



قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى فِي كِتَابِهِ

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

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

**QURANIC VERSES ABOUT
AMEERUL MOMINEEN
IMAM ALI IBN ABI TALIB
(PEACE BE ON THEM BOTH)**



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-Thaqalain (tradition of the two precious things) which is unanimously accepted by all Muslims, irrespective of the sect they belong to, said:

إِنِّي تَارِكٌ فِيكُمْ الثَّقَلَيْنِ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَعِزَّتِي أَهْلَ بَيْتِي مَا إِن تَمَسَّكْتُمْ بِهِمَا لَنْ تَضِلُّوا بَعْدِي أَبَدًا وَلَنْ يَفْتَرِقَا حَتَّى يَرِدَا عَلَيَّ الْحَوْضَ

"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 Thaqalain i.e., the Holy Quran and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.a.) and his pure and infallible progeny (a.s.), to the best of our ability, so that their true teachings reach the people.

The objective of this booklet is to:

1. Introduce Quranic verses revealed about Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)
2. Support the verses with a brief exegesis (Tafseer) from Shia and Ahle Tasannun sources
3. 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: He who sold his self for Allah's Satisfaction

Arabic & Translation

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَشْرِي نَفْسَهُ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

“And among men is he who sells himself to seek the pleasure of Allah; and Allah is Affectionate to the servants.”

[Surah Baqarah (2): Verse 207]

Shia Viewpoint

The verse “and among men is he who sells himself to see the pleasure of Allah” refers to Ameerul Mo’mineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.). The meaning of “sells himself” is “to sacrifice himself”. [Tafseer al-Qummi, vol. 1, p. 71]

Abu al-Yaqazan narrates that the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) spoke about what Quraysh intended of deception towards him and Ameerul Momineen’s (a.s.) overnight stay on his bed. He (s.a.w.a.) said:

*“Allah revealed to Jibrael and Mikaaeel (s.a.w.a.) that He had made them brothers and had made the lifespan of one longer than the other, and asked which of them would prefer his brother. Both of them disliked death, so Allah revealed to them: ‘Would that you were like My Beloved Friend, Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), I made him a brother to My Prophet and he preferred him over his own life, then stayed – or he said: slept – on his bed, sacrificing himself for him. Both of you descend to the earth and protect him from his enemy’. So, Jibrael descended and sat by his head, and Mikaaeel at his feet, and Jibrael kept saying: ‘How wonderful are you, O son of Abi Talib, by Allah, He boasts of you to the angels!’ And Allah revealed regarding Ameerul Momineen, Imam Ali (a.s.): ‘**And of the people is he who sells himself seeking the pleasure of Allah, and Allah is kind to [His] servants.**’*

[Al-Amaali of Shaikh Tusi (a.r.), p. 463, H. 1031]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

From Amr Ibn Maymun, who said: “... and Ameerul Momineen, Imam Ali (a.s.) sold himself (for the sake of Allah). He wore the Prophet’s (s.a.w.a.) robe and then slept in his place...”

[Musnad of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, vol. 1, pp. 330-331, H. 3052]

From Ibn Abbas, he said: “Ameerul Momineen, Imam Ali (a.s.) sold himself [for the sake of Allah], wore the garment of the Prophet (s.a.w.a.), and then slept in his place.” The author writes, this hadith has a reliable chain of narrators but was not included by Bukhari and Muslim. It was also narrated by Abu Dawood Tayaalisi and others from Abu Awaanah, with additional words.

[Al-Mustadrak alaa al-Sahihain of Hakim Neyshapoori, vol. 3, p. 4, H. 4322]



Verse 2: Can Believers be like the Transgressors

Arabic & Translation

أَفَمَنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَمَنْ كَانَ فَاسِقًا لَا يَسْتَوُونَ

"Is he then who is a believer like the one who is a transgressor? They are not equal."

[Surah Sajdah (32): Verse 18]

Shia Viewpoint

Abu Zarr al-Ghifaari narrates that when Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) argued with the people of Shura about his excellences, he (a.s.) asked them,

"Is there anyone among you for whom Allah, the Exalted, has revealed: 'Is he then who is a believer like one who is a transgressor? They are not equal.' to the end of what Allah, the Exalted, has detailed of the news of the believers, other than me?"

They replied: "By Allah, no."

[Al-Amaali of Shaikh Tusi (a.r.), p. 550, H. 1168]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Ibn Abbas narrates:

Waleed Ibn Uqbah Ibn Abi Mu'ait said to Ameerul Momineen, Imam Ali (a.s.): "I am sharper than you with the spear, more eloquent than you in speech, and fill the army ranks better than you" to which Ameerul Momineen, Imam Ali (a.s.) replied: *"Be quiet for you are nothing but a wicked person."*

Then the verse was revealed: ***"Is he then who is a believer like the one who is a transgressor? They are not equal."***, referring to Ameerul Momineen, Imam Ali (a.s.) as the believer and Walid ibn Uqbah Ibn Abi Mu'ait as the wicked person.

[Al-Durr al-Manthoor Fee al-Tafseer al-Ma'thoor by Suyooti, vol. 6, p. 553]



Verse 3: Mastership (Wilaayah) is Guidance

Arabic & Translation

وَإِنِّي لَغَفَّارٌ لِّمَن تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا ثُمَّ اهْتَدَى

“And most surely, I am most forgiving to him who repents and believes and does good, then continues to follow the guidance.”

[Surah Taa Haa (20): Verse 82]

Shia Viewpoint

Abu Ja'far Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) said concerning the saying of Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He, **“And most surely I am most forgiving to him who repents and believes and does good, then continues to follow the guidance”**:

“Towards the Mastership (Wilaayah) of Ameerul Momineen (a.s.).”

[Taweel al-Aayaat al-Zaaherah Fee Fazaael al-Etrah al-Taaherah by Mulla Ali Astarabadi, p. 310]

Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said:

*“By Allah, O Ali! You were created so that through you the landmarks of religion might be recognized, and the ways of guidance be rectified by you. Indeed, he who deviates from you has indeed deviated, and he cannot be guided to Allah if he is not guided to you (and to your mastership). And this is the saying of my Lord, ‘**And most surely, I am forgiving to him who repents and believes, and does good, and then continues to follow the guidance**’ (meaning) to your mastership (Wilayaah).”*

[Tafseer Furaat Ibn Ibrahim Kufi, p. 180]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

From Thabit al-Bunani saying regarding His (God's) saying: **‘And most surely, I am forgiving to him who repents and believes and does good, and then continues to follow the guidance’**, he said: “Guidance is towards the mastership (Wilaayah) of the Prophet's Household (s.a.w.a.).”

[Tafseer Tabari, vol. 16, p. 129]



Verse 4: People of Remembrance

Arabic & Translation

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رَجَالًا تُوحِي إِلَيْهِمْ فَاسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

"And We did not send before you except men upon whom We sent revelation; then ask the people of remembrance if you do not know."

[Surah Nahl (16): Verse 43]

Shia Viewpoint

Suddi narrates that he was with Umar Ibn Khattaab when Ka'ab Ibn Ashraf, Malik Ibn Saif, and Huyy Ibn Akhtab came to him. They said: "In your book, it is mentioned about a Paradise as wide as the heavens and the earth. If the size of one Paradise is like the seven heavens and seven earths, then where will all the Paradises be on the Day of Judgment?"

Umar replied, "I do not know."

While they were discussing this, Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) entered and asked what they were discussing. The Jewish individual repeated the question and Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) asked them: "Tell me, where does the day go when night comes, and where does the night go when the day comes?"

They replied, "It is in the knowledge of Allah."

Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) said, "Similarly, the Paradises are in the knowledge of Allah."

Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) then went to the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and informed him about this conversation, which led to the revelation: ***"So ask the people of the message if you do not know."***

[Manaaqeb Aal Abi Talib (a.s.) by Ibn Shahr Ashoob, vol. 2, p. 352]

Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) said regarding the verse of Allah Almighty, ***"So ask the people of the remembrance if you do not know,"*** the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said:

"I am the remembrance and the Imams are the people of remembrance."

[Al-Kaafi by Shaikh Kulaini (a.r.), vol. 1, p. 210, H. 1]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Jabir Jo'fi said that when this verse was revealed, Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) said: "We are the people of remembrance."

[Tafseer Qurtubbi, vol. 11, p. 182; Tafseer Tabari, vol. 18, p. 414; Tafseer Tha'labi, vol. 6, p. 270]



Verse 5: Truthful Ones

Arabic & Translation

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

“O you who believe! Be careful of (your duty to) Allah and be with the truthful ones.”

[Surah Taubah (9): Verse 119]

Shia Viewpoint

Ibn Abbas narrates that **“O you who believe! be careful of (your duty to) Allah and be with the truthful ones.”** i.e., be with Ameerul Momineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.).

[Behaar al-Anwaar by Allamah Majlisi (a.r.), vol. 35, p. 408]

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said:

“The truthful ones are three: Habib the carpenter, the believer of the family of Yasin who said, ‘O my people, follow the Messengers,’ and Hizqeel, the believer of the family of Pharaoh who said, ‘Would you kill a man for saying my Lord is Allah,’ and Ameerul Momineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) the third, and he is the best among them.”

[Tafseer Furaat Ibn Ibrahim Kufi, p. 354]

Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) said:

*“Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), delivered in a sermon in Kufa: ... Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He, says, **“be with the truthful ones”**, I am that truthful one.”*

[Maani al-Akhbaar by Shaikh Saduq (a.r.), p. 58, H. 9]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Regarding the verse, **“And be with the truthful”** ... Ibn Murdawayh reported from Ibn Abbas, who said: “Be with Ameerul Momineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s).”

[Fath al-Qadeer by Shaukaani, vol. 1, p. 605]

Abu Ja’far Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) said regarding the verse, **“O you who believe, fear Allah, and be with the truthful”**: “Be with Ameerul Momineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s).”

[Tareekh Damishq by Ibn Asaakir, vol. 42, p. 361]