

Ahadith on Eclipse

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ مَجْبُوبٍ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ سِنَانٍ عَنْ مَعْرُوفِ بْنِ خَرْبُودٍ عَنِ الْحَكَمِ بْنِ الْمُسْتَوْرِدِ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) قَالَ إِنَّ مِنْ الْأَقْوَاتِ الَّتِي قَدَّرَهَا اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ مِمَّا يَخْتَاخُونَ إِلَيْهِ الْبَحْرَ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Mahboub, from Abdullah Bin Sinan, from Ma'rouf Bin Kharabouz, from Al-Hakam Bin Mustawrid, who has said:

Ali Bin Al-Husayn^{asws} said: 'From among the sustenance are those which Allah^{azwj} has Measured out for the people from what their needs are to Him^{azwj}. The sea (atmosphere) is the one which Allah^{azwj} Mighty and Majestic has Created to be between the sky and the earth'.

قَالَ وَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدَّ قَدَّرَ فِيهَا بَحَارِي الشَّمْسِ وَالْقَمَرِ وَالنُّجُومِ وَالْكَوَاكِبِ وَ قَدَّرَ ذَلِكَ كُلَّهُ عَلَى الْفَلَكَ ثُمَّ وَكَّلَ بِالْفَلَكَ مَلَكَ وَمَعَهُ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ فَهُمْ يُدِيرُونَ الْفَلَكَ فَإِذَا أَدَارُوهُ دَارَتِ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنُّجُومُ وَالْكَوَاكِبُ مَعَهُ فَتَنَزَّلَتْ فِي مَنَازِلِهَا الَّتِي قَدَّرَهَا اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فِيهَا لِيَوْمِهَا وَ لَيْلَتِهَا

He^{asws} said: 'And Allah^{azwj} has Determined in these the flow of the sun and the moon, and the stars, and the planets, and has Determined all of that upon the orbit. Then for every orbit is an Angel with whom there are seventy thousand Angels. So they turn the circle of the orbit. So it is upon their turning that the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the planets turn along with them. So they descend in their station which Allah^{azwj} Mighty and Majestic has Determined for them. Therein are their days and their nights.

فَإِذَا كَثُرَتْ ذُنُوبُ الْعِبَادِ وَ أَرَادَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى أَنْ يَسْتَعْتِبَهُمْ بِآيَةٍ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَمَرَ الْمَلَكَ الْمُوَكَّلَ بِالْفَلَكَ أَنْ يُرِيَلَ الْفَلَكَ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ بَحَارِي الشَّمْسِ وَالْقَمَرِ وَالنُّجُومِ وَالْكَوَاكِبِ فَيَأْمُرُ الْمَلَكُ أَوْلِيَاكَ السَّبْعِينَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ أَنْ يُرِيَلُوهُ عَنْ بَحَارِيهِ

So when the sins of the servants become numerous and Allah^{azwj} Blessed and High Intends to Reproach them with a Sign from His^{azwj} Signs, He^{azwj} Orders the Angel in charge of the orbit to remove the orbit upon which the sun and the moon, and the stars, and the planets flow upon. So that Angel orders the seventy thousand Angels (which are under him) to remove these from their flows'.

قَالَ فَيُرِيَلُونَهُ فَتَصْبِرُ الشَّمْسُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَحْرِ الَّذِي يَجْرِي فِي الْفَلَكَ قَالَ فَيَطْمَسُ ضَوْوُهَا وَ يَتَغَيَّرُ لَوْنُهَا فَإِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ أَنْ يُعْظَمَ الْآيَةَ طَمَسَتِ الشَّمْسُ فِي الْبَحْرِ عَلَى مَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَوِّفَ خَلْقَهُ بِالْآيَةِ قَالَ وَ ذَلِكَ عِنْدَ انْكَسَافِ الشَّمْسِ

He^{asws} said: 'So they remove it and the sun becomes in that sea (atmosphere) in which flows in the orbit'. He^{asws} said: 'So its light gets obliterated and its colour changes. So if Allah^{azwj} Mighty and Majestic Intends to maximise the Sign, He^{azwj}

Obliterates the sun in the sea (atmosphere) upon what Allah^{azwj} Loves that His^{azwj} creatures should fear His^{azwj} Signs'. He^{asws} said: 'And that is during the eclipse of the sun'.

قَالَ وَكَذَلِكَ يَفْعَلُ بِالْقَمَرِ قَالَ فَإِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُجَلِّبَهَا أَوْ يُرُدَّهَا إِلَى بَحْرَاهَا أَمَرَ الْمَلَكَ الْمُؤَكَّلَ بِالْقَمَرِ أَنْ يُرُدَّ الْقَمَرَ إِلَى بَحْرَاهُ فَيُرُدُّ الْقَمَرَ فَتَرْجِعُ الشَّمْسُ إِلَى بَحْرَاهَا قَالَ فَتَخْرُجُ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَ هِيَ كَدِرَةٌ قَالَ وَ الْقَمَرُ مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ

He^{asws} said: 'And that is similar to what He^{azwj} Does with the moon'. He^{asws} said: 'So if Allah^{azwj} Intends to End it or Return it back to normal, He^{azwj} Orders the Angel in charge of the orbit that he should return the orbit back to its normality. So he returns the orbit and the sun goes back to its normality'. He^{asws} said: 'So he takes it out from the water (fluid) and it is brownish (dim)'. He^{asws} said: 'And the (matter of) the moon is similar to that'.

قَالَ ثُمَّ قَالَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) أَمَا إِنَّهُ لَا يَفَزَعُ هُمَا وَ لَا يَرْهَبُ بَهَاتَيْنِ الْآيَتَيْنِ إِلَّا مَنْ كَانَ مِنْ شِيعَتِنَا فَإِذَا كَانَ كَذَلِكَ فَافْرَعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ ثُمَّ ارْجِعُوا إِلَيْهِ .

He (the narrator) said, 'Then Ali^{asws} Bin Al-Husayn^{asws} said: 'But rather, no one is scared of these two nor is anyone intimidated by these two Signs except the one who was from our^{asws} Shiites. So if (these Signs) have happened, so be scared to Allah^{azwj} Mighty and Majestic, then return (Repent) to Him^{azwj}'. (Al-Kafi, Vol. 8, H. 14489)

Salat for Eclipses

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ عُثْمَانَ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا الْحَسَنِ مُوسَى (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) يَقُولُ إِنَّهُ لَمَّا فُيْضَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ بْنُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) جَزَتْ فِيهِ ثَلَاثُ سُنَنِ أَمَّا وَاحِدَةٌ فَإِنَّهُ لَمَّا مَاتَ انْكَسَفَتِ الشَّمْسُ فَقَالَ النَّاسُ انْكَسَفَتِ الشَّمْسُ لِقَدِ ابْنِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) فَصَعِدَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) الْمِنْبَرَ فَحَمِدَ اللَّهَ وَ أَثْنَى عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ قَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ الشَّمْسَ وَ الْقَمَرَ آيَاتَانِ مِنَ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ تَجْرِيَانِ بِأَمْرِهِ مُطِيعَانِ لَهُ لَا تَنْكَسِفَانِ لِمَوْتِ أَحَدٍ وَ لَا لِحَيَاتِهِ فَإِذَا انْكَسَفَتَا أَوْ وَاحِدَةٌ مِنْهُمَا فَصَلُّوا ثُمَّ نَزَلَ فَصَلَّى بِالنَّاسِ صَلَاةَ الْكُسُوفِ .

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from 'Amr ibn 'Uthman from Ali ibn 'Abd Allah who has said the following:

'I heard Abu al-Hassan Musa^{asws} saying, 'When Ibrahim son of the Messenger of Allah^{saww} passed away three traditions were established. One tradition is that on that day a sun eclipse took place and people said that it is because of the death of the son of the Messenger of Allah^{saww}. The Messenger of Allah went on the pulpit, praised Allah and glorified Him, then said: "O people, the Sun and the Moon are two signs of the signs of Allah which move because of His^{azwj}

Command and in obedience to Him^{azwj}. Their eclipse is not because of the death or life of anyone. If one or both of them eclipse perform Salat for eclipse." He^{saww} climbed down the pulpit and performed Salat because of eclipse with the people.'

عَلِيٌّ عَنْ أَبِيهِ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ عَنِ الْفَضْلِ بْنِ شَادَانَ جَمِيعاً عَنْ حَمَّادِ بْنِ عَيْسَى عَنْ حَرِيزِ بْنِ زُرَّارَةَ وَ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ قَالَا سَأَلْنَا أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) عَنْ صَلَاةِ الْكُسُوفِ كَمْ هِيَ رُكْعَةٌ وَ كَيْفَ نُصَلِّيهَا فَقَالَ عَشْرُ رُكْعَاتٍ وَ أَرْبَعُ سَجَدَاتٍ تَفْتَتِحُ الصَّلَاةَ بِتَكْبِيرَةٍ وَ تَرْكَعُ بِتَكْبِيرَةٍ وَ تَرْفَعُ رَأْسَكَ بِتَكْبِيرَةٍ إِلَّا فِي الْخَامِسَةِ الَّتِي تَسْجُدُ فِيهَا وَ تَقُولُ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ وَ تَقْنُتُ فِي كُلِّ رُكْعَتَيْنِ قَبْلَ الرَّكُوعِ وَ تُطِيلُ الْقُنُوتَ وَ الرَّكُوعَ عَلَى قَدْرِ الْقِرَاءَةِ وَ الرَّكُوعَ وَ السُّجُودَ فَإِنْ فَرَعْتَ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَنْجَلِيَ فَأَقْعُدْ وَ ادْعُ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ حَتَّى يَنْجَلِيَ وَ إِنْ اجْتَلَى قَبْلَ أَنْ تَفْرُغَ مِنْ صَلَاتِكَ فَأَتِمَّ مَا بَقِيَ وَ نَجْهَرْ بِالْقِرَاءَةِ قَالَ فُلْتُ كَيْفَ الْقِرَاءَةُ فِيهَا فَقَالَ إِنْ قَرَأْتَ سُورَةً فِي كُلِّ رُكْعَةٍ فَأَقْرَأْ فَاتِحَةَ الْكِتَابِ وَ إِنْ نَقَصْتَ مِنَ السُّورَةِ شَيْئاً فَأَقْرَأْ مِنْ حَيْثُ نَقَصْتَ وَ لَا تَقْرَأْ فَاتِحَةَ الْكِتَابِ قَالَ وَ كَانَ يَسْتَحِبُّ أَنْ يَقْرَأَ فِيهَا بِالْكَهْفِ وَ الْحِجْرِ إِلَّا أَنْ يَكُونَ إِمَاماً يَشُقُّ عَلَى مَنْ خَلْفَهُ وَ إِنْ اسْتَطَاعَتْ أَنْ تَكُونَ صَلَاتُكَ بَارِزاً لَا يَجُنُّكَ نَيْتٌ فَافْعَلْ وَ صَلَاةُ كُسُوفِ الشَّمْسِ أَطْوَلُ مِنْ صَلَاةِ كُسُوفِ الْقَمَرِ وَ هُمَا سَوَاءٌ فِي الْقِرَاءَةِ وَ الرَّكُوعِ وَ السُّجُودِ .

Ali has narrated from his father and Mohammed ibn 'Isma'il from al-Fadl ibn Shadhan all from Hammad ibn 'Isa from Hariz from Zurarah from Mohammed ibn Muslim who has said the following:

'We once asked Abu Ja'far^{asws} about Salat because of eclipse. How many Rak'at has it and how we perform it? The Imam^{asws} said: 'It has ten Ruku' and four Sajadat. Salat commences with Takbir, Ruku' is performed with Takbir and you raise your head with Takbir, except the fifth Takbir, after which you perform Sajdah and say Allah^{azwj} Hears those who praise Him^{azwj}. Say Qunut in every two Rak'at before Ruku' and prolong Qunut and Ruku' equal to the time for recitation, Ruku' and Sajdah. If you finish before it (sun or moon) is cleared, sit down and pray before Allah^{azwj} until it is cleared. 'If it clears before you finish Salat, complete the remaining. Make the recitation loud.' I then asked, 'How is recitation in this Salat?' The Imam^{asws} said: 'If you recite Surah (a chapter) in every Rak'at, recite al-Fatihah al-Kitab, but if you reduce from Surah something, then recite from where you left and do not recite al-Fatihah al-Kitab.' The Imam^{asws} said: 'It is desirable to recite al-Kahf (Chapter 18) and al-Hijr (Chapter 15), unless one is the Imam and is afraid of causing difficulties for people behind him. Your Salat should be in the open, without being covered by a house, if you can do so. Salat because of Sun eclipse should be given more time than that because of Moon eclipse, but Salat because of both is equal in Ruku' and Sajdah.'

Summary of reciting Salat ('It has ten (10) Ruku' and four (4) Sajjud:

1. Niyat (intention) is for performing 2 'Rakaat' (cycles) of Salat-e-Ayaat wajib (ada or qaza) QURBATAN IL-Allah"
2. Say Takbeeratul Ahraam (ALLAHO AKBAR)
3. Recite Sura-e-Fatiha one time.
4. Recite any other sura e.g., Sura-e-Ikhlal
5. Say "ALLAHO AKBAR" and perform Rukoo and recite what normally is recited in Rukoo "SUBHANA RABBI AL AALA WABE HAMDEHI"
6. Say "ALLAHO AKBAR" and stand up.
7. Repeat steps 3 through 6 - 4 more times to complete 5 Rukoos and then stand up saying "SAMI Allah HOLEMAN HAMEDA"
8. Perform two (2) Sajjud and stand up again.
9. Repeat the second Rakat in exactly the same manner as in steps 3 to 8.
10. After the two (2) Sajjud of the 2nd Rakat, perform tashhud and salam to complete the prayer.

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ جَمِيلِ بْنِ دَرَّاجٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ قَالَ وَقْتُ صَلَاةِ الْكُسُوفِ فِي السَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَنْكَسِفُ عِنْدَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَ عِنْدَ غُرُوبِهَا قَالَ وَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) هِيَ فَرِيضَةٌ .

Mohammed ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Mohammed from ibn abu 'Umayr from Jamil ibn Darraj who has said the following:

'I once asked abu' Abdullah^{asws} about the time of Salat because of eclipse at Sunrise and Sunset if it can be performed at such time. Abu' Abdullah^{asws} said: 'It is obligatory.'

عَنْهُ عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنِ حَمَّادٍ عَنْ حَرِيزٍ عَنْ زُرَّارَةَ وَ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ إِذَا انْكَسَفَتِ الشَّمْسُ كُلُّهَا وَ اخْتَرَفَتْ وَ لَمْ تَعْلَمْ ثُمَّ عَلِمْتَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَعَلَيْكَ الْقَضَاءُ وَ إِنْ لَمْ يَخْتَرَفْ كُلُّهَا فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ قَضَاءٌ . وَ فِي رِوَايَةٍ أُخْرَى إِذَا عَلِمَ بِالْكَسُوفِ وَ نَسِيَ أَنْ يُصَلِّيَ فَعَلَيْهِ الْقَضَاءُ وَ إِنْ لَمْ يَعْلَمْ بِهِ فَلَا قَضَاءَ عَلَيْهِ هَذَا إِذَا لَمْ يَخْتَرَفْ كُلُّهُ .

It is narrated from him (narrator of previous Hadith) Ahmad ibn Mohammed from Hammad from Hariz from Zurarah and Mohammed ibn Muslim who has said the following:

'Abu 'Abdullah^{asws} has said: 'When a total Sun eclipse takes place but you do not notice it and come to know about it later, you must perform Qaza' (compensatory prayer for) Salat (for eclipse), but if it is not a total eclipse, you are not required to perform anything.'

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ عِمْرَانَ بْنِ مُوسَى عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْحَمِيدِ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْفَضْلِ الْوَاسِطِيِّ قَالَ كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْهِ إِذَا انْكَسَفَتِ الشَّمْسُ أَوْ الْقَمَرُ وَأَنَا رَاكِبٌ لَا أَقْدِرُ عَلَى التَّنُزُولِ قَالَ فَكَتَبْتُ إِلَيَّ صَلَّى عَلَى مَرْكَبِكَ الَّذِي أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِ .

Mohammed ibn Yahya has narrated from 'Imran ibn Musa from Mohammed ibn 'Abd al-Majid from Ali ibn al-Fadl al-Wasitiy who has said the following:

'I once wrote to the Imam^{asws} asking, 'If a Sun or Moon eclipse takes place and I am riding and unable to dismount what must I do? The Imam^{asws} wrote to me: 'Perform Salat on your stumper which you ride.' (Ahadith from Al-Kafi, Vol. 3)