

Layla-tul-Jummaḥ
Shab-e-Jummaḥ
The Night Before Friday

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Abbreviations:

saww: - Sal lal la ho Allay hay Wa Aal lay he Wasallam

azwj: - Az Za Wa Jalla

asws: - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam

AJFJ: Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak

ra: - Razi Allah^{-azwj}

La: - Laan Allah^{-azwj}

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَسَلَّمْ تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah-azwj the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah-azwj Lord-azwj of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad-saww and his-saww Purified Progeny-asws, and greetings with abundant greetings.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَغَسِّقْ فَرْجَهُمْ وَالْعَنْ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

‘Layla-tul-Jumma - Shab-e-Jumma - the Night Before Friday’

The day of Friday is the day of celebration (Eid) in the blessings, and its night (which comes before the day) is also a blessed night as prayers are heard and doors of Heaven are opened from sunset.

The Excellence of Friday and the Night Before Friday

وَعَنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ بْنِ أَبِي مُحَمَّدٍ قَالَ: قُلْتُ لِلرِّضَا ع يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ مَا تَعْمَلُ فِي الْحَدِيثِ الَّذِي يَزِيهِ النَّاسُ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص أَنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى يَنْزِلُ كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا فَقَالَ ع لَعَنَّ اللَّهُ الْمُحَرِّفِينَ الْكَلِمَ عَنْ مَوَاضِعِهِ* وَ اللَّهُ مَا قَالَ ع كَذَلِكَ - إِنَّمَا قَالَ ع إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى يُنَزِّلُ مَلَكًا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ فِي الثُّلُثِ الْأَخِيرِ وَ لَيْلَةَ الْجُمُعَةِ فِي أَوَّلِ اللَّيْلِ فَيَأْمُرُهُ فَيُنَادِي [أ] هَلْ مِنْ سَائِلٍ فَأُعْطِيهِ هَلْ مِنْ نَائِبٍ فَأَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِ هَلْ مِنْ مُسْتَغْفِرٍ فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ يَا طَالِبَ الْخَيْرِ فَأَقْبِلْ يَا طَالِبَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ فَلَا يَزَالُ يُنَادِي بِهَذَا حَتَّى يَطْلُعَ الْفَجْرُ فَإِذَا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ عَادَ إِلَى مَحَلِّهِ مِنْ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاءِ حَدَّثَنِي بِذَلِكَ أَبِي عَنْ جَدِّي عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص.

Ibrahim bin Abi Mahmood asked from Imam Ali Reza-asws: O Son of Prophet-asws! What do you-asws say about the hadith, which they quote, ‘Allah-azwj Descends on the earth from the skies on every night? Imam Ali Reza-asws said: May Allah-azwj Curse those who have modified the Words of Allah-azwj. By Allah-azwj, His Prophet-saww never said something like this. But Prophet-saww said: ‘Allah-azwj Sends an angel, from the skies, during the last 1/3 part of every night but on Shab-e-Jumma (the night before Friday) it’s from the start of the shab (night) and Allah-azwj Asks him (the angel-as) to announce, Allah-azwj will Bless those who are praying for their needs, Forgive those who are seeking forgiveness, will accept repentance of those are pleading guilty. O seeker of ‘Al-Khair’^[1] come and find refuge, O trouble maker, be warned, to abstain from it. The angel-as keeps on repeating these (statements) until the time of Al-Fajr. After the onset of Al-Fajr, the angel-as returns back to the heavens. This hadith has been like this and was narrated to me-asws by my father-asws, who heard it from my forefather-asws, who heard it like this from Prophet-saww.¹

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ عُثْمَانَ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عُدَّافٍ عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ زَيْدٍ قَالَ قَالَ لِي أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) (يَا عُمَرُ إِنَّهُ إِذَا كَانَ لَيْلَةُ الْجُمُعَةِ نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَلَائِكَةٌ بَعَدَ الدَّرِّ فِي أَيْدِيهِمْ أَقْلَامُ الدَّهَبِ وَ قَرَاتِيْسُ الْفِصَّةِ لَا تَكْتُبُونَ إِلَى لَيْلَةِ السَّبْتِ إِلَّا الصَّلَاةَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ (صلى الله عليه وآله) فَأَكْثَرُ مِنْهَا

[1] One of Mola Ali-asws’s Names.

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Ali Bin Muhammad, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Amro Bin Usman, from Muhammad Bin Uzafir, from Umar Bin Yazeed who said,

‘Abu Abdullah^{-asws} said to me: ‘O Umar! Whenever it is the night of Friday, the Angels of the number of particles descend from the sky, in their hands being pens of gold and papers of silver, not writing up to the night of Saturday except for the Blessings upon Muhammad^{-saww} and the Progeny^{-asws} of Muhammad^{-saww}, therefore frequent in it (reciting Salawat)’.

وَقَالَ يَا عُمَرُ إِنَّ مِنَ السُّنَّةِ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ جُمُعَةٍ أَلْفَ مَرَّةٍ وَ فِي سَائِرِ الْأَيَّامِ مِائَةَ مَرَّةٍ .

And he^{-asws} said: ‘O Umaro! It is from the Sunnah that you should send Blessings upon Muhammad^{-saww} and upon the People^{-asws} of his^{-saww} Household during every Friday, a thousand times; and in the rest of the days, one hundred times’.²

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحَكَمِ عَنْ أَبِي بَابٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ إِنَّ لِلْجُمُعَةِ حَقًّا وَ حُرْمَةً فَإِيَّاكَ أَنْ تُضَيِّعَ أَوْ تُقَصِّرَ فِي شَيْءٍ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ وَ التَّقَرُّبِ إِلَيْهِ بِالْعَمَلِ الصَّالِحِ وَ تَرْكِ الْمَحَارِمِ كُلِّهَا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضَاعِفُ فِيهِ الْحَسَنَاتِ وَ يَمْحُو فِيهِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَ يَرْفَعُ فِيهِ الدَّرَجَاتِ

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Abdullah Bin Muhammad, from Ali Bin Al Hakam, from Aban,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws} having said: ‘For the Friday there is a right and a sanctity, therefore beware of wasting or being deficient regarding anything from the worship of Allah^{-azwj}, and getting closer to Him^{-azwj} with the righteous deeds and neglecting the Prohibitions, all of them, for Allah^{-azwj} Multiplies the good deeds therein, and Deletes the sins during it, and Raises the Levels during it’.

قَالَ وَ ذَكَرَ أَنَّ يَوْمَهُ مِثْلُ لَيْلَتِهِ فَإِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ أَنْ تُحْيِيَهَا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَ الدُّعَاءِ فَافْعَلْ فَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَنْزِلُ فِي أَوَّلِ لَيْلَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ إِلَى سَمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا فَيُضَاعِفُ فِيهِ الْحَسَنَاتِ وَ يَمْحُو فِيهِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ كَرِيمٌ .

He (the narrator) said, ‘And he^{-asws} mentioned that its day is like its night. So, if you have the capacity that you spend (all night) in offering the *Salāt* and the supplications, then do so, as (angels) descends from your Lord^{-azwj} during the beginning of the night of Friday from the sky to the world, and He^{-azwj} Multiplies the good deeds during it and Deletes the sins during it, and that Allah^{-azwj} Kindness is Vast and Graceful’.³

² Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 66 H 13 - 416، ص: 3، الكافي (ط - الإسلامية)، ج3، ص:

³ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 66 H 6

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحَكَمِ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ إِنَّ لِلْجُمُعَةِ حَقًّا وَحُرْمَةً فَإِيَّاكَ أَنْ تُضَيِّعَ أَوْ تُقَصِّرَ فِي شَيْءٍ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ وَالتَّقَرُّبِ إِلَيْهِ بِالْعَمَلِ الصَّالِحِ وَتَرْكِ الْمَحَارِمِ كُلِّهَا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضَاعِفُ فِيهِ الْحَسَنَاتِ وَيَمْحُو فِيهِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَيَرْفَعُ فِيهِ الدَّرَجَاتِ

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أَحْمَدُ عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ عَنِ النَّضْرِ بْنِ سُؤَيْدٍ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ سِنَانٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) يَسْتَحِبُّ إِذَا دَخَلَ وَ إِذَا خَرَجَ فِي الشِّتَاءِ أَنْ يَكُونَ ذَلِكَ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ وَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) إِنَّ اللَّهَ اخْتَارَ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَيْئًا فَاخْتَارَ مِنَ الْأَيَّامِ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ .

Ahmad, from Al Husayn, from Al Nazar Bin Suweyd, from Abdullah Bin Sinan,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{asws} having said: ‘It was so that Rasool-Allah^{saww} loved to come over (back from a journey), and when he^{saww} went out (on a journey) in the winter, that is would happen to be during the night of Friday. And Abu Abdullah^{asws} said: ‘Allah^{azwj} Chose something among everything, so He^{azwj} Chose from the days, the day of Friday’.⁵

⁴ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 66 H 6

⁵ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 66 H 3

What to Recite on Shab-e-Jumma?

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ عَنْ عَثْمَانَ بْنِ عِيسَى عَنْ سَمَاعَةَ عَنْ أَبِي بَصِيرٍ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) أَفْرَأُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ بِالْجُمُعَةِ وَ سَبَّحَ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى وَ فِي الْفَجْرِ بِسُورَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ وَ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ وَ فِي الْجُمُعَةِ بِالْجُمُعَةِ وَ الْمُنَافِقِينَ .

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad and Muhammad Bin Al Husayn, from Usman Bin Isa, from Sama'at, from Abu Baseer who said,

‘Abu Abdullah-asws said: ‘Recite during the night of Friday with the (Surah) Al-Jumma (Chapter 62), and [87:1] **Glorify the name of your Lord, the Most High** (Chapter 87); and Al-Fajr (*Salāt*) with Surah Al-Jumma (Chapter 62), and [112:1] **Say He Allah is One** (Chapter 112); and during the Friday (*Salāt*), with the (Surah) Al-Jumma (Chapter 62) and Al-Munafiqeen (Chapter 63)’.⁶

الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَامِرٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مَهْزِيَارٍ عَنِ النَّضْرِ بْنِ سُؤَيْدٍ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ سِنَانٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ تَقُولُ فِي آخِرِ سَجْدَةٍ مِنَ النَّوَافِلِ بَعْدَ الْمَغْرِبِ لَيْلَةَ الْجُمُعَةِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ وَ اسْمِكَ الْعَظِيمِ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْ تَغْفِرَ لِي ذَنْبِي الْعَظِيمَ سَبْعًا .

Al Husayn Bin Muhammad, from Abdullah Bin Aamir, from Ali Bin Mahziyar, from Al Nazar Bin Suuweyd, from Abdullah Bin Sinan,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah-asws having said: ‘You should be saying during the last *Sajdah* from the optional (*Salāt*) after Al-Maghrib on the night of Friday, ‘O Allah-azwj! I ask You-azwj by Your-azwj Benevolent Face and Your-azwj Magnificent Name that You-azwj should Send Blessings upon Muhammad-saww and the Progeny-asws of Muhammad-saww, and that You-azwj should Forgive my grave sins for me’ – **seven (times)**’.⁷

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ الْأَشْعَرِيِّ عَنِ الْقَدَّاحِ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) أَكْثَرُوا مِنِ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ فِي اللَّيْلِ الْعَرَاءِ وَ الْيَوْمِ الْأَزْهَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْجُمُعَةِ وَ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَسُنِّلْ إِلَى كَمِ الْكَثِيرِ قَالَ إِلَى مِائَةٍ وَ مَا زَادَتْ فَهُوَ أَفْضَلُ .

Ali Bin Muhammad, and Muhammad Bin Al Hassan, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ja'far Bin Muhammad Al Ashary, from Al Qaddah,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah-asws having said: ‘Rasool-Allah-saww said: ‘Frequent from the (sending of) Blessings upon me-saww during the dark night and the brilliant day, on the night of Friday and the day of Friday’. So he-asws was asked, ‘Up to how

⁶ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 71 H 2

⁷ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 75 H 1

much is the ‘frequent?’ He-asws said: ‘Up to one hundred, and whatever exceeds, so it is superior’.⁸

وَ بِهَذَا الْإِسْنَادِ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مَهْزِيَارٍ عَنْ أَيُّوبَ بْنِ نُوحٍ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ أَبِي حَمْرَةَ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) مَنْ قَرَأَ الْكَهْفَ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ جُمُعَةٍ كَانَتْ كَفَّارَةً مَا بَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ إِلَى الْجُمُعَةِ .

And by this chain, from Ali Bin Mahziyar, from Ayoub Bin Nuh, from Muhammad Bin Abu Hamza who said,

‘Abu Abdullah-asws said: ‘The one who recites (Surah) Al-Kahf (Chapter 18) during every night of Friday, it would be an expiation for what is between the Friday to the (next) Friday’.

قَالَ وَ رَوَى عَنْهُ أَيْضاً فِيمَنْ قَرَأَهَا يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ وَ العَصْرِ مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ .

He (the narrator) said, ‘And it is reported by others as well regarding the one who recites in on the day of Friday after Al-Zohr and Al-Asr (*Salāt*) – similar (Rewards) to that’.⁹

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ أَبِي أَيُّوبَ عَنْ أَبِي حَمْرَةَ التَّمَالِيِّ قَالَ قَالَ رَجُلٌ لِعَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) تَرَكْتَ الْجِهَادَ وَ حُشُونَتَهُ وَ لَزِمْتَ الْحَجَّ وَ لَيْلَتَهُ قَالَ وَ كَانَ مُتَكِيماً فَجَلَسَ وَ قَالَ وَ بِحَاكٍ أَمَا بَلَعَكَ مَا قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَآلِهِ) فِي حَجَّةِ الْوَدَاعِ إِنَّهُ لَمَّا وَقَفَ بِعَرَفَةَ وَ هَمَّتِ الشَّمْسُ أَنْ تَغِيبَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) يَا بِلَالُ قُلْ لِلنَّاسِ فَلْيُنْصِتُوا فَلَمَّا نَصَتْ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ تَطَوَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ فَغَفَرَ لِمُحْسِنِكُمْ وَ شَفَعَ لِمُحْسِنِكُمْ فِي مُسَيِّئِكُمْ فَأَفِيضُوا مَغْفُوراً لَكُمْ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Abu Ayoub, from Abu Hamza Al Sumaly who said,

‘A man said to Ali-asws Bin Al-Husayn-asws, ‘You-asws neglected the Jihad and necessitated the Hajj and its softness?’ He said, ‘And he-asws was reclining, so he-asws sat up and said: ‘Woe be unto you! Has it not reached you what Rasool-Allah-saww said in the Farewell Hajj? It was when he-saww had paused at Arafat and the sun had inclined to set, Rasool-Allah-saww said: ‘O Bilal! Say to the people, so let them be silent’. So, when they were silent, Rasool-Allah-saww said: ‘Your Lord-azwj has Extended (Favours) upon you in this day, so He-azwj Forgave your good-doers, and Interceded for your good-doers regarding your evil-doers. Therefore depart (with your sins having been) Forgiven for you’.

قَالَ وَ زَادَ عَنِ التَّمَالِيِّ أَنَّهُ قَالَ إِلَّا أَهْلَ التَّبَعَاتِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدْلٌ يَأْخُذُ لِلضَّعِيفِ مِنَ الْقَوِيِّ

⁸ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 75 H 2

⁹ Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 75 H 7

He (the narrator) said, ‘And (narrators) other than Al-Sumaly have increased that, ‘He-saww said: ‘Except for the people with the liabilities, for Allah-azwj is Just. He-azwj Takes for the weak ones, from the strong ones’.

فَلَمَّا كَانَتْ لَيْلَةُ جَمْعٍ لَمْ يَزَلْ يُنَاجِي رَبَّهُ وَ يَسْأَلُهُ لِأَهْلِ النَّبِعَاتِ فَلَمَّا وَقَفَ بِجَمْعٍ قَالَ لِبِلَالٍ قُلْ لِلنَّاسِ فَلْيُنِصُّوْا فَلَمَّا نَصُّوْا قَالَ إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ تَطَوَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ فَغَفَرَ لِمُحْسِنِكُمْ وَ شَفَعَ مُحْسِنَكُمْ فِي مُسِيئِكُمْ فَأَفِيضُوا مَعْفُورًا لَكُمْ وَ ضَمِّنْ لِأَهْلِ النَّبِعَاتِ مِنْ عِنْدِهِ الرِّضَا .

So when it was the night of Friday, he-saww did not cease to whisper to his-saww Lord-azwj, and he-saww asked Him-azwj for the people with the liabilities. So when he-saww paused at Jam’a, said to Bilal: ‘Say to the people, so let them be silent!’ So when they were silent, he-saww said: ‘Your Lord-azwj has Extended (Favours) upon you in this day, so He-azwj Forgave your good-doers, and Interceded for your good-doers regarding your evil-doers. Therefore depart (with your sins having been) Forgiven for you, and He-azwj has Taken the Responsibility for the people with the liabilities of the pleasure (of their creditors) from His-azwj Presence’.¹⁰

Masomeen-asws are Joyful during the Layla-tul-Jummaah - Shab-e-Jummaah:

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ سَلَمَةَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ أَحْمَدَ الْمَنْقَرِيِّ عَنْ يُونُسَ أَوْ الْمُفَضَّلِ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ مَا مِنْ لَيْلَةٍ جُمُعَةٍ إِلَّا وَ لِأَوْلِيَاءِ اللَّهِ فِيهَا سُرُورٌ قُلْتُ كَيْفَ ذَلِكَ جُعِلْتُ فِدَاكَ قَالَ إِذَا كَانَ لَيْلَةُ الْجُمُعَةِ وَاقَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) الْعَرْشَ وَ وَاقَى الْأَيْمَةَ (عليهم السلام) وَ وَاقَيْتُ مَعَهُمْ فَمَا أَرْجِعُ إِلَّا بِعِلْمٍ مُسْتَفَادٍ وَ لَوْ لَا ذَلِكَ لَنَفَدَ مَا عِنْدِي .

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Salma Bin Al Kattab, from Abdullah Bin Muhammad, from Al Husayn Bin Ahmad Al Minqary, from Yunus, or Al Mufazzal,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah-asws having said: ‘There is none from a Friday night except that the Guardians-asws of Allah-azwj are joyful in it’. I said, ‘And how is that so, may I be sacrificed for you-asws?’ He-asws said: ‘Whenever it is a Friday night, Rasool-Allah-saww performs *Tawaf* of the Throne, and the Imams-asws perform *Tawaf* of the Throne, and I-asws perform *Tawaf* along with them-asws. So I-asws do not return except with beneficial knowledge, and had it not been for that, it would deplete what is with me-asws’.¹¹

¹⁰ Al Kafi – V 4 – The Book of Hajj Ch 28 H 24

¹¹ Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Divine Authority CH 42 H 3

أَحْمَدُ بْنُ مِهْرَانَ عَنْ عَبْدِ الْعَظِيمِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْحَسَنِيِّ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَسْبَاطٍ عَنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْحَمِيدِ عَنْ زَيْدِ الشَّحَّامِ قَالَ قَالَ لِي أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) وَ تَحْنُ فِي الطَّرِيقِ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ أَقْرَأُ فَإِنَّهَا لَيْلَةُ الْجُمُعَةِ قُرْآنًا فَقَرَأْتُ إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْفَضْلِ كَانَ مِيقَاتُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ. يَوْمٌ لَا يُغْنِي مَوْلَى عَنْ مَوْلَى شَيْئاً وَ لَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ. إِلَّا مَنْ رَجَمَ اللَّهُ فَقَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) تَحْنُ وَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي رَجَمَ اللَّهُ وَ تَحْنُ وَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي اسْتَشْتَى اللَّهُ لَكِنَّا نُنْغِي عَنْهُمْ .

Ahmad Bin Mihran, from Abdul Azeem Bin Abdullah Al Hassany, from Ali Bin Asbat, from Ibrahim Bin Abdul Hameed, from Zayd Al Shahham who said,

‘Abu Abdullah^{-asws} said to me and we were in the road during the night of Friday: ‘Recite the Quran, for it is a night of Friday’. So I recited **[44:40] Surely the Day of separation is their appointed term, of all of them [44:41] The Day on which a friend shall not avail (his) friend aught, nor shall they be helped, [44:42] Except those on whom Allah shall have Mercy**. So Abu Abdullah^{-asws} said: ‘We^{-asws}, by Allah^{-azwj}, are those on whom Allah^{-azwj} has Mercy, and we, by Allah^{-azwj}, are those whom Allah^{-azwj} has Made to be exception, in order for us^{-asws} to make them (Shias) needless from them (rest of the people)’.¹²

Days of the Week:

وسأله عن الايام وما يجوز فيها من العمل فقال أمير المؤمنين: يوم السبت يوم مكر وخديعة ويوم الاحد يوم غرس وبناء ويوم الاثنين يوم سفر وطلب، ويوم الثلاثاء يوم حرب ودم، ويوم الاربعاء يوم شؤم فيه يتطير الناس ويوم الخميس يوم الدخول على الامراء وقضاء الحوائج ويوم الجمعة يوم خطبة ونكاح

And he asked him^{-asws} about the days and what is allowed during these from the works. Amir Al-Momineen^{-asws} said: ‘The day of Saturday is a day of plots and deceit, and the Sunday is a day of planting and building, and the day of Monday is a day of travelling and seeking, and the day of Tuesday is a day of war and blood, and the day of Wednesday is a day of inauspiciousness the people flee during it, and the day of Thursday is day of the entering to see the person and fulfilling his needs, and the day of Friday is a day of proposing and marriage’.¹³

الْخِصَالُ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ مُوسَى بْنِ الْمُتَوَكِّلِ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ أَحْمَدَ الْمُؤَصِّلِيِّ عَنِ الصَّغْرِ بْنِ أَبِي دُلْفَةَ الْكَرْخِيِّ قَالَ: لَمَّا حَمَلَ الْمُتَوَكِّلُ سَيِّدَنَا أَبَا الْحَسَنِ الْعَسْكَرِيِّ عِ جِئْتُ أَسْأَلُ عَنْ حَبْرِهِ

(The book) ‘Al Khisaal’ – From Muhammad Bin Musa Bin Al-Mutawakkil, from Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Abdullah Bin Ahmad Al Mawsily, from Al Saqr Bin Abu Dulaf Al Karkhy who said,

¹² Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Divine Authority CH 108 H 56

¹³ Bihar Al Anwaar – V 10, The book of Argumentation, S 3 Ch 5 H 1

‘When Al-Mutawakkil had our Master-asws Abu Al-Hassan Al-Askari-asws brought over, I came to ask about his-asws news’.

قَالَ فَنظَرَ إِلَيَّ الرَّافِعِيُّ وَكَانَ حَاجِبًا لِلْمُتَوَكِّلِ فَأَمَرَ أَنْ أُدْخَلَ إِلَيْهِ فَأَدْخَلْتُ إِلَيْهِ فَقَالَ يَا صَفْرُ مَا شَأْنُكَ فَقُلْتُ خَيْرٌ أَيُّهَا الْأُسْتَاذُ
فَقَالَ اقْعُدْ فَأَخَذَنِي مَا تَقَدَّمَ وَ مَا تَأَخَّرَ وَ قُلْتُ أَخْطَأْتُ فِي الْمَجِيءِ

He (the narrator) said, ‘The blue-eyed one looked at me, and he was a guard for Al-Mutawakkil. He ordered that I could enter to see him. So, I entered to see him. He said, ‘So Saqr! What is your concern?’ I said, ‘New, O teacher!’ He said, ‘Be seated’. He seized me with whatever had preceded and whatever was delayed, and I said (to myself), ‘I have erred in my coming over’.

قَالَ فَوَحَى النَّاسَ عَنْهُ ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي مَا شَأْنُكَ وَ فِيهِمْ جِئْتُ فَقُلْتُ لِحَبْرٍ مَّا فَقَالَ لَعَلَّكَ تَسْأَلُ عَنْ خَبْرِ مَوْلَاكَ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ وَ مَنْ مَوْلَايَ
مَوْلَايَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

He (the narrator) said, ‘The people lightened from him. Then he said to me, ‘What is your concern? And what have you come for?’ I said, ‘For news’. He said, ‘Perhaps you are asking about the news of your Master-asws!’ I said to him, ‘And who is my Master-asws? My master is commander of the faithful (Al-Mutawakkil)!’

فَقَالَ اسْكُتْ مَوْلَاكَ مَوْلَاكَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ فَلَا تَحْتَشِمْنِي فَإِنِّي عَلَى مَذْهَبِكَ فَقُلْتُ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ قَالَ أَعْجَبُ أَنْ تَرَاهُ قُلْتُ نَعَمْ قَالَ اجْلِسْ
حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ صَاحِبُ الْبَرِيدِ مِنْ عِنْدِهِ

He said, ‘Be quiet! Your Master-asws, your Master-asws is the truth, so do not be modest with me, for I am upon your doctrine!’ I said, ‘The Praise is for Allah-azwj!’ He said, ‘Would you like to see him-asws?’ I said, ‘Yes’. He said, ‘Be seated until the postman comes out from his-asws presence’.

قَالَ فَجَلَسْتُ فَلَمَّا خَرَجَ قَالَ لِغُلَامٍ لَهُ حُدُ بِيَدِ الصَّفْرِ وَ أَدْخِلْهُ إِلَى الْحُجْرَةِ الَّتِي فِيهَا الْعَلَوِيُّ الْمَحْبُوسُ وَ خَلِّ بَيْنَهُ وَ بَيْنَهُ

He (the narrator) said, ‘I sat down. When he came out, he said to a slave of his, ‘Hold a hand of Al Saqr and enter him to the chamber which the Alawite is in, the prisoner, and vacate between him and him-asws’.

قَالَ فَأَدْخَلَنِي إِلَى الْحُجْرَةِ وَ أَوْمَأَ إِلَيَّ بِبَيْتٍ فَدَخَلْتُ فَإِذَا هُوَ عَاجِلٌ عَلَى صَدْرٍ حَصِيرٍ وَ بِجِدَائِهِ قَبْرٌ مَحْفُورٌ

He (the narrator) said, ‘He entered me into his-asws chamber and gestured towards a room. I entered and there he-asws was, seated in the middle of a straw mat and there was a pre-dug grave in front of him-asws’.

قَالَ فَسَلَّمْتُ عَلَيْهِ فَرَدَّ عَلَيَّ ثُمَّ أَمَرَنِي بِالْجُلُوسِ ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي يَا صَفْرُ مَا أَتَى بِكَ قُلْتُ سَيِّدِي جِئْتُ أَتَعْرِفُ حَبْرَكَ

He (the narrator) said, ‘I greeted unto him-asws. He-asws responded to me, then instructed me with being seated. Then he-asws said to me: ‘O Saqr! What have you come for?’ I said, ‘My Master-asws! I have come to know your-asws news’.

قَالَ ثُمَّ نَظَرْتُ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ فَبَكَيْتُ فَنَظَرَ إِلَيَّ فَقَالَ يَا صَفْرُ لَا عَلَيْكَ لَنْ يَصِلُوا إِلَيْنَا بِسُوءِ الْآنَ فَقُلْتُ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

He (the narrator) said, ‘Then I looked at the (pre-dug) grave, so I cried. He-asws looked at me. He-asws said: ‘O Saqr! It (crying) is not upon you. They will never come to us-asws with evil now!’ I said, ‘The Praise is for Allah-azwj!’

ثُمَّ قُلْتُ يَا سَيِّدِي حَدِيثُ يُرْوَى عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ص لَا أَعْرِفُ مَعْنَاهُ قَالَ وَ مَا هُوَ فَقُلْتُ قَوْلُهُ لَا تُعَادُوا الْأَيَّامَ فَتُعَادِيكُمْ مَا مَعْنَاهُ

Then I said, ‘O my Master-asws! There is a Hadeeth being reported from the Prophet-saww, I do not understand it’s meaning’. He-asws said: ‘And what is it?’ I said, ‘His-saww words: ‘Do not be inimical to the days, for they will be inimical to you’. So what is it’s meaning?’

فَقَالَ نَعَمْ الْأَيَّامُ نَحْنُ مَا قَامَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَ الْأَرْضُ فَالسَّبْتُ اسْمُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص وَ الْأَحَدُ كِنَايَةٌ عَنِ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ع وَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ الْحَسَنِ وَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ الثَّلَاثَاءُ عَلِيُّ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ وَ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ

He-asws said: ‘Yes. We-asws are the days, for as long as the skies and the earth stand! The Saturday (Al-Sabt) is a name of Rasool-Allah-saww, and the Sunday (Al-Ahad) is a metaphor about Amir Al-Momineen-asws, and the Monday (Isnayn) are Al-Hassan-asws and Al-Husayn-asws, and the Tuesday (Al-Salasa) are Ali-asws Bin Al-Husayn-asws, and Muhammad-asws Bin Ali-asws, and Ja’far-asws Bin Muhammad-asws.

وَ الْأَرْبَعَاءُ مُوسَى بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ وَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُوسَى وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ وَ أَنَا وَ الْحَمِيسُ ابْنِي الْحَسَنِ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ وَ الْجُمُعَةُ ابْنُ ابْنِي وَ إِلَيْهِ يَجْتَمِعُ عَصَابَةُ الْحَقِّ وَ هُوَ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُهَا قِسْطاً وَ عَدْلاً كَمَا مَلِكْتُ ظُلْماً وَ جَوْراً

And the Wednesday (Al-Arbi’a) are Musa-asws Bin Ja’far-asws, and Ali-asws Bin Musa-asws, and Muhammad-asws Bin Ali-asws, and I-asws, and the Thursday (Al-Khamis) is my-asws son Al-Hassan-asws Bin Ali-asws, and the Friday (Al-Jumma) is the son-asws of my-asws son-ajfi, and to him-ajfi the parties of the truth shall gather, and he-ajfi is the one who will fill it (earth) will fairness and justice just as it would have been filled with injustice and tyranny.

فَهَذَا مَعْنَى الْأَيَّامِ فَلَا تُعَادُوهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا فَيُعَادُوكُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ ثُمَّ قَالَ ع وَدَّعَ وَ اخْرُجَ فَلَا آمَنُ عَلَيْكَ.

So this is the meaning of the day, so do not be inimical to them-asws in the world, for they will be inimical to you in the Hereafter!’ Then he-asws said: ‘Bid farewell and go out, for there is no safety upon you’.¹⁴

فَقَالَ إِنَّهُ لَا يَلْبَثُ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ يَوْمَيْنِ حَتَّى يَسْفِكَ اللَّهُ دَمَهُ وَ دَمَ صَاحِبِهِ الَّذِي رَأَيْتَهُ

He-asws said: ‘He (Al-Mutawakkil) will not be waiting for more than two days until Allah-azwj Sheds his blood and the blood of his companion whom you had seen’.

قَالَ فَوَ اللَّهُ مَا مَضَى غَيْرُ يَوْمَيْنِ حَتَّى قُتِلَ فَقُلْتُ لِأَبِي الْحَسَنِ ع حَدِيثَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص لَا تُعَادُوا الْأَيَّامَ فَتُعَادِيَكُمْ

He (the narrator) said, ‘By Allah-azwj! Not more than two days passed by until he was killed. I said to Abu Al-Hassan-asws, ‘There is a Hadeeth of Rasool-Allah-saww: ‘Do not be inimical to the days, for they would be inimical to you all!’”

قَالَ نَعَمْ إِنَّ لِحَدِيثِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص تَأْوِيلًا أَمَّا السَّبْتُ فَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص وَ الْأَحَدُ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ع وَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ الْحَسَنُ وَ الْحُسَيْنُ ع وَ الثَّلَاثَاءُ عَلِيُّ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ وَ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ

He-asws said: ‘Yes, there is an interpretation for the Hadeeth of Rasool-Allah-saww. As for the Saturday, it is Rasool-Allah-saww, and the Sunday (Ahad – one) is Amir Al Momineen-asws, and the Monday (Isnayn – two) are Al-Hassan-asws and Al-Husayn-asws, and the Tuesday (Al-Salasa – three) are Ali-asws Bin Al-Husayn-asws, and Muhammad-asws Bin Ali-asws, and Ja’far-asws Bin Muhammad-asws.

وَ الْأَرْبَعَاءُ مُوسَى بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ وَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُوسَى وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ وَ أَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ الْحَمِيسُ ابْنِي الْحَسَنُ وَ الْجُمُعَةُ الْقَائِمُ مِنَّا أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ.

And the Wednesday (Al-Arba’a – four) are Musa-asws Bin Ja’far-asws, and Ali-asws Bin Musa-asws, and Muhammad-asws Bin Ali-asws, and I-asws Ali-asws Bin Muhammad-asws. And the Thursday is my-asws son-asws Al-Hassan-asws. And the Friday is Al-Qaim-asws from us-asws, People-asws of the Household’.¹⁵

¹⁴ Bihar Al Anwaar – V 55 The book of creation - Ch 15 H 3

¹⁵ Bihar Al Anwaar – V 50, The book of History – Ali-asws Bin Muhammad-asws, Ch 4 H 8