



قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى فِي كِتَابِهِ

وَ اعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوْا

Allah, Blessed and High be He, said in His Book

“And hold fast unto the rope of Allah
and be not disunited...”

The Holy Quran, Surah Aal Imraan (3): verse 103

THE NOBLE QURAN & AMEERUL MOMINEEN IMAM ALI IBN ABI TALIB (PEACE BE ON THEM BOTH)

Part – II



Preface

We begin in the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful and seek the grace and bestowal of His Last Proof and the Imam of our time, His Eminence, Imam al-Hujjah Ibn al-Hasan al-Askari (a.t.f.s.).

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.), in his famous tradition known as Hadith al-Thaqlain (tradition of the two precious things) which is unanimously accepted by all Muslims, irrespective of the sect they belong to, said:

إِنِّي تَارِكٌ فِيْكُمُ الشَّقَلَيْنِ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَعِتْرَتِي أَهْلَ بَيْتِي مَا إِنْ تَمَسَّكُتُمْ بِهِمَا لَنْ تَضِلُّوْ أَبَدًا وَلَنْ يَفْتَرِقَا حَتَّى يَرِدَا عَلَى الْحَوْضِ

"I am leaving behind among you two precious things, the Book of Allah and my progeny my Ahle Bait (a.s.), if you hold fast unto both of them then you shall never be deviated after me for these two shall never separate from each other until they meet me at the pond (of Kauthar)."

[Al-Mustarshid Fee Imamah Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) by Muhammad Ibn Jarir al-Tabari, p. 559, H. 237]

It is our endeavour and sole aim to adhere to and propagate the teachings of Thaqlain i.e., the Holy Quran and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.a.) and his pure and infallible progeny (a.s.) so that their true teachings reach the people.

The objective of this booklet is:

1. To introduce Quranic Verses revealed in the excellence of Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)
2. To support the verses with a brief exegesis (Tafseer) from Shia and Ahle Tasannun sources
3. To establish the fact that both Shia and Ahle Tasannun are unanimous in their viewpoint regarding these verses being revealed in the excellence of the Ahlul Bait (a.s.), especially Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)



Verse 1: Verse of Mastership (Wilaayah)

Arabic & Translation

إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا يُقْبِلُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ

“Certainly, only Allah is your Master and His Messenger and those who believe, those who establish prayers and pay the poor-rate while they bow.”

[Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 55]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) said:

*“The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) was praying one day in the mosque when a poor person passed by him (s.a.w.a.). So, Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) asked him, ‘Has anyone given you any charity?’ The person replied, ‘Yes, I passed by a man who was bowing (in a state of Ruku’) and he gave me his ring’ and (saying this) he pointed with his hand towards Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.). So this verse was revealed that **“Certainly, only Allah is your Master and His Messenger and those who believe, those who establish prayers and pay the poor-rate while they bow.”** Then Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, ‘He – viz. Ali (a.s.) – is your Master after me.’*

[Tafseer al-Furaat by Furaat Ibn Ibrahim al-Kufi, pp. 124-125]

In another tradition, Imam Baqir (a.s.) said regarding the verse:

“Certainly, only Allah is your Master and His Messenger and those who believe” they are the Imams (a.s.).

[Tafseer al-Ayyaashi by Muhammad Ibn Mas’ood al-Ayyaashi (a.r.), vol. 1, pp. 328-329]

Ahle Tasannun Narrations

Ibn Abbas narrates:

*“Ali (a.s.) gave his ring in charity while he was bowing (in Ruku’). Then Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) asked the beggar: ‘Who gave you this ring?’ He replied: ‘That person who is bowing (in Ruku’).’ Then Allah revealed **“Certainly, only Allah is your Master and His Messenger and those who believe, those who establish prayers and pay the poor-rate while they bow.”***

[Tafseer al-Durr al-Mansoor by Jalaaluddin Suyuti under the Tafseer of Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 55]



Verse 2: Verse of Best of Men (Khair al-Bariyyah)

Arabic & Translation

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةُ

"Surely those who believe and do good deeds, they are the best of men."

[Surah Bayyinah (98): Verse 7]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Baqir (a.s.) narrates that Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) said:

"... I heard the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) reciting this verse. Then he turned towards me and said, 'they, by Allah, are you and your Shias'..."

[Al-Amaali of Shaikh Tusi (a.r.), pp. 405-406, H. 909; Wasaael al-Shia by Shaikh Hurr al-Aameli (a.r.), vol. 16, pp. 182-183, H. 21299]

Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) narrates that Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said:

"O Ali (a.s.)! "Surely those who believe and do good deeds, they are the best of men" is about you and your Shias. You and your Shias will come to me (on the Day of Judgment) pleased with God and God will be pleased with you all."

[Tafseer al-Furaat by Furaat Ibn Ibrahim al-Kufi, p. 584, H. 750]

Ahle Tasannun Narrations

From Jabir Ibn Abdullah, he said, we were with the Prophet (s.a.w.a.), then Ali (a.s.) came, then the Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said:

"By the One in whose hand is my life, surely he and his Shias are the excellent ones"

Then this verse was revealed. Then whenever the companions of the Prophet (s.a.w.a.) used to meet Ali (a.s.), they would say, the best of creation (Khair al-Bariyyah) has come.

[Tafseer al-Durr al-Mansoor by Jalaaluddin Suyuti, vol. 8, p. 589]

Atiyyah narrates from Abu Saeed that he has narrated that Ali (a.s.) is the best of creation.

[Mizaan al-E'tedaal by Zahabi, vol. 1, p. 99-100]



Verse 3: Verse of Delivering (Balligh)

Arabic & Translation

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَّغْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكُفَّارِ

"O Messenger! Deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people; surely Allah will not guide the unbelieving people."

[Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 67]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Ja'far Sadiq (a.s.) said:

"When the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) was returning from his last Hajj, Jibreel (a.s.) descended upon him and said, "O Messenger! Deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people" So the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) called out to the people and then they gathered... he (s.a.w.a.) said, "O people! Who is your master and who has more authority upon you than yourselves?" They replied, "Allah and His Messenger (s.a.w.a.)" Then he (s.a.w.a.) announced, "Of whomsoever I am the master, then Ali (a.s.) is his master."

[Al-Kaafi by Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Yaqoob al-Kulaini (a.r.), vol. 1, p. 295, H. 3]

Imam Baqir (a.s.) said:

"Deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord means about the excellence of Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)."

[Al-Taraaef by Sayed Ibn Tawoos (a.r.), vol. 1, p. 152, H. 233]

Ahle Tasannun Narrations

Ibn Mordawayh narrates from Ibn Masood who said: "We used to recite during the time of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), ***"O Prophet, convey what was revealed to you from your Lord"*** that Ali is the master of the believers..."

[Tafseer al-Durr al-Mansoor by Jalaaluddin Suyuti, vol. 3, p. 117]

From Atiyyah, from Abu Saeed al-Khudri, he said, concerning this verse, that it was revealed on the day of Ghadeer Khum regarding Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.).

[Asbaab al-Nuzool by al-Waahidi Neyshapoori, vol. 1, p. 204]



Verse 4: The Verse of Perfection (Ikmaal)

Arabic & Translation

الْيَوْمَ أَكَمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِيْنَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِيْنًا

"This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion"

[Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 3]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said:

"On this day, your religion has become complete by the appointment of the one who will protect it, and I have completed My bounties upon you through our mastership and I am pleased with Islam as a religion for you i.e., the submission of a person to Our command."

[Al-Manaaqib by Ibn Shahr Ashoob (a.r.), vol. 3, p. 23]

Imam Baqir (a.s.) said:

*"When Allah, the High, revealed "**This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you**" then he (a.s.) said, "The perfection of religion is the Mastership (Wilaayah) of Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)."*

[Tafseer al-Furaat by Furaat Ibn Ibrahim al-Kufi, p. 119, H. 125]

Ahle Tasannun Narrations

Abu Hurairah said,

*"... and on the day of Ghadeer the Prophet (s.a.w.a.) took the hand of Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), then he said, 'Am I not the master of the believers?' They replied, 'Yes O Prophet of Allah!' He (s.a.w.a.) further said, 'the one for whom I am his master, then Ali is his master.' Then Umar Ibn Khattab said, 'Congratulations, congratulations to you O Ibn Abi Talib! Today you have become my master and the master of every Muslim.' then Allah revealed the verse, **this day I have perfected for you your religion.***

[Tareekh Baghdad by Khateeb al-Baghdadi, vol. 9, p. 221; Tareekh Damishq by Ibn Asaakir, vol. 42, p. 232-233]

From Abu Hurairah, he said that when Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) took the hand of Ali (a.s.), he said, *'the one for whom I am his master, then Ali is his master'*, then Allah Mighty and Majestic be He revealed this verse, **today I have perfected for you your religion.**

[Al-Bedaayah wa al-Nehaayah by Ibn Kaseer, vol. 5, p. 232]



Verse 5: The Verse of the Foremost Ones (Saabiqoon)

Arabic & Translation

وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ أُولَئِكَ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ

"And the foremost are the foremost, These are they who are drawn near (to Allah),"

[Surah Waqaah (56): Verses 10-11]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Hasan Ibn Ali (a.s.) narrates from Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) concerning this verse who said regarding this verse,

"Surely, I am the first to believe in Allah and His Messenger and I am the closest confidante of Allah and His Messenger."

[Kitab Sulaim Ibn Qais al-Hilaali, vol. 2, p. 936, H. 74]

Ibn Abbas narrates from Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) about this verse that the Jibreel (a.s.) informed him that it refers to Imam Ali (a.s.) and his Shias. They will be the foremost to enter Paradise and will be the closest to Allah due His bounties upon them.

[Al-Amaali of Shaikh Tusi (a.r.), p. 72, H. 104]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

From Ibn Abbas regarding this verse, it was revealed for Hizqeel the believer from the progeny of Firaun, Habib al-Najjar the one who is mentioned in Surah Yasin and Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) and these men were the foremost ones of their nations, and Ali (a.s.) is the most superior of them.

[Tafseer al-Durr al-Mansoor by Jalaaluddin Suyuti, vol. 8, pp. 6-7]

Ibn Abbas says regarding this verse, it was revealed concerning Ali (a.s.).

[Rauzah al-Waaezeen by Ibn Fattaal Neyshaapoori, vol. 1, p. 85]