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# CHAPTER 67 **AL-MULK** (30 VERSES)

# بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

# **MERITS**

ابن بابويه: بإسناده، عن أبي بصير، عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام)، قال: «من قرأ تبارك الذي بيده الملك في المكتوبة قبل أن ينام، لم يزل في أمان الله حتى يصبح، و في أمانه يوم القيامة حتى يدخل الجنة».

Ibn Babuwayh, by his chain, from Abu Baseer,

'Abu Abdullah asws has said: 'The one who recites: Blessed is the One in Whose Hand is the Kingdom [67:1] (Surah Al-Mulk) in the Prescribed (Salats) before he sleeps, he would never cease to be in the Protection of Allahazwi until the morning, and be in His<sup>azwj</sup> Protection on the Day of Judgement until he enters the Paradise'.

فِي مَحْمَع الْبَيَانِ أُبَيُّ بْنُ كَعْبِ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ قَالَ: وَ مَنْ قَرَأَ الْم تَنْزِيلُ وَ تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا لَيْلَةَ

In Majma Al Bayan – Abay Bin Ka'ab (reporting),

'From the Prophet having said: 'And one who recites: Alif Lam Meem [32:1] (The) Revelation [32:2] (Surah Sajdah), and: Blessed is the One in Whose Hand is the Kingdom [67:1] (Surah Al-Mulk), so it is as if he has stayed awake during the 2. "(لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ) Night of Pre-determination

وَ رَوَى لَيْثُ بْنُ أَبِي الزُّبَيْرِ عَنْ جَابِرِ قَالَ: كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ لَا يَنَامَ حَتَّى يَقْرَأُ الْم تَنْزيلُ وَ تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيدِهِ الْمُلْكُ.

And it is reported by Lays Bin Abu Al Zubayr, from Jabir who said,

'It was such that Rasool-Allah would not sleep until he had recited: Alif Lam Meem [32:1] (The) Revelation [32:2] (Surah Sajdah), and: Blessed is the One in Whose Hand is the Kingdom [67:1] (Surah Al-Mulk)'.

<sup>(</sup>ثواب الأعمال: 119.)

H 3 - تفسير نور التقاين، ج4، ص: 222

H 4 – تفسير نور الثقلين، ج4، ص: 222 <sup>3</sup>

محمد بن يعقوب: عن عدة من أصحابنا، عن سهل بن زياد، و محمد بن يحيى، عن أحمد بن محمد بن عيسى جميعا، عن ابن محمد بن يعقوب، عن جميل، عن سدير، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، قال: «سورة الملك هي المانعة، تمنع من عذاب القبر، و هي مكتوبة في التوراة

Muhammad Bin Yaqoub, from a number of our companions, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, and Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad bin Isa altogether, from Ibn Mahboub, from Jameel, from Sudeyr, who has narrated the following:

'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> has said: 'Surah Al-Mulk, it is the Preventer. It Prevents from the Punishment of the grave. And Surah Al-Mulk, it is Written in the Torah.

And one who recites it during his night, so he has done much, and acceptable, and would not be Written as being from the heedless ones.

And I<sup>asws</sup> was performing *Ruku* with it after the Al-Isha (Salat) the last, and I<sup>asws</sup> was seated, and that my<sup>asws</sup> father<sup>asws</sup> used to recite it during his<sup>asws</sup> day and his<sup>asws</sup> night.

And the one who recites it, when there enter upon him Naakir and Nakeer (two questioning Angels in the grave) from the side of his feet, his feet would say to the two of them, 'There is no way for the two of you towards me, for this is the servant who used to stand upon me, so he recited Surah Al-Mulk every day and night.

So if they come to him from his middle side, it would say to the two of them, 'There is no way for the two of you towards me, for this is the servant sheltered Surah Al-Mulk inside me, every day and night.

And if they come to him from the side of his tongue, it would say to the two of them, 'There is no way for the two of you towards me, for this servant used to recite Surah Al-Mulk by me every day and night'.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>(</sup>الكافي 2: 463/ 26.)

And from Khawas Al-Quran -

It has been reported from the Prophet<sup>saww</sup> having said: 'The one who recites this Surah (Al-Mulk), it would be a Rescuer from the Punishment of the grave, and he would be Given the Recompense as if he stayed awake during the Night of Predetermination (ليلة القدر).

And one who memorises it, it would be his companion in the grave, repelling from him every Punishment which descends upon him in his grave, and it would Guard him up to the Day of his Resurrection, and intercede for him in the Presence of its Lord azwi, and be nearby him until he enters the Paradise safely from its Horrors, and loneliness in his grave'.5

And the Rasool-Allah saww said: 'One who memorises it, it would be a companion for him in his grave, and intercede for him in the Presence of Allahazwi on the Day of Judgement until he enters the Paradise safely.

And one who recites it, and gifts it to his brothers, it would rush to them like a streak of lightning, and Protect them from whatever they are in, and be a companion for them in their graves'.6

And Al-Sadiq<sup>asws</sup> said; 'The one who recites it (Surah Al-Mulk) upon a dead body, Allahazwi would Protect him from whatever he is in.

And if it is recited and gifted to the dead, it would rush to them like the streak of lightning, by the Permission of Allahazwi, 7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> (خواص القرآن) <sup>6</sup> Tafseer Al Burhan – H 10906

<sup>(</sup>خواص القر آن: 11 «مخطوط») <sup>7</sup>

# VERSE 1

# تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ {1}

Blessed is the One in Whose Hand is the Kingdom, and He is Able upon all things [67:1]

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Isa, from Al Husayn Bin Saeed, from Al Qasim Bin Muhammad, from Ali Bin Abu Hamza, from Abu Baseer who said,

'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> said: 'My<sup>asws</sup> Lord<sup>azwj</sup>, Blessed and Exalted was neither Distinct from His<sup>azwj</sup> Kingdom before He<sup>azwj</sup> Built it, nor will there be a distinction from Him<sup>azwj</sup> after its non-existence.

لَمْ يَزَلْ حَيّاً بِلَا حَيَاةِ وَ مَلِكاً قَادِراً قَبْلَ أَنْ يُنْشِئَ شَيْئاً وَ مَلِكاً جَبَّاراً بَعْدَ إِنْشَائِهِ لِلْكُوْنِ فَلَيْسَ لِكُوْنِهِ كَيْفٌ وَ لَا لَهُ أَيْنٌ وَ لَا لَهُ حَدٌّ وَ لَا يُعْرَفُ بِشَيْءٍ يُشْبِهُهُ وَ لَا يَهْرَهُ لِطُولِ الْبَقَاءِ وَ لَا يَصْعَقُ لِشَيْءٍ بَلْ لِخَوْفِهِ تَصْعَقُ الْأَشْيَاءُ كُلُّهَا لَهُ مَا في السَّمَاوَاتِ وَ مَا في الْأَرْضِ وَ مَا يَبْنَهُمَا وَ مَا تَحْتَ الثَّرَى .

He<sup>azwj</sup> had never ceased to be living without a life and a kingdom and a Powerful King before He<sup>azwj</sup> Built anything, and was a Compelling King after His<sup>azwj</sup> Building the universe. For Himazwi is whatever is in the skies and whatever is in the earth and whatever is between the two and whatever is beneath the surface'.8

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْتَى جَمِيعاً رَفَعَاهُ إِلَى أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ( عليه السلام ) أَنَّ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ( عليه السلام ) اسْتَنْهَضَ النَّاسَ فِي حَرْبِ مُعَاوِيَةً فِي الْمَرَّة الثَّانِيَةِ فَلَمَّا حَشَدَ النَّاسُ قَامَ خَطِيباً فَقَالَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْأَحَدِ الصَّمَدِ الْمُتَفَرِّدِ الَّذِي لَا مِنْ شَيْءِ كَانَ وَ لَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَ مَا كَانَ قُدْرَةٌ بَانَ بِهَا مِنَ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَ بَانَتِ الْأَشْيَاءُ منه

Muhammad Bin Abu Abdullah and Muhammad Bin Yahya altogether,

(It has been narrated) raising it to Abu Abdullah asws that Amir Al-Momineen asws mobilised the people regarding battling against Mawiya for the second time. So when the people assembled, he<sup>asws</sup> stood to address, and he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'The Praise is for Allah<sup>azwj</sup> the One, the First, the *Samad*, the Individual Who was neither from a thing nor created from a thing. He<sup>azwj</sup> Created what was Determined distinct from the things, and the things are distinct from Him<sup>azwj</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>) CH 6 H 3

فَلَيْسَتْ لَهُ صِفَةٌ ثَنَالُ وَ لَا حَدٌّ تُضْرَبُ لَهُ فِيهِ الْأَمْثَالُ كَلَّ دُونَ صِفَاتِهِ تَحْبِيرُ اللَّعَاتِ وَ ضَلَّ هُنَاكَ تَصَارِيفُ الصَّفَاتِ وَ حَارَ فِي مَلَكُوتِهِ عَمِيقَاتُ مَذَاهِبِ التَّفْكِيرِ وَ انْقَطَعَ دُونَ الرُّسُوخِ فِي عِلْمِهِ جَوَامِعُ التَّفْسِيرِ وَ حَالَ دُونَ غَيْبِهِ الْمَكْنُونِ حُجُبٌ مِنَ الْغُيُوبِ مَلَكُوتِهِ عَمِيقَاتُ مَذَاهِبِ التَّفْكِيرِ وَ انْقَطَعَ دُونَ الرُّسُوخِ فِي عِلْمِهِ جَوَامِعُ التَّفْسِيرِ وَ حَالَ دُونَ غَيْبِهِ الْمَكْنُونِ حُجُبٌ مِنَ الْغُيُوبِ تَاهَتْ فِي الْمُعْولِ فِي لَطِيفَاتِ الْأُمُورِ تَالَّالْمُ مَنْ الْعُلْمِ فَيْ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللللْمُ اللَّهُ

So there isn't an attribute for Him<sup>azwj</sup> you can attain Him<sup>azwj</sup> with, nor a limit wherein you can strike examples for Him<sup>azwj</sup>. All are below His<sup>azwj</sup> Attributes by the composition of the languages, and over there strayed the declensions of the attributes, with regards to His<sup>azwj</sup> Kingdom, the profundities of the doctrines and thoughts are confused, and the comprehensive of the interpretation get cut short before the firmness with regards to His<sup>azwj</sup> Knowledge, and the barriers of the unseen prevented the concealed (Secrets). The intellects got lost with regards to the lowest of the low of the subtleties of the matters.

So Blessed is Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Who, neither can the far reaching motivations reach Him<sup>azwj</sup>, nor can the astute profundities attain Him<sup>azwj</sup>. And Exalted is the One Who, there is neither a numbered time for Him<sup>azwj</sup> nor an extended term, nor a limit to Attributes. Glorious is He<sup>azwj</sup> Who, there is no first beginning for Him<sup>azwj</sup> nor an end-point to a termination, nor an end to annihilation. Glorious is He<sup>azwj</sup>. He<sup>azwj</sup> is just as He<sup>azwj</sup> Described Himself<sup>azwj</sup> as, and the describers are not reaching His<sup>azwj</sup> description". <sup>9</sup>

عِدَّةٌ مِنْ أَصْحَابِنَا عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنْ عُثْمَانَ بْنِ عِيسَى عَنْ إِسْمَاعِيلَ بْنِ جَابِرٍ قَالَ كَانَ فِي مَسْجِدِ الْمَدِينَةِ رَجُلٌ يَتَكَلَّمُ فِي الْقَدَرِ وَ النَّاسُ مُحْتَمِعُونَ قَالَ فَقُلْتُ يَا هَذَا أَسْأَلُكَ قَالَ سَلْ قُلْتُ يَكُونُ فِي مُلْكِ اللَّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى مَا لَا يُرِيدُ قَالَ فَأَطْرُقَ طَوِيلًا ثُمَّ رَفَعَ رَأْسَهُ إِلَيَّ فَقَالَ لِي يَا هَذَا لَئِنْ قُلْتُ إِنَّهُ يَكُونُ فِي مُلْكِهِ مَا لَا يُرِيدُ إِنَّهُ لَمَقْهُورٌ وَ لَئِنْ قُلْتُ لَا يَكُونُ فِي مُلْكِهِ إِلَّا مَا يُريدُ أَقْرَرْتُ لَكَ بِالْمَعَاصِى

A number of our companions, from Ahmad Bin Abu Abdullah, from Usman Bin Isa, from Ismail Bin Jabir who said,

'There was a man in a Masjid of Al-Medina who was speaking regarding the Predetermination, and the people were gathering. So I said, 'O you! I (would like to) question you'. He said, 'Ask'. I said, 'Can there happen to be in the Kingdom of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Blessed and High what He<sup>azwj</sup> does not want?' So he lowered his head for a long while, then raised his head towards me, so he said to me, 'O you! If I were to say that there does happen to be in His<sup>azwj</sup> Kingdom what He<sup>azwj</sup> does not want, so He<sup>azwj</sup> would be defeated, and if I were to say that there cannot happen to be in His<sup>azwj</sup> Kingdom except what He<sup>azwj</sup> wants, I would be acknowledging to you with the disobedience (freedom to commit sins)'.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Tawheed (Oneness of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>) CH 22 H 1 (Extract)

قَالَ فَقُلْتُ لِأَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ( عليه السلام ) سَأَلْتُ هَذَا الْقَدَرِيَّ فَكَانَ مِنْ جَوَابِهِ كَذَا وَ كَذَا فَقَالَ لِنَفْسِهِ نَظَرَ أَمَا لَوْ قَالَ غَيْرَ مَا قَالَ لَهَلَكَ .

He (the narrator) said, 'I said to Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup>, 'I asked the Qadiriyya, so it was from his answers, such and such'. So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'He watched out for himself. But, had he said other than what he said, he would be destroyed'.<sup>10</sup>

# **VERSE 2**

Who Created the death and the life in order to Try you, which of you is best in deeds, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving [67:2]

# Life and death

محمد بن يعقوب: بإسناده عن فضالة، عن موسى بن بكر، عن زرارة، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، قال: «الحياة و الموت خلقان من خلق الله، فإذا جاء الموت فدخل في الإنسان، لم يدخل في شيء إلا و قد خرجت منه الحياة».

Muhammad Bin Yaqoub, by his chain from Fazalat, from Musa Bin Bakr, from Zurara, who has narrated the following:

'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> has said: 'The life and the death are two creations of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>. So if the death comes, it enters into the human being. It never enters into anything except that the life has departed from it'.<sup>11</sup>

ابْنُ مَحْبُوبٍ عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ الْأَحْوَلِ عَنْ سَلَّامٍ بْنِ الْمُسْتَنِيرِ عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (عليه السلام) قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ خَلَقَ الجُّنَةَ قَبْلَ الْعُضَبِ وَ خَلَقَ الطَّاعَةَ قَبْلَ الشَّرِّ وَ خَلَقَ الْأَرْضَ قَبْلَ السَّمَاءِ وَ خَلَقَ الطَّاعَةَ قَبْلَ الشَّرِّ وَ خَلَقَ اللَّرْضَ قَبْلَ السَّمَاءِ وَ خَلَقَ الشَّوْرَ قَبْلَ الظُّلْمَةِ.

Ibn Mahboub, from Abu Ja'far Al-Howl, from Salaam Bin Al-Mustaneer, who has narrated the following:

Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Created the Paradise before He<sup>azwj</sup> Created the Fire, and Created the obedience before He<sup>azwj</sup> Created the disobedience, and Created the Mercy before the Anger, and Created the good before the evil, and Created the earth

(الكافي 3: 259/ 34.)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Tawheed (Oneness of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>) CH 30 H 7

before the sky, and Created the life before the death, and Created the sun before the moon, and Created the light before the darkness'.<sup>12</sup>

في اعتقادات الامامية للصدوق (ره) قيل لعلى بن الحسين عليهما السلام: ما الموت ؟ قال: الموت للمؤمن كنزع ثياب وسخة قملة وفك قيود وأغلال ثقيلة، و الاستبدال بافخر الثياب وأطيبها روايح. واوطأ المراكب وآنس المنازل،

In Itiqadaat Al-Imamiya of Al-Sadouq -

'It was said to Ali<sup>asws</sup> Bin Al-Husayn<sup>asws</sup>, 'What is the death?' He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'The death for the Momin is like the removing of the dirty clothes, and lice, and lifting of the constraints and heavy shackles, and to be replaced by the finest garments and best fragrance, and easier rides and lovely houses.

And for the Kafir, it is like the removal of luxurious garments, and being transferred from lovely houses, and to be replaced by the dirtiest garments rougher than it, and horrible houses, and the mighty Punishment'.<sup>13</sup>

وقيل لمحمد بن على الباقر عليه السلام: ما الموت ؟ قال: هو النوم الذي يأتيكم في كل ليلة، الا انه طويل مدته لا ينتبه منه إلى يوم القيامة.

And it was said to Muhammad<sup>asws</sup> Bin Ali<sup>asws</sup> Al-Baqir<sup>asws</sup>, 'What is the death?' He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'It is a sleep which comes to you during every night, except that it is extended in its length, unnoticed, up to the Day of Judgement'.<sup>14</sup>

### The deeds

وعن أنس بن مالك قال: اثنى قوم على رجل عند رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله: كيف عقله ؟ قالوا: يارسول الله نخبرك عن اجتهاده في العبادة واصناف الخير و تسألنا عن عقله ؟

And from Anas Bin Malik who said:

'A group praised a man in the presence of Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>, so Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> said: 'How is his intellect?' They said, 'O Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>, we are informing you<sup>saww</sup> of his struggle in the worship and the types of good (deeds) and you<sup>saww</sup> are asking about his intellect?'

فقال: ان الاحمق يصيب بحمقه اعظم من فجور الفاجر، وانما يرتفع العباد غدا في الدرجات وينالون الزلفي من ربحم على قدر عقولهم.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Al Kafi – H 14564

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Tafseer Noor Al Saqalayn - CH 67 H 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Tafseer Noor Al Sagalayn – CH 67 H 11

So he<sup>saww</sup> said: 'The fool injures by his foolishness more than the immorality of the immoral. But rather, the servants would be raised higher in their levels tomorrow and achieve nearness to their Lord<sup>azwj</sup> in accordance with their intellect'.<sup>15</sup>

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ الْقَاسِمِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنِ الْمِنْقَرِيِّ عَنْ سُفْيَانَ بْنِ عُيَيْنَةَ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ( عليه السلام ) فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْ أَنْكُمْ أَبْكُمْ أَجْسَنُ عَمَلًا قَالَ لَيْسَ يَعْنِي أَكْثَرَ عَمَلًا وَ لَكِنْ أَصْوَبَكُمْ عَمَلًا وَ إِنَّمَا الْإِصَابَةُ خَشْيَةُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ وَ الْخَسَنَةُ وَ الْخَسَنَةُ الْعَلَيْمُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ وَ الْخَسَنَةُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الْمُعَالِقُولُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الْعَلَيْمُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ الْمَالِمُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّيْمُ اللَّهِ وَ النِّيَّةُ الْمَالِمُ اللَّهِ وَ اللَّهُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُرُمُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّيْمُ اللَّهُ الْمِلْمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ الْمِنْقُولِ اللَّهِ الْعَلَيْمُ اللَّهُ الْمُعْرَامُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُلُومُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُ الْوَامِلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمُلُومُ الْمُؤْمِلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ الْمُومُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِلُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِلُومُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِلُومُ الْ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Al Qasim Bin Muhammad, from Al Minqary, from Sufyan Bin Uyayna,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> regarding the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: *in order to Try you, which of you is best in deeds [67:2]*. He<sup>asws</sup> said 'It does not Mean the abundance of deeds, but the correctness of your deeds, and rather the correctness is the fear of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> and the truthful intention, and the good deeds'.

Then he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'The remaining upon the deed until it finishes is more difficult than performing the deed itself, and the sincere deed is that which you do not want to be praised upon by anyone except for Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic; and the intention is superior than the deed itself. Indeed! The intention, it is the deed'.

Then he<sup>asws</sup> recited the Words of the Mighty and Majestic: **[17:84] Say: 'Everyone** acts according to his own disposition – Meaning, upon his intention'.<sup>16</sup>

# **VERSES 3 - 5**

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا اللَّهُ مَا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ مِنْ تَفَاوُتٍ الْ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِنْ فُطُورٍ {3}

Who Created the seven skies as layers. You will not see in the Creation by the Beneficent any disparity. Then return the sight, can you see any flaw? [67:3]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Tafseer Noor Al Saqalayn – CH 67 H 21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 11 H 4

Then return the sight once again. The sight will come back to you humbled and it would be fatigued [67:4]

And We have Adorned the sky of the world with lamps, and We Made these to be missiles for (pelting) the satans, and We have Prepared for them Punishment of the Blazing Fire [67:5]

# The layered skies

وفي رواية أبي الجارود عن أبي جعفر عليه السلام في قوله: سبع سماوات طباقا يقول: بعضها فوق بعض.

And in a report of Abu Al-Jaroud who said:

'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> regarding His<sup>azwj</sup> Words: **seven skies as layers [67:5]**, he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'One on top of the other'.<sup>17</sup>

علي بن إبراهيم، قال: حدثني أبي، عن الحسين بن خالد، عن أبي الحسن الرضا (عليه السلام)، قال: قلت له: أخبرني عن قول الله عز و جل: وَ السَّماءِ ذاتِ الْحُبُكِ. فقال: هي «محبوكة إلى الأرض»، و شبك بين أصابعه.

Ali Bin Ibrahim said, 'My father narrated to me, from Al-Husayn Bin Khalid,

'I asked from Abu Al-Hassan Al-Reza<sup>asws</sup>, 'Inform me about the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: **And by the sky with the orbital pathways [51:7]**'. He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Linked to the earth' – and clasped his<sup>asws</sup> fingers together.

فقلت: كيف تكون محبوكة إلى الأرض، و الله يقول: رَفَعَ السَّماواتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْغَا؟ فقال: «سبحان الله! أليس الله يقول: بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْئَما؟». قلت: بلي. فقال: «ثم عمد و لكن لا ترونما».

I said, 'How can it become linked to the earth, and Allah<sup>azwj</sup> is Saying: *Allah is the One Who Raised the skies without a pillar you can see [13:2]*?' So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Glory be to Allah<sup>azwj</sup>! Isn't Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Saying: *without any pillars that you can see*?' I said, 'Yes'. So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Then there are pillars, but you cannot see them'.

قلت: كيف ذلك، جعلني الله فداك؟ قال: فبسط كفه اليسرى، ثم وضع اليمنى عليها، فقال: «هذه أرض الدنيا، و السماء الثالثة فوقها قبة، و الأرض الثالثة فوق السماء الثانية، و السماء الثالثة فوقها قبة، و الأرض الثالثة فوق السماء الثانية، و السماء الثالثة فوقها قبة،

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Tafseer Noor Al Saqalayn – CH 71 H 17

I said, 'May I be sacrificed for you<sup>asws</sup>, how is that?' He<sup>asws</sup> extended his<sup>asws</sup> left hand and placed his<sup>asws</sup> right hand upon it and said: 'This is the ground of the world, and the sky of the world, above which is a dome. And the second earth is above the sky of the world, and there is a dome above the second sky. And the third earth is above the second sky, and there is a dome above the third sky.

و الأرض الرابعة فوق السماء الثالثة، و السماء الرابعة فوقها قبة، و الأرض الخامسة فوق السماء الرابعة، و السماء الخامسة فوقها قبة، و الأرض السابعة فوق السماء السادسة، و الأرض السابعة فوق السماء السادسة، و السماء السابعة فوقها قبة،

And the fourth earth is above the third sky, and there is a dome above the fourth sky. And the fifth earth is above the fourth sky, and there is a dome above the fifth sky. And the sixth earth is above the fifth sky, and there is a dome above the sixth sky. And the seventh earth is above the sixth sky, and there is a dome above the seventh sky.

و عرش الرحمن تبارك و تعالى فوق السماء السابعة، و هو قول الله عز و حل: الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاواتٍ طباقاً وَ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ

And the Throne of the Beneficent, Blessed and Exalted is above the seventh sky, and these are the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: *Allah is the One Who Created the skies as layers, and from the earth similar to these. The Command descends between these [65:12]*.

فأما صاحب الأمر فرسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله)، و الوصي بعد رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) قائم على وجه الأرض، فإنما يتنزل الأمر إليه من فوق السماء من بين السماوات و الأرضين».

So, as for the Master of the Command, so it is Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> and the successor<sup>asws</sup> after Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>, standing upon the surface of the earth. But rather, the Command Descends upon him<sup>asws</sup> from above the sky, from between the (seven) skies and the (seven) earths (firmaments)'.

I said, 'But there is nothing beneath us except for one earth?' So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'There is nothing underneath us except for one earth, and six of these are above us'.<sup>18</sup>

# Pelting the satans<sup>la</sup>

ابن بابويه، قال: حدثنا علي بن أحمد بن عبد الله بن أحمد بن أبي عبد الله البرقي، قال: حدثني أبي، عن حده أحمد بن أبي عبد الله، عن أحمد بن أبي نصر البزنطي، عن أبان بن عثمان، عن أبي عبد الله الصادق (عليه السلام) قال: «كان إبليس

تفسير القمّى 2: 328 <sup>18</sup>

(لعنة الله) يخترق السماوات السبع، فلما ولد عيسى (عليه السلام)، حجب عن ثلاث سماوات، و كان يخترق أربع سماوات، فلما ولد رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله)، حجب عن السبع كلها، و رميت الشياطين بالنجوم،

Ibn Babuwayh said, 'Ali Bin Ahmad Bin Abdullah Bin Ahmad Bin Abu Abdullah Al Barqy, from his father, from his grandfather Ahmad Bin Abu Abdullah, from ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Abu Nasr Al Bazanty, from Aban Bin Usman,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah Al-Sadiq<sup>asws</sup> having said: 'Iblees<sup>la</sup> used to penetrate the seven skies. So when (Prophet) Isa<sup>as</sup> was sent (to the earth), he<sup>la</sup> was Blocked from three skies, and he<sup>la</sup> used to penetrate four skies. So when Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> was descended, he<sup>la</sup> was Blocked from all seven, and the devils were Pelted with the (shooting) stars'. <sup>19</sup>

# **VERSES 6 - 9**

And for those who Commit Kufr with their Lord is Punishment of Hell, and evil is the destination [67:6]

When they would be thrown in it, they will hear its inhalation and it would be boiling up, [67:7]

Almost bursting from the fury. Every time a crowd is thrown into it, its keeper would ask them, 'Didn't a warner come to you?' [67:8]

They would be saying, 'Yes, a warner had come to us, but we belied and we said, 'Nothing has been Revealed from Allah. You are only in a great straying' [67:9]

<sup>(</sup>Extract) الأمالي: 235/ 1 19

ابن بابويه، قال: حدثنا على بن أحمد (رحمه الله)، قال: حدثنا محمد بن أبي عبد الله الكوفي، عن موسى بن عمران، عن عمه الحسين بن يزيد، عن على بن أبي حمزة، عن أبي بصير، عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام)، أنه سأله رجل فقال: لأي شيء بعث الله الأنبياء و الرسل إلى الناس؟

Ibn Babuwayh said, 'Ali Bin Ahmad narrated to us, from Muhammad Bin Abu Abdullah Al-Kufy, from Musa Bin Umran, from his uncle Al-Husayn Bin Yazeed, from Ali Bin Abu Hamza, from Abu Baseer, who has narrated:

'A Man asked Abdullah<sup>asws</sup>, 'For which thing (reason) thing did Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Send (with) the Prophets<sup>as</sup> and the Rasools<sup>as</sup> to the people?'

So he as said: 'Lest there would happen to be an argument for the people against Allahazwi, after the Rasoolsas, and lest they should be saying, 'There neither came to us a giver of glad tidings nor a warner', and for they as to become an argument of Allahazwi upon them.

ألا تسمع قول الله عز و جل، يقول حكاية عن خزنة جهنم و احتجاجهم على أهل النار بالأنبياء و الرسل: أَ لَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ قالُوا بَلِي قَدْ جاءَنا نَذِيرٌ فَكَذَّبْنا وَ قُلْنا ما نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا فِي ضَلالِ كَبير؟».

Have you not heard the Words of Allah azwj Mighty and Majestic, Telling about the Keepers of Hell and their argumentation against the people of the Hell, of the Prophets<sup>as</sup> and the Rasools<sup>as</sup>? Every time a crowd is thrown into it, its keeper would ask them, 'Didn't a warner come to you?' [67:8] They would be saying, 'Yes, a warner had come to us, but we belied and we said, 'Nothing has been Revealed from Allah. You are only in a great straying' [67:9]". 20

فِي كِتَابِ الْإِحْتِجَاجِ لِلطَّبْرِسِيِّ (ره) بِإِسْنَادِهِ إِلَى الْإِمَامِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ الْبَاقِرِ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ حَدِيثٌ طَويلٌ وَ فِيهِ خُطْبَةُ الْغَدِيرِ وَ فِيهَا قَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ ذَكَرَ عَلِيّاً وَ أَوْلَادَهُ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ: أَلَا إِنَّ أَعْدَاءَهُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ إِلَهَنَّمَ شَهِيقاً وَهِيَ تَقُورُ، وَ لَمَا زَفِيرٌ كُلَّمَا دَخَلَتْ أُمَّةٌ لَعَنَتْ أُخْتَهَا.

In the book Al Ihtijaj of Al Tabarsy -

'By his chain going up to the Imam Muhammad<sup>asws</sup> Bin Ali Al-Baqir<sup>asws</sup>, from the Prophet<sup>saww</sup>, there is a lengthy Hadeeth and in it is a sermon of Al-Ghadeer, and in it he<sup>saww</sup> said after having mentioned Ali<sup>asws</sup> and his<sup>asws</sup> children: 'Indeed! Surely, their enemies are those: they will hear its inhalation and it would be boiling up, [67:7], and for it is an exhalation. Every time a community enters it, it would curse its counterpart".21

<sup>(</sup>علل الشرائع: 120/ 4) (علل الشرائع: 120/ 4) (علل الثقلين، ج5، ص: 381 (14 – 14 من الثقلين، ج5، ص: 4 الثقلين، ح. 4 الثقلين، ج5، ص: 4 الثقلين، ح. 4

# **VERSES 10 & 11**

And they shall say, 'If only we had listened or used our intellects, we would not have been among the inmates of the Blazing Fire' [67:10]

Then they would be acknowledging their sins, but remoteness would be for the inmates of the Blazing Fire [67:11]

(كتاب صفة الجنة و النار): عن سعيد بن جناح، قال: حدثني عوف بن عبد الله الأزدي، عن جابر ابن يزيد الجعفي، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، في حديث يذكر فيه أهل النار: «فيقولون: إن عذبنا ربنا، لم يكن ظلمنا شيئا- قال- فيقول مالك: فَاعْتَرَفُوا بِذَنْبِهِمْ فَسُحْقاً لِأَصْحابِ السَّعِيرِ أي بعدا لأصحاب السعير».

The book – Sifat Al-Jannat Wa Al-Naar – from Saeed Bin Junah, from Awf Bin Abdullah Al-Azdy, from Jabir Ibn Yazeed Al-Ju'fy, who has said:

'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup>, in a Hadeeth in which are mentioned the people of the Fire: 'So they would be saying, 'Our Lord<sup>azwj</sup> has Punished us, but was not Unjust to us about anything'. So Malik (Keeper of the Fire) will be saying: '*Then they would be acknowledging their sins, but remoteness would be for the inmates of the Blazing Fire [67:11]* - i.e., distant (prospect of Forgiveness) for the inmates of the Blazing Fire (Al-Saeer)'.<sup>22</sup>

# **VERSES 12 - 14**

Surely those who fear their Lord in private, for them is Forgiveness and a great Recompense [67:12]

And whether you are secretive with your words or are loud with it, He is Knowing with the contents of the chests [67:13]

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<sup>(</sup>الاختصاص: 364.) <sup>22</sup>

# أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ {14}

# Indeed! He Knows the ones He Created, and He is the Knower of the subtleties, the Aware [67:14]

و عنه، قال: حدثنا محمد بن علي ماجيلويه (رحمه الله)، قال: حدثنا علي بن إبراهيم بن هاشم، عن المختار بن محمد بن المختار الهمداني، عن الفتح بن يزيد الجرجاني، عن أبي الحسن (عليه السلام) في حديث قال: فقولك: اللطيف الخبير فسره [لي] كما فسرت الواحد، فإني أعلم أن لطفه على خلاف لطف خلقه للفصل، غير أبي أحب أن تشرح لي ذلك؟

And from him, from Muhammad Bin Ali Majaylawiya, from Ali Bin Ibrahim Bin Hashim, from Al-Mukhtar Bin Muhammad Bin Al-Mukhtar Al-Hamdany, from Al-Fatah Bin Yazeed Al-Jarjany, who has narrated the following:

'In a Hadeeth – I asked from Abu Al-Hassan<sup>asws</sup> 'So your<sup>asws</sup> words: '*the Knower of the subtleties, the Aware [67:14]*', explain it to me just as you<sup>asws</sup> explained 'the One', for I would like to know in detail the difference between His<sup>azwj</sup> Subtlety and the subtlety of His<sup>azwj</sup> creatures, and I would love it if you<sup>asws</sup> could explain that for me?'

فقال: «يا فتح، إنما قلنا اللطيف، للخلق اللطيف، و لعلمه بالشيء اللطيف، أو لا ترى- وفقك الله و ثبتك- إلى أثر صنعه في النبات اللطيف و غير اللطيف و في [الخلق اللطيف] من الحيوان الصغار من البعوض و الجرجس و ما [هو] أصغر منهما مما لا تكاد تستبينه العيون، بل لا يكاد يستبان- لصغره- الذكر من الأنثى، و الحدث المولود من القديم،

So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'O Fatah! But rather, we say 'The Subtle', for the creation which is subtle, and for His<sup>azwj</sup> Knowledge of subtle things. Or, do you not see – and may Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Help you and Make you steadfast – the effects of His<sup>azwj</sup> Making in the plants which are soft and not subtle (hard), and in the subtle creation of the small animals like the fly and the mosquito, and whatever is smaller than these two, which do not even appear to the eyes. But it is not possible to differentiate between the male and the female (of the species), and the young and the old.

فلما رأينا صغر ذلك و لطفه، و اهتدائه للسفاد و الهرب من الموت، و الجمع لما يصلحه مما في لجج البحار و ما في لحاء الأشجار و المفاوز و القفار، و فهم بعضها عن بعض منطقها، و ما تفهم به أولادها عنها، و نقلها الغذاء إليها،

So when we see the smallness of that and its subtlety, their guidance out of decay, and their fleeing from the death, and the gathering of what is in the depths of the oceans, and what is in the branches of the trees, and the deserts, and the wilderness, and we come to understand that some of them talk to each other, and what their young ones understand from them, and how they transfer the food to them.

ثم تأليف ألوانها حمرة مع صفرة و بياض مع حمرة، و ما لا تكاد عيوننا تستبينه بتمام خلقها، و لا تراه عيوننا، و لا تمسه أيدينا، علمنا أن خالق هذا الخلق لطيف، لطف في خلق ما سميناه بلا علاج و لا أداة و لا آلة، و أن كل صانع شيء فمن شيء صنع، و الله الخالق اللطيف خلق و صنع لا من شيء».

Then we distinguish their colours, the red with the yellow, and white with the red, and what our eyes can hardly see the completeness of its creation. Neither can our eyes see it, nor can our hands touch it. We come to know that the Creator of this creation is Subtle, having Created it without any instruments or machinery. And for every made thing is the One who Made it, and Allahazwi is the Creator, the Subtle Who Created and Made (everything) from nothing'.<sup>23</sup>

ابن بابويه، قال: حدثنا على بن أحمد بن محمد بن عمران الدقاق (رحمه الله)، قال: حدثنا محمد ابن يعقوب الكليني، قال: حدثنا على بن محمد، عن محمد بن عيسي، عن الحسين بن خالد، عن أبي الحسن الرضا (عليه السلام)، قال: «إنما سمى الله بالعلم لغير علم حادث علم به الأشياء، و استعان به على حفظ ما يستقبل من أمره، و الرواية فيما يخلق [من خلقه] و بعينه ما مضى مما

Ibn Babuwayh said, 'Ali Bin Ahmad Bin Muhammad Umran Al-Dagag narrated to us, from Muhammad Ibn Yaqoub Al-Kulayni, from Ali Bin Muhammad, from Muhammad Bin Isa, from Al-Husayn bin Khalid, who has narrated the following:

'Abu Al-Hassan Al-Reza<sup>asws</sup> having said: 'But rather, we say Allah<sup>azwj</sup> is the Knower, it is not the Knowledge after Him<sup>azwj</sup> having Created the things, and Uses it to Preserve what will be transpiring from His<sup>azwj</sup> Commands, and the reporting of what He<sup>azwj</sup> Created from His<sup>azwj</sup> creation, and what has passed from the perished.

من خلقه مما لولم يحضره ذلك العلم و يعنه كان جاهلا ضعيفا، كما أنا رأينا علماء الخلق إنما سموا بالعلم لعلم حادث إذ كانوا قبله جهلة، و ربما فارقهم العلم بالأشياء، فصاروا إلى الجهل،

One Who Created it, if He<sup>azwj</sup> did not have that Knowledge, it would mean ignorance and weakness, just as we see that the knowledgeable ones of the creatures who have been called the learned ones, it is due to their acquired knowledge, which they were ignorant of before, and the knowledge of these things would separate from them, so they would end up becoming ignorant again.

And rather, Allah azwi has been Named as the Knower because He zwi is not ignorant of anything. And so the Creator and the created are both named as knower, surely there is a difference in the meaning as you can see.<sup>24</sup>

### **VERSES 15 - 21**

هُـوَ الَّـذِي جَعَلَ لَكُـمُ الْأَرْضَ ذَلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ 📅 وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُـورُ {15}

<sup>(</sup>التوحيد: 186/ 1) 23 (التوحيد: 188/ 2) 24

He is the One Who Made the earth smooth for you, therefore walk in its paths and eat from its sustenance, and to Him is the Resurrection [67:15]

Have you taken a security from the One in the sky, from the ground submerging with you, so then it would be in convulsion? [67:16]

Have you taken a security from the One in the sky, from a storm of stones being Sent upon you? Then you shall soon know is My Warning [67:17]

And those from before them had belied, so how was My Punishment? [67:18]

Or do they not look at the birds above them, spreading (their wings) and folding them? What withholds them except the Beneficent? He is Sees all things [67:19]

Or who is the one who will be an army for you, helping you from besides the Beneficent? Surely, the Kafirs are only in deception [67:20]

Or who is the one will sustain you if He were to Withhold His Sustenance? But, they persist in insolence and reluctance [67:21]

و قال تعالى - أَ أَمِنتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّماءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذا هِيَ تَمُورُ. أَمْ أَمِنتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّماءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حاصِباً فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرِ - وَ قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَكَانَ فِي النَّاسِ أَمَانَانِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص وَ الْإِسْتِغْفَارُ فَرْفِعَ مِنْهُمْ أَمَانٌ وَ هُوَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَ بَقِيَ عَلَيْهِمُ أَمَانٌ وَ هُوَ الْإِسْتِغْفَارُ.

In (the book) Irshad Al Quloob of Al Daylami -

'(Re: Have you taken a security from the One in the sky, from the ground submerging with you, so then it would be in convulsion? [67:16] Have you taken a security from the One in the sky, from a storm of stones being Sent upon you? Then you shall soon know is My Warning [67:17]): 'And Amir Al Momineen saws said: 'There were to securities regarding the people – (The physical presence of) Rasool-Allah and the seeking of the Forgiveness. Then one security was Raised from them, and it is Rasool-Allah and there remained upon them one security, and it is seeking of the Forgiveness'.

وَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صِ وَ لَوْ أَنَّهُمْ حِينَ تَزُولُ عَنْهُمُ النِّعَمُ وَ تَحُلُّ بِمِمُ النَّقَمُ فَزِعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً بِوَلَهٍ مِنْ نُفُوسِهِمْ وَ صِدْقٍ مِنْ نَيَّاتِهِمْ وَ حَالِصٍ مِنْ طَوِيًّاتِهِمْ لَرَدَّ عَلَيْهِمْ كُلَّ شَارِدٍ وَ لَأَصْلَحَ لَهُمْ كُلَّ فَاسِدٍ.

And Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> said: 'And if they, when the Bounties declined from them and the affliction was released to them, panicked to Allah<sup>azwj</sup> repenting from their own selves and sincerity from their intentions, and sincerity of their repentance, every runaway thing would have been returned to them, and every spoilt matter would have been corrected for them".

وَ قَالَ النَّبِيُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى حَلَقَ مَلَكاً يَنْزِلُ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ يُنَادِي يَا أَبْنَاءَ الْعِشْرِينَ جِدُّوا وَ اجْتَهِدُوا وَ يَا أَبْنَاءَ الظَّلَاثِينَ لَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَياةُ الدُّنْيا\* وَ يَا أَبْنَاءَ الْأَرْبَعِينَ مَا ذَا أَعْدَدْتُمْ لِلِقَاءِ رَبِّكُمْ

And the Prophet<sup>saww</sup> said: 'Allah<sup>azwj</sup> the Exalted Created an Angel who descends during every night calling out: 'O ones of twenty (years old)! Strive and struggle'. And: 'O ones of thirty (years old)! Do not let the life of the world deceive you'. And: 'O ones of forty (years old)! What is that you have prepared for meeting your Lord<sup>azwj</sup>?'

وَ يَا أَبْنَاءَ الْخُمْسِينَ أَتَاكُمُ النَّذِيرُ وَ يَا أَبْنَاءَ السِّتِّينَ زَرْعٌ آنَ حَصَادُهُ وَ يَا أَبْنَاءَ السَّبْعِينَ نُودِيَ لَكُمْ فَأَجِيبُوا وَ يَا أَبْنَاءَ الثَّمَانِينَ ٱتَتْكُمُ السَّاعَةُ وَ أَنْتُمْ غَافِلُونَ

And: 'O ones of fifty (years old)! The warner came to you'. And: 'O ones of sixty (years old)! Plant, so you can harvest'. And: 'O ones of seventy (years old)! You have been called out to, therefore answer'. And: 'O ones of eighty (years old)! The time has come to you and you are (still) heedless'.

Then he is saying: 'Had it not been for servants performing Ruku, and men being humble, and infants suckling and sleeping tenderly, the Punishment would have been poured upon you all with a pouring". <sup>25</sup>

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#### VERSE 22

أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ {22}

Is one who walks prone upon his face more guided, or one who walks upright on a Straight Path? [67:22]

على بن محمد عن بعض أصحابنا عن ابن محبوب عن محمد بن الفضيل عن أبى الحسن الماضي عليه السلام قال: قلت " افمن يمشى مكبا على وجهه أهدى أمن يمشى سويا على صراط مستقيم " قال، ان الله ضرب مثل من حاد عن ولاية على كمثل من يمشى على وجهه لا يهتدى لامره وجعل من تبعه سويا على صراط مستقيم، و الصراط المستقيم امير المؤمنين عليه السلام.

Ali Bin Muhammad, from one of our companions, from Ibn Mahboob, from Muhammad Bin Al-Fazayl,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Al-Hassan Al-Maazy<sup>asws</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>. Imam<sup>asws</sup>) – I asked him<sup>asws</sup> about: *Is one who walks prone upon his face more guided, or one who walks upright on a Straight Path? [67:22]*. He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Allah<sup>azwj</sup> has Struck an example of the one who is away from the Wilayah of Ali<sup>asws</sup> to be like the one who walks upon his face, not being guided in his affairs and Made the one who follows him<sup>asws</sup> to be upon the Straight Path. And: *the Straight Path [67:22]* is Amir-Al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup>, <sup>26</sup>

محمد بن العباس: عن حميد بن زياد، عن الحسن بن محمد بن سماعة، عن صالح بن حالد، عن منصور، عن حريز، عن فضيل بن يسار، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، قال: تلا هذه الآية و هو ينظر إلى الناس أَ فَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ أَهْدى أُمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَويًّا عَلَى صِراطٍ مُسْتَقِيم: «يعني و الله عليا و الأئمة (عليهم السلام) ».

Muhammad Bin Al-Abbas, from hameed Bin Ziyad, from Al-Hassan Bin Muhammad Bin Sama'at, from Salih Bin Khalid, from Mansour, from Hareyz, from Fazeyl Bin Yasaar, who has narrated:

The (narrator) says: 'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> recited this Verse and he<sup>asws</sup> was looking at the people: *Is one who walks prone upon his face more guided, or one who walks upright on a Straight Path? [67:22]*, and said: 'By Allah<sup>azwj</sup>! It Means Ali<sup>asws</sup> and the Imams<sup>asws</sup>'.<sup>27</sup>

عَنْهُ عَنْ عَلِيٍّ بْنِ الْحُسَنِ عَنْ مَنْصُورٍ عَنْ حَرِيزِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنِ الْفُضَيْلِ قَالَ دَخَلْتُ مَعَ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (عليه السلام) الْمَسْجِدَ الْخُرَامَ وَ هُوَ مُتَّكِئٌ عَلَيَّ فَنَظَرَ إِلَى النَّاسِ وَ نَحْنُ عَلَى بَابِ بَنِي شَيْبَةَ فَقَالَ يَا فُضَيْلُ هَكَذَا كَانَ يَطُوفُونَ فِي الْجُاهِلِيَّةِ لَا يَعْرِفُونَ حَقًا وَ لَا يَدِينُونَ دِيناً

From him, from Ali Bin Al-Hassan, from Mansour, from Hareyz Bin Abdullah, from Al-Fazeyl who said:

I entered the Sacred Masjid with Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup>, he<sup>asws</sup> was leaning (on a stick) and after looking around at the people whilst we were at the Door of the Clan of Shaeba,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Tafseer Noor Al Saqalayn CH 1 – H 100

<sup>(</sup>تأويل الآيات 2: 702/ 2.) <sup>27</sup>

he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'O Fazeyl, this is how they used to perform Tawaaf during the era of ignorance, not understanding the truth, nor having a Religion.

O Fazeyl! Look at them falling down upon their faces (doing Sajdah). May Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Curse these ridiculed creatures falling down upon their faces'.

Then he<sup>asws</sup> recited this Verse: *Is one who walks prone upon his face more guided, or one who walks upright on a Straight Path? [67:22]*. By Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, it means Ali<sup>asws</sup>, and the successors<sup>asws</sup>.

ثُمُّ تَلَا هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سِيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَ قِيلَ هذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (عليه السلام) يَا فَضَيْلُ لَمُ يَتَسَمَّ بِعَذَا الِاسْمِ غَيْرُ عَلِيٍّ (عليه السلام) إِلَّا مُفْتَرٍ كَذَّابٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْبَأْسِ هَذَا أَمَا وَ اللَّهِ يَا فَضَيْلُ مَا لِلَّهِ عَزَّ ذِكْرُهُ حَاجٌ غَيْرُكُمْ لَا هُلُ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ إِنْ جَنْتَبُوا كَبائِرَما تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكُمْ وَ لَا يَتَقَبَّلُ إِلَّا مِنْكُمْ وَ إِنَّكُمْ لَأَهْلُ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ إِنْ جَنْتَبُوا كَبائِرَما تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّر عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَ لَا يَتَقَبَّلُ إِلَّا مِنْكُمْ وَ إِنَّكُمْ لَأَهْلُ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ إِنْ جَنْتَبُوا كَبائِرَما تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّر عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَ لَا يَتَقَبُلُ إِلَّا مِنْكُمْ وَ إِنَّكُمْ لَأَهْلُ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ إِنْ جَنْتَبُوا كَبائِرَما تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكُمْ مَنْ عَنْهُ لَكُمْ مَنْ عَنْهُ لَكُمْ وَ لَا يَتَقَبَّلُ إِلَّا مِنْكُمْ وَ إِنَّكُمْ لَأَهُلُوا التَّكُمْ وَ تَدُعُلُوا الْجَنَّقَ ثُمَّ قَرَأً أَلَهُ تَرَ إِلَى لَكُمْ وَ لَلْهُ لَعَلَوا الْمَلْعَلُوهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَمُ لُو اللَّعُونَ أَلْفُولُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَلَا لَيْكُمْ وَ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ الْمُعْلِقُوا أَلْدِينَكُمْ وَ تَدُعُلُوا الطَّلَاةَ وَ اللَّهِ أَهْلُ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ.

O Fazeyl! It is Amir-al- Momineen<sup>asws</sup>. No one has been named with this name apart from Ali<sup>asws</sup>, except for the impostor, a liar up to the Day of Judgement. But this, by Allah<sup>azwj</sup> O Fazeyl, there is no Hajj apart from yours, and no Forgiveness of sins except for you (Shias), and no Acceptance (of deeds) except from you (Shias)".<sup>28</sup>

#### **VERSES 23 - 27**

Say: 'He is the One Who Caused you to grow, and Made for you the hearing, and the sight, and the heart – little it is what you are thanking for' [67:23]

Say: 'He is the One Who Multiplied you in the earth, and to Him you would be gathered' [67:24]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Al Kafi – V 8 H 14882 (Extract)

And they are saying, 'When this this threat be, if you were truthful?' [67:25]

Say: 'But rather, the knowledge is with Allah, and rather I am a plain warner' [67:26]

So when they shall see him nigh, the faces of those who committed Kufr will despair, and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27]

Al Husayn Bin Muhammad, from Moalla Bin Muhammad, from Muhammad Bin Jamhour, from Ismail Bin Sahl, from Al Qasim Bin Urwa, from Abu Al Saffatij, from Zurara,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> regarding the Words of the Exalted: **So** when they shall see him nigh, the faces of those who committed Kufr will despair, and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27].

قَالَ هَذِهِ نَزَلَتْ فِي أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ أَصْحَابِهِ الَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا مَا عَمِلُوا يَرَوْنَ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ( عليه السلام ) فِي أَغْبَطِ الْأَمَاكِنِ لَهُمُّ قَيُسِيءُ وُجُوهَهُمْ وَ يُقَالُ لَهُمْ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ الَّذِي انْتَحَلْتُم اسْمَهُ أي سميتم أنفسكم بأمير المؤمنين».

He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'This was Revealed regarding Amir Al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup> and his<sup>asws</sup> contemporaries, those who did what they did. They will be seeing Amir Al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup> in places which would be enviable to them, despair being in their faces, *and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27]* - those who used to be called by it (Amir Al Momineen), having had impersonated his<sup>asws</sup> name i.e. naming yourselves as 'Amir Al-Momineen".<sup>29</sup>

أبو القاسم جعفر بن محمد بن قولويه في (كامل الزيارات)، قال: حدثني محمد بن عبد الله بن جعفر الحميري، عن أبيه، عن علي بن محمد بن سالم، عن محمد بن خالد، عن عبد الله بن حماد البصري، عن عبد الله بن عبد الرحمن الأصم، عن حماد بن عثمان، عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام) في حديث طويل يذكر فيه أبا بكر و عمر و حالهما يوم القيامة -: «و يريان عليا (عليه السلام)، فيقال لهما: فَلَمَّا رَأُوهُ زُلْفَةً سِيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَ قِيلَ هذَا الَّذِي كُنتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ يعني بإمرة المؤمنين».

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Divine Authority CH 108 H 68

Abu Al-Qasim Ja'far Bin Muhammad Bin Qawlawiya in Kaamil Al-Ziyaraat, said, 'It has been narrated to me by Muhammad Bin Abdullah Bin Ja'far Al-Humeyri, from his father, from Ali Bin Muhammad Bin Salim, from Muhammad Bin Khalid, from Abdullah Bin Hamaad Al-Basry, from Abdullah Bin Abdul Rahman Al-A'sam, from Hamaad Bin Usman, who has narrated the following:

'Abu Abdullah asws – in a lengthy Hadeeth – in which he asws mentioned Abu Bakr and Umar and what their state would be on the Day of Judgement: 'And the two of them would be seeing Aliasws, and it would be said to them both: So when they shall see him nigh, the faces of those who committed Kufr will despair, and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27] -Meaning, as 'Amir-Al-Momineen''. 30

محمد بن العباس: عن حسن بن محمد، عن محمد بن علي الكناني، عن حسين بن وهب الأسدي، عن عبيس بن هاشم، عن داود بن سرحان، قال: سألت جعفر بن محمد (عليه السلام) عن قوله عز و جل: فَلَمَّا رَأُوهُ زُلْفَةً سِيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَ قِيلَ هذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ،

Muhammad Bin Al-Abbas, from Hassan Bin Muhammad, from Muhammad Bin Ali Al-kanany, from Husayn Bin Wahab Al-Asady, from Ubeys Bin hashim, from Dawood Bin Sarhaan who said:

'I asked Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> Bin Muhammad<sup>asws</sup> about the Words of the Mighty and Majestic: So when they shall see him nigh, the faces of those who committed Kufr will despair, and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27].

قال: «ذلك على (عليه السلام)، إذا رأوا منزلته و مكانه من الله تعالى أكلوا أكفهم على ما فرطوا في ولايته».

He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'That is Ali<sup>asws</sup>. When they see his<sup>asws</sup> status and place from Allah<sup>azwj</sup> they would eat (bite) their own hands over what they neglected regarding his asws Wilayah'.31

و عنه، قال: حدثنا حميد بن زياد، عن الحسن بن محمد، عن صالح بن خالد، عن منصور، عن حريز، عن فضيل بن يسار، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، قال: تلا هذه الآية فَلَمَّا رَأُوهُ زُلْفَةً سِيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَ قِيلَ هذَا الَّذِي كُنتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ ثم قال: «أ تدرى ما رأوا؟

And from him, from Hameed Bin Ziyad, from Al-Hassan Bin Muhammad, from Salih Bin Khalid, from Mansour, from Hareyz, from Fazeyl Bin Yasaar, who has narrated:

Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> said, 'He<sup>asws</sup> recited this Verse: So when they shall see him nigh, the faces of those who committed Kufr will despair, and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27]. Then he asws said: 'Do you know what they will see?

رأوا و الله عليا (عليه السلام) مع رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) و قربه [منه] وَ قِيلَ هذَا الَّذِي كُنتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ: أي تتسمون بأمير» المؤمنين (عليه السلام).

<sup>(</sup>كامل الزيارات: 332/ 11) <sup>30</sup> (تأويل الآيات 2: 704/ 4.)

By Allah<sup>azwj</sup>! They will see Ali<sup>asws</sup> with Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>, and his<sup>asws</sup> proximity to him<sup>saww</sup>: *and it would be said: 'This one is what you had been calling (yourselves) with!' [67:27]*, i.e., you were (liked to be) called as 'Amir-al-Momineen'.

يا فضيل، لا يتسمى بها أحد غير أمير المؤمنين (عليه السلام) إلا مفتر كذاب إلى يوم الناس هذا».

O Fazeyl! No one can call himself by it apart from Amir-Al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup> except for a lying imposter, up to the Day of the people, this (title of Amir Al-Momineen)'. 32

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنِ الْقَاسِمِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ جَمِيلِ بْنِ صَالِحٍ عَنْ يُوسُفَ بْنِ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ قَالَ كُنْتُ عِنْدَ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) ذَاتَ يَوْمٍ فَقَالَ لِي إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَامَةِ وَ جَمَعَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى الْخَلائِقَ كَانَ نُوحٌ صَلَّى كُنْتُ عِنْدَ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) لَهُ مَلْ بَلَعْتَ فَيَقُولُ نَعَمْ فَيُقَالُ لَهُ مَنْ يَشْهَدُ لَكَ فَيَقُولُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وَلَهُ)

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad, from Muhammad Bin Khalid, from Al-Qasim Bin Muhammad, from Jameel Bin Salih, from Yusuf Bin Abu Saeed who said:

I was in the presence of Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> one day, so he<sup>asws</sup> said to me: 'When it will be the Day of Judgement and Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Blessed and Exalted Gathers the creatures, Noah<sup>as</sup> would be the first one to be called. It will be said to him<sup>as</sup>: 'Did you<sup>as</sup> preach?' So he<sup>as</sup> will say: 'Yes'. It will be said to him<sup>as</sup>: 'Who will testify for you<sup>as</sup>?' So he<sup>as</sup> will say: 'Muhammad Bin Abdullah<sup>saww</sup>.

قَالَ فَيَحْرُجُ نُوحٌ (عليه السلام) فَيَتَحَطَّى النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَجِيءَ إِلَى مُحَمَّدٍ (صلى الله عليه وآله) وَ هُوَ عَلَى كَثِيبِ الْمِسْكِ وَ مَعَهُ عَلِيٌّ (عليه السلام) وَ هُوَ قَوْلُ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ فَلَمَّا رَأُوهُ زُلْفَةً سِيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'So Noah<sup>as</sup> would go out and pass over the people until he<sup>as</sup> would come to Muhammad<sup>saww</sup>, and he<sup>saww</sup> would be clothed in the musk, and with him<sup>saww</sup> would be Ali<sup>asws</sup>, and these are the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: **So when they shall see him nigh, the faces of those who committed Kufr will despair [67:27]**.

فَيَقُولُ نُوحٌ لِمُحَمَّدٍ (صلى الله عليه وآله) يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى سَأَلَنِي هَلْ بَلَّغْتَ فَقُلْتُ نَعَمْ فَقَالَ مَنْ يَشْهَدُ لَكَ فَقُلْتُ مُحَمَّدٌ (صلى الله عليه وآله)

Then Noah<sup>as</sup> will say to Muhammad<sup>saww</sup>: 'O Muhammad<sup>saww</sup>! Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Blessed and Exalted Questioned me<sup>as</sup> Saying: "Did you<sup>as</sup> preach?" I<sup>as</sup> said: 'Yes'. So He<sup>azwj</sup> Said: "Who will testify for you<sup>as</sup>?' So I<sup>as</sup> said: 'Muhammad<sup>saww</sup>'.

فَيَقُولُ يَا جَعْفَرُ يَا حَمْزَةُ اذْهَبَا وَ اشْهَدَا لَهُ أَنَّهُ قَدْ بَلَّغَ

So he<sup>saww</sup> will say: 'O Ja'far<sup>as</sup>, O Hamza<sup>as</sup>, go and testify for him<sup>as</sup> that he<sup>as</sup> did preach'.

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<sup>(</sup>تأويل الآيات 2: 705/ 7) 32

Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Thus Ja'far<sup>as</sup> and Hamza<sup>as</sup> are the two witnesses for the Prophets<sup>as</sup> of what they<sup>as</sup> had preached'.

So I said, 'May I be sacrificed for you<sup>asws</sup>, so where will Ali<sup>asws</sup> be?' He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'He<sup>asws</sup> is of a status greater than that'.<sup>33</sup>

And from Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> (having said): 'So when they see the position of Ali<sup>asws</sup> from the Prophet<sup>saww</sup>, *the faces of those who committed Kufr* – meaning denied his<sup>asws</sup> merits, *will despair [67:27]*'. <sup>34</sup>

#### VERSE 28

Say: 'Have you considered if Allah were to destroy me and the ones with me, or Have Mercy on us, so who will save the Kafirs from a painful Punishment?' [67:28]

### The altered Verse

شرف الدين النجفي: عن علي بن أسباط، عن علي بن أبي حمزة، عن أبي بصير، قال: سألت أبا عبد الله (عليه السلام) عن قوله عز و جل: قُلْ أَ رَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِيَ اللَّهُ وَ مَنْ مَعِيَ أَوْ رَحِمَنا فَمَنْ يُجِيرُ الْكافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذابِ أَلِيم،

Sharaf Al-Deen Al-Najafy, from Ali Bin Asbaat, from Ali Bin Abu Hamza, from Abu Baseer who said:

'I asked Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> about the Words of the Mighty and Majestic: **Say: 'Have** you considered if Allah were to destroy me and the ones with me, or Have Mercy on us, so who will save the Kafirs from a painful Punishment?' [67:28].

مجمع البيان 10: 494. <sup>34</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Al Kafi – V 8 H 14840

قال (عليه السلام): «هذه الآية مما غيروا و حرفوا، ما كان الله ليهلك محمدا (صلى الله عليه و آله) و لا من كان معه من المؤمنين، و هو خير ولد آدم (عليه السلام)،

He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'This Verse is from what they have changed and altered. Allah<sup>azwj</sup> was not going to Destroy Muhammad<sup>saww</sup>, nor the ones who were with him<sup>saww</sup> from the Momineen, and he<sup>saww</sup> was the best of the Children of Adam<sup>as</sup>.

But, Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic Said: Say: 'Have you considered if Allah were to destroy all of you together, and Have Mercy on us, so who will save the Kafirs from a painful Punishment?' [67:28]". 35

### **VERSE 29**

Say: 'He is the Beneficent! We believe in Him, and upon Him we Rely. Soon you shall come to know who is in clear straying' [67:29]

### The altered Verse

الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ مُعَلَّى بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَسْبَاطٍ عَنْ عَلِيٍّ بْنِ أَبِي حَمْزَةَ عَنْ أَبِي بَصِيرٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ( عليه السلام ) فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلالٍ مُبِينٍ يَا مَعْشَرَ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ حَيْثُ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ رِسَالَةَ رَبِّي فِي وَلايَةٍ عَلِيٍّ ( عليه السلام ) وَ الْأَئِمَةِ ( عليهم السلام ) مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينِ كَذَا أُنْزِلَتْ

Al Husayn Bin Muhammad, from Moalla Bin Muhammad, from Ali Bin Asbat, from Ali Bin Abu Hamza, from Abu Baseer,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> regarding the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: **Soon you shall come to know who is in clear straying**, **O group of beliers, where I informed you of the Message of my Lord regarding Wilayah of Ali and the Imams after him, who is in clear straying' [67:29]**. Such is how it was Revealed".<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>(</sup>تأويل الآيات 2: 707/ 10.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Divine Authority CH 108 H 45

# VERSE 30

# قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ مِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ {30}

Say: 'Have you considered if your water were to become sunken, so who can come to you with flowing water?' [67:30]

و عنه، قال: حدثنا أبي (رحمه الله)، قال: حدثنا سعد بن عبد الله، قال: حدثنا أحمد بن محمد بن عيسى، عن موسى بن القاسم بن معاوية بن وهب البجلي، و أبي قتادة علي بن محمد بن حفص، عن علي بن جعفر، عن أخيه موسى بن جعفر (عليهما السلام)، قال: قلت: ما تأويل قول الله عز و جل: قُلْ أَ رَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ ماؤُكُمْ غَوْراً فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِماءٍ مَعِينٍ؟

And from him, said, 'My father narrated to us, from Sa'ad Bin Abdullah, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Isa, from Muha Bin Al-Qasim Bin Muawiya Bin Wahab Al-Bajaly, and Abu Qatada Ali Bin Muhammad Bin Hafs, who has narrated the following:

'Ali son of Ja'far<sup>asws</sup>, from his brother Musa<sup>asws</sup> Bin Ja'far<sup>asws</sup>, said, 'I said, 'What is the explanation of the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: **Say: 'Have you considered if your water were to become sunken, so who can come to you with flowing water?' [67:30]**.

فقال: «إذا فقدتم إمامكم فلم تروه فما ذا تصنعون؟».

So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'When you lose your Imam<sup>asws</sup>, and you do not see him<sup>asws</sup> (anymore), so what is it what you would be doing?'<sup>37</sup>

علي بن إبراهيم، قال: حدثنا محمد بن جعفر، قال: حدثنا محمد بن أحمد، عن القاسم بن العلاء، قال: حدثنا إسماعيل بن علي الفزاري، عن محمد بن جمهور، عن فضالة بن أيوب، قال: سئل الرضا (عليه السلام) عن قول الله عز و جل: قُلْ أَ رَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ ماؤُكُمْ غَوْراً فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِماءٍ مَعِينٍ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Muhammad Bin Ja'far, from Muhammad Bin Ahmad, from Al-Qasim Bin Al-A'la, from Ismail Bin Ali Al-Fazary, from Muhammad Bin Jamhour, from Fazalat Bin Ayoub said:

'I asked Al-Reza<sup>asws</sup> about the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: **Say: 'Have** you considered if your water were to become sunken, so who can come to you with flowing water?' [67:30].

فقال (عليه السلام): «ماؤكم أبوابكم، أي الأئمة (عليهم السلام)، و الأئمة أبواب الله بينه و بين خلقه فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِماءٍ مَعِينٍ يعني بعلم الإمام».

So he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Your water, is 'Your doors'. i.e. the Imams<sup>asws</sup>, and the Imams<sup>asws</sup> are the Doors of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> between Him<sup>azwj</sup> and His<sup>azwj</sup> creatures: **so who can come to** 

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<sup>(</sup>كمال الدين و تمام النعمة: 360/ 3.) 37

you with flowing water?' [67:30] - Meaning (come to you) with the Knowledge of the Imam<sup>asws</sup>'. 38

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ مُوسَى بْنِ الْقَاسِمِ بْنِ مُعَاوِيَةَ الْبَجَلِيِّ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ عَنْ أَخِيهِ مُوسَى بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ ( عليه السلام ) فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ قُلْ أَ رَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ ماؤُكُمْ غَوْراً فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِماءٍ مَعِينٍ قَالَ إِذَا غَابَ عَنْكُمْ إِمَامُكُمْ فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ إِمَامُ جَدِيدٍ .

Ali Bin Muhammad, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Musa Bin Al Qasim Bin Muawiya Al Bajaly,

(It has been narrated) from Ali son of Ja'far<sup>asws</sup>, from his brother<sup>asws</sup> Musa<sup>asws</sup> Bin Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> regarding the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: **Say:** 'Have you considered if your water were to become sunken, so who can come to you with flowing water?' [67:30]. He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'When your Imam<sup>asws</sup> is absent from you all, so who would come to you with a new Imam<sup>asws</sup>?'<sup>39</sup>

وباسناده إلى ابى بصير عن ابى جعفر عليه السلام في قول الله عزوجل: "قل ارايتم ان اصبح ماؤكم غورا فمن يأتيكم بماء معين " فقال: هذه نزلت في الامام القائم يقول: ان اصبح امامكم غائبا عنكم لا تدرون اين هو ؟ فمن يأتيكم بامام ظاهر يأتيكم باخبار السماوات والارض وحلال الله وحرامه،

And by his chain going up to Abu Baseer, who has narrated:

'Abu Ja'far<sup>asws</sup> regarding the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: *Say: 'Have you considered if your water were to become sunken, so who can come to you with flowing water?' [67:30]*, so he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'It was Revealed regarding Al-Qaim<sup>asws</sup>. He<sup>azwj</sup> is Saying; "When your Imam<sup>asws</sup> recedes and is hidden from you all, you will not be knowing where he<sup>asws</sup> is? So there comes to you the apparent Imam<sup>asws</sup>, bringing to you the news of the skies and the earth, and Permissibles of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> and His<sup>azwj</sup> Prohibitions".

ثم قال عليه السلام: والله ما جاء تأويل هذه الاية ولابد ان يجيئ تأويلها.

Then he<sup>asws</sup> said: 'By Allah<sup>azwj</sup>! The interpretation of this Verse has not come yet, and it is inevitable that its interpretation should come'.<sup>40</sup>

ابن بابويه، قال: أخبرنا محمد بن عبد الله بن المطلب الشيباني، قال: حدثنا محمد بن الحسين بن حفص الخثعمي الكوفي، قال: حدثنا عباد بن يعقوب، قال: حدثنا علي بن هاشم، عن محمد بن عبد الله، عن أبي عبيدة بن محمد بن عمار، عن أبيه، عن جده عمار، قال: كنت مع رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) في بعض غزواته، و قتل علي (عليه السلام) أصحاب الألوية و فرق جمعهم، و قتل عمرو بن عبد الله الجمحي، و قتل شيبة بن نافع، أتيت رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) فقلت له: يا رسول الله ان عليا قد جاهد في الله حق جهاده.

<sup>39</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Divine Authority CH 80 H 14

<sup>(</sup>تفسير القمى 2: 379.) <sup>38</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Tafseer Noor Al Saqalayn – CH 67 H 41

Ibn Babuwayh said, 'Muhammad Bin Abdullah Bin Al-Matlab Al-Shaybani narrated to us, from Muhammad Bin Al-Hassan Bin Hafs Al-Khash'amy Al-kufy, from Abaad Bin Yaqoub, from Ali Bin Hisham, from Muhammad Bin Abdullah, from Abu Ubeyda Bin Muhammad Bin Amaar, from his father, from his grandfather Amaar who said:

'I was with Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> in one of his<sup>asws</sup> military expeditions, and Ali<sup>asws</sup> killed brigadiers and the groups of them, and killed Amro Bin Abdullah Al-Jamhy, and killed Shaybat Bin Naf'a. I came up to Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>, so I said to him<sup>saww</sup>, 'O Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>! Ali<sup>asws</sup> has done Jihad for the Sake of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, a rightful Jihad'.

فقال: «لأنه مني و أنا منه، و إنه وارث علمي، و قاضي ديني، و منجز وعدي، و الخليفة من بعدي، و لولاه لم يعرف المؤمن المحض بعدي، حربه حربي، و حربي حرب الله، و سلمه سلمي، و سلمي سلم الله،

So he<sup>saww</sup> said: 'Because he<sup>asws</sup> is from me<sup>saww</sup>, and I<sup>saww</sup> am from him<sup>asws</sup>, and he<sup>asws</sup> is the inheritor of my<sup>saww</sup> knowledge, and the fulfiller of my<sup>saww</sup> debts, and completer of my<sup>saww</sup> promises, and is the Caliph from after me<sup>saww</sup>. And were it not for him<sup>asws</sup>, the pure Momin would not have been recognised after me<sup>saww</sup>. His<sup>asws</sup> war is my<sup>saww</sup> war, and my<sup>saww</sup> was is the War of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, and his<sup>asws</sup> peace is my<sup>saww</sup> peace, and my<sup>saww</sup> is peace is the Peace of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>.

Indeed! He<sup>asws</sup> is the father of my<sup>saww</sup> grandsons<sup>asws</sup>, and the Imams<sup>asws</sup> are from his<sup>asws</sup> back. Allah<sup>azwj</sup> would Bring out the Righteous Imams<sup>asws</sup> from his<sup>asws</sup> lineage, and among them<sup>asws</sup> is the Mahdi<sup>asws</sup> of this community'.

So I said, 'May my father and my mother be sacrificed for you<sup>saww</sup>, O Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>, who is this Al-Mahdi<sup>asws</sup>?'

He<sup>saww</sup> said: 'O Amaar! Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, Blessed and Exalted has Given to me<sup>saww</sup> an Oath, that He<sup>azwj</sup> would Bring out from the lineage of Al-Husayn<sup>asws</sup>, nine Imams<sup>asws</sup>, and the ninth from his<sup>asws</sup> sons<sup>asws</sup> would be hidden from them (the people), and these are the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic: *Say: 'Have you considered if your water were to become sunken, so who can come to you with flowing water?'* [67:30].

It would become a prolonged occultation for him<sup>asws</sup>. A people would turn back from it, and another would be steadfast upon it. So when it is the end of the times, he<sup>asws</sup>

would come out and fill the world with equity and justice as it had been filled with inequity and injustice, and he<sup>asws</sup> would fight upon the explanation (of the Quran) just as I<sup>saww</sup> fought upon the Revelation (of the Quran), and he has my<sup>saww</sup> name, and would be the most similar to me<sup>saww</sup> of the people.

O Amaar! There will be Fitna after me<sup>saww</sup>. So when it is like that, follow Ali<sup>asws</sup> and his<sup>asws</sup> companions, for he<sup>asws</sup> is with the truth and the truth is with him<sup>asws</sup>.

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يا عمار، إنك ستقاتل بعدي مع على صنفين: الناكثين و القاسطين، ثم تقتلك الفئة الباغية».
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O Amaar! After me<sup>saww</sup>, you will be fighting against two types – the breakers (of the covenant) and the unjust, then you will be killed by the rebellious group.

I said, 'O Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup>! Is that not upon the Pleasure of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> and your<sup>saww</sup> pleasure?' He<sup>asws</sup> said: 'Yes, upon the Pleasure of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> and my<sup>saww</sup> pleasure, and it would become the last of your provision from the world, a drink of milk which you will be drinking it'.

So when it was the Day of Siffeen, Amaar Bin Yasser came out to Amir-al-Momineen as and said to him saws, 'O brother of Rasool-Allah as Permit me for the fighting?' So he said: 'Shh! No. May Allah have Mercy on you'.

Then, after some time, he repeated the speech to him<sup>asws</sup>, so he<sup>asws</sup> answered him similar to it. Then he repeated to him<sup>asws</sup> for a third time, so Amir-al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup> wept. Amaar looked at him<sup>asws</sup> and said, 'O Amir-al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup>, it is the Day which Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> described to me'.

So Amir-al-Momineen<sup>asws</sup> descended from his<sup>asws</sup> mule, hugged Amaar and bid farewell to him, then said: 'O Abu Al-Yaqzan! Your Reward, from Allah<sup>azwj</sup> and from

His<sup>azwj</sup> Prophet<sup>saww</sup>, and from me<sup>asws</sup> is good, for you were a good brother, and a good companion'.

ثم بكى (عليه السلام) و بكى عمار، ثم قال: و الله- يا أمير المؤمنين- ما اتبعتك إلا ببصيرة، فإني سمعت رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) يقول يوم خيبر: «يا عمار، ستكون بعدي فتنة، فإذا كان ذلك فاتبع عليا و حزبه، فإنه مع الحق و الحق معه، و ستقاتل بعدي الناكثين و القاسطين» فحزاك الله خيرا- يا أمير المؤمنين- عن الإسلام أفضل الجزاء، فلقد أديت و أبلغت و نصحت.

Then he<sup>asws</sup> wept, and Amaar wept, then said, 'O Amir-ul-Momineen<sup>asws</sup>, I do not follow you<sup>asws</sup> except with insight, for I heard Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> saying to me on the Day of Khyber: 'O Amaar! There will take place strife after me<sup>saww</sup>. So when it is like that, follow Ali<sup>asws</sup> and his<sup>asws</sup> party, for he<sup>asws</sup> is with the truth and the truth is with him<sup>asws</sup>, and you will be fighting against the breakers (of the covenant) and the unjust, after me<sup>saww</sup>. So, may Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Reward you good, O Amir-ul-Momineen, about Al-Islam, the best of the Rewards, for I have performed and have been preached to, and been advised'.

ثم ركب و ركب أمير المؤمنين (عليه السلام)، ثم برز إلى القتال، ثم دعا بشربة من ماء فقيل: ما معنا ماء. فقام إليه رجل من الدنيا الأنصار و سقاه شربة من لبن فشربه، ثم قال: هكذا عهد إلى رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) أن يكون آخر زادي من الدنيا شربة لبن، ثم حمل على القوم، فقتل ثمانية عشر نفسا، فخرج إليه رجلان من أهل الشام فطعناه، و قتل (رحمه الله)،

Then he mounted and Amir-al-Momineen mounted (the mule). Then he went out for the battle. Then he called for a drink of water, so it was said, 'We have no water with us'. So a man from the Helpers stood up and quenched him with a drink of milk, so he drank it, then said, 'This is what Rasool-Allah promised to me and it would be the last of my provision from the world, a drink of milk. Then he attacked the people (enemy), and he killed eighteen of them. Two men from the people of Syria came out to him, so they stabbed and killed him.

فلما كان في الليل طاف أمير المؤمنين (عليه السلام) في القتلى، فوجد عمارا ملقى بين القتلى، فجعل رأسه على فخذه، ثم بكى عليه و أنشأ يقول: ألا أيها الموت الذي ليس تاركي - أرحني فقد أفنيت كل خليل - أيا موت كم هذا التفرق عنوة فلست تبقي خلة لخليل - أراك بصيرا بالذين أحبهم - كأنك تمضي نحوهم بدليل

So when it was night time, Amir-al-Momineen asws circled in the battlefield, and he found Amaar lying among the dead. So he placed his head upon his thigh, then wept over him, and recited a poem – Indeed, O death, you do not leave any – and you have perished all friends – Regardless of how death forcibly separates – so there does not remain a solitary one for a friend – I see you are looking at the ones I love – As if you have evidence against them.

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<sup>(</sup>كفاية الأثر: 120) <sup>41</sup>