

## Moving/Building a New House

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عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ النَّوْفَلِيِّ عَنِ السَّكُونِيِّ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ (صلى الله عليه وآله) مَنْ بَنَى مَسْكَنًا فَلْيَذْبَحْ كَبْشًا سَمِينًا وَ لِيُطْعِمَ حَمَمَهُ الْمَسَاكِينَ ثُمَّ يَقُولُ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Al Nowfaly, from Al Sakuny,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> having said: 'The Prophet<sup>saww</sup> said; 'The one who builds a dwelling, so let him slaughter a fat ram, and let him feed its meat to the poor. Then he should be saying,

اللَّهُمَّ اذْحَرْ عَنِّي مَرَدَّةَ الْجِنِّ وَ الْإِنْسِ وَ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي بُيُوتِنَا إِلَّا أُعْطِيَ مَا سَأَلَ .

'O Allah<sup>azwj</sup>! Stave off from me the castaways from the Jinn and the humans, and the devils, and Bless for us in our house', except that he would be Given whatever he asks'.<sup>1</sup>

### Moving into a New House

عنه، عن محمد بن علي، عن ابن سنان، عن حمزة بن حمران، عن رجل، قال: شكى رجل إلى أبي جعفر (ع) فقال: أخرجنا الجن يعني عمار منازلهم، قال: اجعلوا سقوف بيوتكم سبعة أذرع، واجعلوا الحمام في أكناف الدار، قال الرجل: ففعلنا ذلك، فما رأينا شيئاً نكرهه بعد ذلك.

From him, from Muhammad Bin Ali, from Ibn Sinan, from Hamza Bin Hamran, from a man who said,

'A man complained to Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup>, so he said, 'Inform us (about) the Jinn, meaning when they build of their houses'. He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Making the roofs of your house of (no more than) seven Cubits, and making the bathroom in the vicinity (outside) of the house. The man said, 'So we did that, and we did not see anything abhorrent after that'.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Al Kafi – V 6 – The Book of Foodstuffs Ch 48 H 20

<sup>2</sup> Al Mahaasin – V 2 Bk 6 H 14

عنه، عن محمد بن عيسى، عن أبي محمد الانصاري، عن أبان بن عثمان، عن أبي عبد الله (ع) قال: شكنا إليه رجل عبث أهل الارض بأهل بيته وبعياله، فقال: كم سمك بيتك؟ - فقال: عشرة أذرع، فقال: إذرع ثمانية ثم اكتب آية الكرسي فيما بين الثمانية إلى العشرة كما يدور، فان كان بيت سمكه أكثر من ثمانية أذرع فهو محتضر والجن تكون فيه تسكنه.

From him, from Muhammad Bin Isa, from Abu Muhammad Al Ansary, from Aban Bin Usman,

Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> has said: 'A man complained about the inhabitants of the earth messing around with his family and with his dependents'. So the Imam<sup>asws</sup> said: 'How much is the height of your house?' So he said, 'Ten Cubits'. So the Imam<sup>asws</sup> said: '(Measure) seven Cubits, then write The Verse of the Chair (*Ayat Al-Kursy* – 2:255) with regards to what is in between the eight up to the tenth, like a circle. So if the height of the house was more than eight Cubit, so it is urbanised, and the Jinn come to inhabit it'.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Al Mahaasin – V 2 Bk 6 H 15