرَّكَتَ بِهِ شَفَتِي فَهُوَ دُعَاءُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص يَوْمَ الْأَحْزَابِ ثُمَّ ذَكَرَ الدُّعَاءَ

And as for that which I^{-asws} moved my^{-asws} lips with, it was a supplication of Rasool-Allah^{-saww} on the days of (battle of) Al-Ahzaab'. Then he^{-asws} mentioned the supplication.

ثُمَّ قَالَ لَوْ لَا الْخَوْفُ مِنْ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لَدَفَعْتُ إِلَيْكَ هَذَا الْمَالَ وَ لَكِنْ قَدْ كُنْتُ طَلَبْتُ مِئَةَ أَرْضِي بِالْمَدِينَةِ وَ أَعْطَيْتَنِي بِهَا عَشْرَةَ آلَافٍ دِينَارٍ فَلَمْ أَبْعَثْكَ وَ قَدْ وَهَبْتُهَا لَكَ

Then he^{-asws} said: 'Had it not been for the fear from commander of the faithful, I^{-asws} would have handed over this wealth to you, but he had sought a request from me^{-asws} at Al-Medina, and had given me^{-asws} then thousand dinars. I^{-asws} am not lending it to you, and I^{-asws} am gifting it to you'.

قُلْتُ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ إِنَّمَا رَغِبْتَنِي فِي الدُّعَاءِ الْأَوَّلِ وَ النَّائِي فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ هَذَا فَهُوَ الْبِرُّ وَ لَا حَاجَةَ لِي الْآنَ فِي الْأَرْضِ

I said, ‘O son^{-asws} of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}! But rather, my desire is regarding the first supplication and the second. So, when you^{-asws} are doing this, it is the righteousness, and there is no need for me now regarding the wealth’.

قَالَ إِنَّا أَهْلُ بَيْتٍ لَا تَرْجِعُ فِي مَعْرُوفِنَا نَحْنُ نُنْسَخُكَ الدُّعَاءَ وَ نُسَلِّمُ إِلَيْكَ الْأَرْضَ صَبْرَ مَعِي إِلَى الْمَنْزِلِ فَصَبْرْتُ مَعَهُ كَمَا تَقَدَّمَ الْمَنْصُورُ وَ كَتَبَ لِي بِعُهُدَةٍ الْأَرْضِ وَ أَمَلَى عَلَيَّ دُعَاءَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص وَ أَمَلَى عَلَيَّ الَّذِي دَعَا هُوَ بَعْدَ الرَّكْعَتَيْنِ

He^{-asws} said: ‘We^{-asws}, People^{-asws} of the Household, do not retract from our^{-asws} acts of kindness. We^{-asws} shall copy the supplication for you and we^{-asws} shall submit the wealth to you. Come with me to the house’. I went with him^{-asws} like what Al-Mansour had sent him^{-asws}, and he^{-asws} wrote out for me with the gift of the wealth and dictated unto me the supplication of Rasool-Allah^{-saww} and dictated to me that which he^{-asws} had supplicated with after (praying) the two Cycles Salat.

قَالَ قُلْتُ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ لَقَدْ كَثُرَ اسْتِحْتَاتُ الْمَنْصُورِ وَ اسْتِعْجَالُهُ إِلَيَّ وَ أَنْتَ تَدْعُو بِهَذَا الدُّعَاءِ الطَّوِيلِ مُتَمَهِّلاً كَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تَخْشَهُ

He (the narrator) said, ‘I said, ‘O son^{-asws} of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}! The scolding by Al-Mansour has been a lot, and his hastening me, and you^{-asws} supplicated with this lengthy supplication relaxed, as if you^{-asws} did not fear him’.

قَالَ فَقَالَ لِي نَعَمْ قَدْ كُنْتُ أَدْعُو بِهِ بَعْدَ صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ بِدُعَاءٍ لَا بُدَّ مِنْهُ فَأَمَّا الرَّكْعَتَانِ فَهُمَا صَلَاةُ الْعِدَاةِ حَقَّقْتُهُمَا وَ دَعَوْتُ بِذَلِكَ الدُّعَاءِ بَعْدَهُمَا

He (the narrator) said, ‘He^{-asws} said to me: ‘Yes. I^{-asws} had supplicated with it after Salat Al-Fajr with a supplication there was not escape from it. As for the two Cycles Salat, these were the morning Salat. I^{-asws} had lightened these and supplicated with that supplication after them’.

قُلْتُ لَهُ أَمَا خِفْتُ أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ وَ قَدْ أَعَدَّ لَكَ مَا أَعَدَّ قَالَ خَيْفَةُ اللَّهِ دُونَ خَيْفَتِهِ وَ كَانَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ فِي صَدْرِي أَعْظَمَ مِنْهُ

I said to him^{-asws}, ‘Did you not fear Abu Ja’far (Al-Mansour), and he had prepared to you^{-asws} what he had prepared?’ He^{-asws} said; ‘I^{-asws} feared Allah^{-azwj} besides fearing him, and Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic was in my^{-asws} chest, greater than him’.

قَالَ الرَّبِيعُ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي مَا رَأَيْتُ مِنَ الْمَنْصُورِ وَ مِنْ غَضَبِهِ وَ خَيْفَتِهِ عَلَى جَعْفَرٍ وَ مِنَ الْجَلَالَةِ لَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ مَا لَمْ أَطُنُّهُ يَكُونُ فِي بَشَرٍ فَلَمَّا وَجَدْتُ مِنْهُ خُلُوةً وَ طَيْبَ نَفْسِي قُلْتُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَأَيْتُ مِنْكَ عَجَباً قَالَ مَا هُوَ

Al-Rabie said, ‘There was in my heart, from what I had seen from Al-Mansour, and of his anger, and his frightening upon Ja’far^{-asws}, and from the majesty to him^{-asws} during a time I did not thing I would be in glad tidings. When I found privacy from him and my soul felt good, I said, ‘O commander of the faithful! I have seen a wonder from you!’ He said, ‘And what is it?’

قُلْتُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَأَيْتُ غَضَبَكَ عَلَى جَعْفَرٍ غَضَباً لَمْ أَرَكَ غَضَبْتَهُ عَلَى أَحَدٍ قَطُّ وَ لَا عَلَى عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ لَا عَلَى غَيْرِهِ مِنْ كُلِّ النَّاسِ حَتَّى بَلَغَ بِكَ الْأَمْرُ أَنْ تَقْتُلَهُ بِالسَّيْفِ وَ حَتَّى إِنَّكَ أَخْرَجْتَ مِنْ سَيْفِكَ شِبْرًا ثُمَّ أَعْمَدْتَهُ ثُمَّ عَاتَبْتَهُ ثُمَّ أَخْرَجْتَ مِنْهُ ذِرَاعاً ثُمَّ عَاتَبْتَهُ ثُمَّ أَخْرَجْتَهُ كُلَّهُ إِلَّا شَيْئاً يَسِيراً فَلَمْ أَشْكُ فِي قَتْلِكَ لَهُ

I said, 'O commander of the faithful! I was your anger upon Ja'far^{-asws} such anger I had not seen you being angered upon anyone at all, nor upon Abdullah Bin Al-Hassan, nor upon someone else from all the people, until the matter reached with you that you would kill him^{-asws} with the sword, and until you extracted from your sword a palm's width, then sheathed it, then rebuked him, then extracted a cubit from it, then rebuked him, then you extracted all of it except something little, so I had no doubt regarding you killing him^{-asws}.

ثُمَّ انْجَلَى ذَلِكَ كُلُّهُ فَعَادَ رَضَى حَتَّى أَمَرْتَنِي فَسَوَّدْتَ لِحْيَتَهُ بِالْغَالِيَةِ الَّتِي لَا يَتَغَلَّفُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَ لَا يَغْلِفُ مِنْهَا وَلَدُكَ الْمَهْدِيُّ وَ لَا مَنْ وَ لَيْتَهُ عَهْدَكَ وَ لَا عُمُومَتَكَ وَ أَحْزَنَهُ وَ حَمَلْتَهُ وَ أَمَرْتَنِي بِتَشْيِيعِهِ مُكْرَمًا

Then all that was gone, and you returned to be pleased to the extent that you ordered me and blackened his beard with the expensive perfume which no one applies from it except you, nor does your son Al-Mahdy apply from it, one who you have chosen as governors, nor your generality, and you rewarded him^{-asws}, and carried him^{-asws} (upon your mule) and ordered me with escorting him^{-asws} honourably!

فَقَالَ وَجَحَكَ يَا رَبِيعُ لَيْسَ هُوَ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي أَنْ تُحَدِّثَ بِهِ وَ سَتْرَهُ أَوْلَى وَ لَا أُحِبُّ أَنْ يَبْلُغَ وُلْدَ فَاطِمَةَ فَيَفْتَخِرُونَ وَ يَبِيهُونَ بِذَلِكَ عَلَيْنَا حَسْبُنَا مَا نَحْنُ فِيهِ وَ لَكِنْ لَا أَكْتُمُكَ شَيْئًا أَنْظُرْ مَنْ فِي الدَّارِ فَتَحِّهْمُ

He said, 'Woe be to you, O Rabie! It isn't like what is befitting that you should be narrating with it, and concealing it is foremost, and I do not like that it should reach the sons^{-asws} of (Syeda) Fatima^{-asws}, so they^{-asws} would be priding and boasting with that upon us. It suffices us (Abbasids) what we are in. But I shall not conceal anything from you. Look who is in the house, so forbid them'.

قَالَ فَتَحَّيْتُ كُلَّ مَنْ فِي الدَّارِ ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي ارْجِعْ وَ لَا تُبَيِّ أَحَدًا فَفَعَلْتُ ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي لَيْسَ إِلَّا أَنَا وَ أَنْتَ وَ اللَّهُ لَكِنَّ سَمِعْتُ مَا أَلْفَيْتُهُ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ أَحَدٍ لَأَقْتُلَنَّكَ وَ وُلْدَكَ وَ أَهْلَكَ أَجْمَعِينَ وَ لَأَحْدُدَنَّ مَالَكَ قَالَ قُلْتُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِيدُكَ بِاللَّهِ

He (the narrator) said, 'I got everyone in the house to step back. Then he said to me, 'Return and no one should remain'. I did so. Then he said to me, 'There isn't anyone except I and you. By Allah^{-azwj}! If I were to hear from anyone what I am casting to you, I will kill you, and your children, and destroy them all, and will seize your wealth'. He (the narrator) said, 'I said, 'O commander of the faithful! I seek Refuge with Allah^{-azwj}!'

قَالَ يَا رَبِيعُ قَدْ كُنْتُ مُصِرًّا عَلَى قَتْلِ جَعْفَرٍ وَ أَنْ لَا أَسْمَعَ لَهُ قَوْلًا وَ لَا أَقْبَلَ لَهُ عُذْرًا وَ كَانَ أَمْرُهُ وَ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ لَا يَخْرُجُ بِسَيْفٍ أَغْلَظَ عِنْدِي وَ أَهَمَّ عَلَيَّ مِنْ أَمْرِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ فَقَدْ كُنْتُ أَغْلَمُ هَذَا مِنْهُ وَ مِنْ آبَائِهِ عَلَى عَهْدِ بَنِي أُمَيَّةَ

He said, 'O Rabie! I was insistent upon killing Ja'far^{-asws} and not to listen to any word for him^{-asws} nor accept any excuse for him^{-asws}, and his^{-asws} affair was from the ones which could not be extracted with a sword. It was harsh in my view and worrying upon me than the matter of Abdullah Bin Al-Hassan, for I was more knowing of this than him^{-asws}, and from his^{-asws} forefathers^{-asws} in the era of the clan of Umayya.

فَلَمَّا هَمَمْتُ بِهِ فِي الْمَرَّةِ الْأُولَى تَمَثَّلَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص فَإِذَا هُوَ خَائِلٌ بَيْنِي وَ بَيْنَهُ بَاسِطٌ كَفَيْهِ حَابِرٌ عَنِ ذِرَاعِيهِ قَدْ عَبَسَ وَ قَطَّبَ فِي وَجْهِهِ عَنْهُ

When I thought of killing him^{-asws} the first time, Rasool-Allah^{-saww} resembled to me, and there, he^{-saww} was a barrier between me and him^{-asws}, extending his^{-saww} hands, protecting by his^{-saww} forearms. He^{-saww} was frowning and scowling in my face about him^{-asws}.

ثُمَّ هَمَمْتُ بِهِ فِي الْمَرَّةِ الثَّانِيَةِ وَ انْتَضَيْتُ مِنَ السَّيْفِ أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا انْتَضَيْتُ مِنْهُ فِي الْمَرَّةِ الْأُولَى فَإِذَا أَنَا بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص قَدْ قَرَّبَ مِنِّي وَ دَنَا شَدِيداً وَ هَمَّ لِي أَنْ لَوْ فَعَلْتُ لَفَعَلْتُ فَأَمْسَكْتُ

Then I thought of killing him the second time and I drew out from the sword more than I had drawn out the first time. There I was with Rasool-Allah^{-saww} having come closer to me and was severed and thought of killing me. If I had done it, he^{-saww} would have done it. So, I withheld.

ثُمَّ تَجَاسَرْتُ وَ قُلْتُ هَذَا بَعْضُ أَعْمَالِ الرَّجِيِّ ثُمَّ انْتَضَيْتُ السَّيْفَ فِي الثَّالِثَةِ فَتَمَثَّلَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص بِاسِطٍ ذِرَاعِيهِ قَدْ تَشَمَّرَ وَ احْمَرَّ وَ عَبَسَ وَ قَطَبَ حَتَّى كَادَ أَنْ يَضَعَ يَدَهُ عَلَيَّ فَخَفْتُ وَ اللَّهُ لَوْ فَعَلْتُ لَفَعَلُ

Then I dared and said, ‘This is one of the deeds of opinion (imagination). Then I drew out the sword during the third time. Rasool-Allah^{-saww} resembled to me, spreading his^{-asws} arms, furious, reddened, and frowned and scowled until he^{-saww} had almost placed his^{-saww} hand upon me. So, I feared. By Allah^{-azwj}! If I had done it, he^{-saww} would have done it.

وَ كَانَ مِنِّي مَا رَأَيْتَ وَ هُوَ لَاءِ مِنْ بَنِي فَاطِمَةَ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ لَا يَجْهَلُ حَقَّهُمْ إِلَّا جَاهِلٌ لَا حَظَّ لَهُ فِي الشَّرِيعَةِ فَإِيَّاكَ أَنْ يَسْمَعَ هَذَا مِنْكَ أَحَدٌ

And there has happened from me what you saw, and they^{-asws} are from the sons^{-asws} of (Syeda) Fatima^{-asws}. May the Salawaat of Allah^{-azwj} be upon them^{-asws}. No one will ignore their^{-asws} rights except an ignorant one, nor would there be any share for him in the Law. So beware of this being heard from you by anyone!’

قَالَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الرَّبِيعِ فَمَا حَدَّثَنِي بِهِ أَبِي حَتَّى مَاتَ الْمَنْصُورُ وَ مَا حَدَّثْتُ أَنَا بِهِ حَتَّى مَاتَ الْمَهْدِيُّ وَ مُوسَى وَ هَارُونُ وَ قُتَيْلُ مُحَمَّدٍ.

Muhammad Bin Al-Rabie said, ‘So my father did not narrate to me with it until Al-Mansour died, and I did not narrate with it until Al-Mahdy, and Musa, and Haroun died, and Muhammad was killed’.³

³ Bihar Al Awaar – V 46, The book of History – Ja’far Al Sadiq^{asws}, Ch 6 H 40