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فِيهَا طَوِيلًا.

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Preface

In His name, the Exalted, the Most High, and with remembrance of His final Hujjat (may Allah hasten his noble reappearance).

All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and blessings be upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) and his purified progeny—especially the Imam of our time, Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his noble reappearance).

Humanity has not witnessed anyone like Imam Ali (peace be upon him) after the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family). He is unparalleled in his virtues, as we recite every Friday in Du'a al-Nudba:

وَلَا يُلْحَقُ فِي مَنْقَبَةٍ مِنْ مَنْاقِبِهِ

"And no one can catch up to him in any of his virtues."

We are pleased to present this humble book—a mere drop from the ocean of Imam Ali's (peace be upon him) unmatched merits. It contains the translation of a hadith in which Imam Ali (peace be upon him) himself narrates seventy unique virtues that none share with him. Remarkably, he (peace be upon him) also shares in all the virtues of others.

It even includes a noble supplication (du'a) taught by Jibra'il (peace be upon him) to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family), and by him (peace be upon him and his family) to Imam Ali

(peace be upon him). This du'a has been provided in both Arabic and English, and we encourage readers to commit it to memory and recite it regularly.

The hadith presented in this book can be found in several classical sources, including al-Khisal of Sheikh al-Sadooq (may Allah have mercy on him), al-Burhan fi Tafseer al-Qur'an of Sayyid Hashim al-Bahrani (may Allah have mercy on him), Bihar al-Anwar of Allama Majlisi (may Allah have mercy on him), and other renowned works.

We pray that this book helps to rekindle and deepen the light of faith in the hearts of believers. May the Imam of our time (may Allah hasten his noble reappearance) accept this modest effort.

We beseech Allah, the Almighty, to hasten the reappearance of His final Hujjat (peace be upon him), and grant us the honor of hearing the merits of Imam Ali (peace be upon him) from his (peace be upon him) own blessed tongue.

Introduction

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: لَقَدْ عَلِمَ
الْمُسْتَحْفَظُونَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّبِيِّ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ
فِيهِمْ رَجُلٌ لَهُ مَنْقَبَةٌ إِلَّا وَ قَدْ شَرَكْتُهُ فِيهَا وَ فَضَّلْتُهُ، وَ لِي سَبْعُونَ مَنْقَبَةً أَمْ
يَشْرِكُنِي فِيهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْهُمْ.

قُلْتُ: يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ! فَأَخْبِرْنِي بِهِنَّ

Ameer al-Mu'minin Ali ibn Abi Talib (peace by upon them both) said: "Those who were entrusted among the companions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace by upon him and his family) surely know that there is no man among them who possesses a merit except that I share it with him, and I surpass him. And I have seventy merits in which no one among them shares with me."

I (narrator) said: "O Ameer al-Mu'minin! Inform me about them."

1. One Who Never Associated Anything with Allah (The Exalted)

فَقَالَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَنْقَبَةٍ لِي أَنِّي لَمْ أُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ، وَ لَمْ
أَعْبُدِ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّى.

The first of my merits is that I never associated anything with Allah, even for the blink of an eye, and I never worshipped Al-Lat and Al-Uzza.

2. One Who Never Consumed Wine

وَالثَّانِيَةُ: أَنِّي لَمْ أَشْرَبِ الْخَمْرَ قَطُّ.

The second is that I have never consumed wine.

3. A Companion of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) throughout the course of life

وَالثَّالِثَةُ: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ اسْتَوْهَبَنِي مِنْ أَبِي فِي صِبَايَ
فَكُنْتُ أَكِيلَهُ وَشَرِبَهُ وَمُؤْنِسَهُ وَ مُحَدِّثَهُ

The third is that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) requested me from my father during my childhood, and I became his companion in eating, drinking, comforting, and conversing.

4. The First One to Believe and Accept Islam

وَالرَّابِعَةُ: أَنِّي أَوَّلُ النَّاسِ إِيمَانًا وَإِسْلَامًا.

The fourth is that I am the first person to believe and accept Islam.

5. True Position of Imam Ali (peace be upon him)

وَالْخَامِسَةُ: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ لِي: يَا عَلِيُّ! أَنْتَ
مِثِّي بِمَنْزِلَةِ هَارُونَ مِنْ مُوسَى إِلَّا أَنَّهُ لَا نَبِيَّ بَعْدِي.

The fifth: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said to me, "O Ali! You are to me as Harun was to Musa, except that there will be no prophet after me.

6. The Last One to be with the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family)

وَالسَّادِسَةُ: أَنِّي كُنْتُ آخِرَ النَّاسِ عَهْدًا بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
وَدَلَّيْتُهُ فِي خُفْرَتِهِ.

The sixth: I was the last person to be in the company of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family), and I placed him in his grave.

7. Ready to sacrifice life for the sake of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family)

وَالسَّابِعَةُ: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أُنَامَنِي عَلَى فِرَاشِهِ حَيْثُ
ذَهَبَ إِلَى الْغَارِ وَ سَجَّانِي بِبُرْدِهِ، فَلَمَّا جَاءَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ظَنُّونِي مُحَمَّدًا
فَأَيَّقُونِي، وَ قَالُوا: مَا فَعَلَ صَاحِبُكَ؟. فَقُلْتُ: ذَهَبَ فِي حَاجَتِهِ. فَقَالُوا:
لَوْ كَانَ هَرَبَ لَهَرَبَ هَذَا مَعَهُ.

And the seventh is that the Messenger of Allah, (peace by upon him and his family), made me sleep on his bed when he went to the cave and covered me with his cloak. When the disbelievers came, they thought I was Muhammad (peace by upon him and his family) and woke me up, saying, 'What has your companion done?' So I said, 'He has gone to attend to a need.' They said, 'If he had fled, he would have fled with this one.'

8. Knowledge of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) is with Imam Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةُ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَلَّمَنِي أَلْفَ بَابٍ مِنْ
الْعِلْمِ يَفْتَحُ كُلُّ بَابٍ أَلْفَ بَابٍ، وَ لَمْ يُعَلِّمْ ذَلِكَ أَحَدًا غَيْرِي.

As for the eighth: Indeed, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) taught me a thousand doors of knowledge, each door opening to a thousand more, and he did not teach this to anyone other than me.

9. Pulpit for Imam Ali's (Peace be upon him) in the Hereafter

وَأَمَّا التَّاسِعَةُ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ لِي: يَا عَلِيُّ! إِذَا
حَشَرَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ نَصَبَ لِي مِنْبَرًا فَوْقَ مَنْابِرِ
النَّبِيِّينَ، وَنَصَبَ لَكَ مِنْبَرًا فَوْقَ مَنْابِرِ الْوَصِيِّينَ، فَتَرْتَقِي عَلَيْهِ.

As for the ninth: Indeed, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said to me, "O Ali! When Allah, the Almighty and Glorious, gathers the first and the last, He will establish for me a pulpit above the pulpits of the prophets, and for you a pulpit above the pulpits of the successors, and you will ascend upon it."

10. Prayer of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) in the Hereafter

وَأَمَّا الْعَاشِرَةُ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ: لَا أُعْطَى فِي الْقِيَامَةِ شَيْئًا إِلَّا سَأَلْتُ لَكَ مِثْلَهُ.

As for the tenth: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say, "I will not be given anything on the Day of Resurrection except that I will ask for the like of it for you. "

11. Brother of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him and his family), Imam Ali (Peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الْحَادِيَةَ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:
يَا عَلِيُّ! أَنْتَ أَخِي وَ أَنَا أَخُوكَ يَدُكَ فِي يَدِي حَتَّى نَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ.

As for the eleventh: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say, "O Ali! You are my brother, and I am your brother; your hand will be in my hand until we enter Paradise together."

12. Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) Ark of Prophet Noah (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الثَّانِيَةَ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ: يَا عَلِيُّ! مَثْلُكَ فِي أُمَّتِي كَمَثَلِ سَفِينَةِ نُوحٍ مَنْ رَكِبَهَا نَجَا وَ مَنْ تَخَلَّفَ عَنْهَا غَرِقَ.

As for the twelfth: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say, "O Ali! Your likeness in my nation is like the Ark of Noah; whoever boards it is saved, and whoever stays behind drowns."

13. Prayer of the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الثَّالِثَةَ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَمَّمَنِي بِعِمَامَةٍ
نَفْسِهِ يَدِهِ وَدَعَا لِي بِدَعَوَاتِ النَّصْرِ عَلَى أَعْدَاءِ اللَّهِ، فَهَزَمْتُهُمْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ
عَزَّ وَجَلَّ.

As for the thirteenth: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) tied his own turban on my head with his own hand and supplicated for my victory over the enemies of Allah. By the permission of Allah, the Glorified and Exalted, I defeated them.

14. Actions of Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) are like the Actions of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الرَّابِعَةُ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَمَرَنِي أَنْ أَمْسَحَ
بِيَدِي عَلَى ضَرْعِ شَاةٍ قَدْ يَبَسَ ضَرْعُهَا، فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! بَلْ أَمْسَحُ
أَنْتَ. فَقَالَ:

يَا عَلِيُّ! فِعْلُكَ فِعْلِي، فَمَسَحْتُ عَلَيْهَا يَدِي فَدَرَّ عَلَيَّ مِنْ لَبَنِهَا فَسَقَيْتُ
رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ شَرِبَهُ، ثُمَّ أَتَتْ عَجُوزٌ فَشَكَتِ الظَّمَأَ
فَسَقَيْتُهَا، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: إِنِّي سَأَلْتُ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ
جَلَّ أَنْ يُبَارِكَ فِي يَدِكَ فَفَعَلَ.

As for the fourteenth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) commanded me to place my hand on the udder of a goat whose udder had dried up. I said, "O Messenger of Allah, you should do it." He replied, "O Ali, your action is like my action." So I placed my hand on it, and it produced milk. I gave the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) a drink from it. Then an old woman came, complaining of thirst, so I gave her to drink. The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said, "I asked Allah, the Glorified and Exalted, to bless your

hand, and He did."

15. Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) gave burial to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَوْصَى إِلَيَّ وَ
قَالَ:

يَا عَلِيُّ! لَا يَلِيَّ غُسْلِي غَيْرُكَ، وَ لَا يُوَارِي عَوْرَتِي غَيْرُكَ، فَإِنَّهُ إِنْ رَأَى
أَحَدًا عَوْرَتِي غَيْرُكَ تَفَقَّأَتْ عَيْنَاهُ. فَقُلْتُ لَهُ: كَيْفَ؟ فَكَيفَ «٣» لِي
بِتَقْلِيلِكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ (ص)؟. فَقَالَ: إِنَّكَ سَتُعَانُ، فَوَ اللَّهُ مَا أَرَدْتُ أَنْ
أُقَلِّبَ عُضْوًا مِنْ أَعْضَائِهِ إِلَّا قُلِّبَ لِي.

As for the fifteenth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) entrusted me and said, "O Ali! No one shall wash my body except you, and no one shall cover my private parts except you. For if anyone other than you were to see my private parts, their eyes would be blinded." I asked him, "How will I manage to turn your body, O Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family)?" He replied, "You will be supported. By Allah, I did not intend to turn any part of his body without it being turned for me.

16. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) gave Ghushl to The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا السَّادِسَةُ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنِّي أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أُجَرِّدَهُ فَنُودِيتُ، يَا وَصِيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ! لَا تُجَرِّدْهُ، فَعَسَلْتُهُ وَ الْقَمِيصُ عَلَيْهِ، فَلَا وَاللَّهِ الَّذِي أَكْرَمَهُ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ وَ خَصَّهُ بِالرِّسَالَةِ مَا رَأَيْتُ لَهُ عَوْرَةً، خَصَّنِي اللَّهُ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَصْحَابِهِ.

As for the sixteenth: I intended to remove his garment, but I was addressed, "O trustee of Muhammad! Do not remove it." So, I washed him with his garment on. By Allah, the One who honored him with prophethood and distinguished him with the message, I did not see his private parts. Allah granted me this distinction among all his companions.

17. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), The Only Suitable Match for Lady Fatimah (peace be upon her)

وَأَمَّا السَّابِعَةُ عَشْرَةٌ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ زَوَّجَنِي فَاطِمَةَ وَ قَدْ كَانَ حَظَبُهَا أَبُو بَكْرٍ وَ عُمَرُ فَزَوَّجَنِي اللَّهُ مِنْ فَوْقِ سَبْعِ سَمَاوَاتِهِ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ: هَنِيئًا لَكَ يَا عَلِيُّ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ قَدْ «١» زَوَّجَكَ فَاطِمَةَ سَيِّدَةَ نِسَاءِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ، وَ هِيَ بَضْعَةٌ مِنِّي. فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ! أَوْ لَسْتُ مِنْكَ؟ قَالَ: بَلَى يَا عَلِيُّ، وَ أَنْتَ مِنِّي وَ أَنَا مِنْكَ كَيْمِينِي مِنْ شِمَالِي، لَا أَسْتَغْنِي عَنْكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ.

As for the seventeenth: Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, married me to Fatimah (peace by upon her), while Abu Bakr and Umar had proposed to her. Allah married her to me from above His seven heavens. The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said, "Congratulations, O Ali! Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, has married you to Fatimah (peace by upon her), the mistress of the women of paradise. She is a part of me." I said, "O Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family), am I not also a part of you?" He replied, "Indeed, O Ali, you are from me, and I am from you, like my right hand is from my left. I cannot do without you in this world or the Hereafter.

18. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), Bearer of the Banner of Praise on the Day of Judgment

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةَ عَشْرَةَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! أَنْتَ صَاحِبُ لَوَاءِ الْحَمْدِ فِي الْآخِرَةِ، وَأَنْتَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَقْرَبُ الْخَلَائِقِ مِنِّي مَجْلِسًا يُبْسَطُ لِي وَ يُبْسَطُ لَكَ فَأَكُونُ فِي زُمْرَةِ النَّبِيِّينَ، وَ تَكُونُ فِي زُمْرَةِ الْوَصِيِّينَ، وَ يُوضَعُ عَلَى رَأْسِكَ تَاجُ النُّورِ وَ إِكْلِيلُ الْكَرَامَةِ، يَخْفُ بِكَ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ حَتَّى يَفْرُغَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ مِنْ حِسَابِ الْخَلَائِقِ.

As for the eighteenth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said, "O Ali! You are the bearer of the Banner of Praise in the Hereafter. On the Day of Judgment, you will be the closest of creation to me in position. A place will be prepared for me, and a place will be prepared for you. I will be among the group of prophets, and you will be among the group of successors. A crown of light and a wreath of honor will be placed on your head, and seventy thousand angels will surround you until Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, completes the reckoning of His creation.

19. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), The Divine Commander Against the Oath-Breakers, Unjust, and Deviators

وَأَمَّا التَّاسِعَةُ عَشْرَةٌ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ: سَتُقَاتِلُ النَّاكِثِينَ وَ الْقَاسِطِينَ وَ الْمَارِقِينَ، فَمَنْ قَاتَلَكَ مِنْهُمْ فَإِنَّ لَكَ بِكُلِّ رَجُلٍ مِنْهُمْ شَفَاعَةً فِي مِائَةِ أَلْفٍ مِنْ شِيعَتِكَ.

فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ (ص)! فَمَنْ النَّاكِثُونَ؟ قَالَ: طَلْحَةُ وَ الزُّبَيْرُ، سَيِّبَابِعُونَكَ بِالْحِجَازِ، وَ يَنْكُثَانِكَ بِالْعِرَاقِ، فَإِذَا فَعَلَا ذَلِكَ فَحَارِبُهُمَا فَإِنَّ فِي قِتَالِهِمَا طَهَارَةً لِلْأَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ.

قُلْتُ: فَمَنْ الْقَاسِطُونَ؟ قَالَ: مُعَاوِيَةُ وَ أَصْحَابُهُ.

فَقُلْتُ: فَمَنْ الْمَارِقُونَ؟ قَالَ: أَصْحَابُ دُو الثُّدَيَّةِ، وَ هُمْ يَمُرُقُونَ مِنَ الدِّينِ كَمَا يَمُرُقُ السَّهْمُ مِنَ الرَّمِيَّةِ، فَاقْتُلْهُمْ فَإِنَّ فِي قَتْلِهِمْ فَرَجًا لِلْأَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ، وَ عَذَابًا مُعْجَلًا عَلَيْهِمْ، وَ دُخْرًا لَكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ.

As for the nineteenth: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said, "You will fight against the oath-breakers, the unjust, and the deviators. For each man who fights you from among them, you will have intercession for one hundred thousand of your Shia."

I asked, "O Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family), who are the oath-breakers?" He replied, "Talha and Zubair. They will pledge allegiance to you in Hijaz and will break it in Iraq. When they do this, fight them, for in fighting them lies the purification of the people of the earth."

I said, "Who are the unjust?" He said, "Muawiyah and his companions."

I asked, "Who are the deviators?" He said, "The companions of Dhu'th-Thudayyah. They will deviate from the religion as an arrow passes through its target. Kill them, for in killing them lies relief for the people of the earth, a hastened punishment for them, and a reward stored for you with Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, on the Day of Judgment."

20. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), The Gate of Salvation for This Nation

وَأَمَّا الْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ: مَثَلُكَ فِي أُمَّتِي مَثَلُ بَابِ حِطَّةٍ فِي بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، فَمَنْ دَخَلَ فِي وَلَايَتِكَ فَقَدْ دَخَلَ الْبَابَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ.

And as for the twentieth, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) say, "Your likeness in my nation is like the Gate of Hittah among the Children of Israel. Whoever enters into your wilayat has entered the gate as Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, has commanded.

21. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), The Gate to the City of Prophetic Knowledge

وَأَمَّا الْحَادِيَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

أَنَا مَدِينَةُ الْعِلْمِ وَ عَلِيٌّ بَابُهَا، وَلَنْ يُدْخَلَ «١» الْمَدِينَةَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَابِهَا، ثُمَّ قَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! إِنَّكَ سَتَرَعَى ذِمَّتِي وَ تُقَاتِلُ عَلَى سُنَّتِي، وَ تُخَالِفُكُ أُمَّتِي.

And as for the twenty-first, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) say, "I am the city of knowledge, and Ali is its gate. None can enter the city except through its gate." Then he said, "O Ali! You will safeguard my covenant, fight for my tradition, and my nation will oppose you.

22. Imam Hasan and Imam Husain (peace be upon them both): The Divine Light Born from Ali (peace be upon him) and Fatimah (peace by upon her)

وَأَمَّا الثَّانِيَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
يَقُولُ:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى خَلَقَ ابْنَيْ الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ مِنْ نُورٍ أَلْقَاهُ إِلَيْكَ وَ
إِلَى فَاطِمَةَ، وَهُمَا يَهْتَزَّانِ كَمَا يَهْتَزُّ الْقُرْطَانِ إِذَا كَانَا فِي الْأُذُنَيْنِ، وَ
نُورُهُمَا مُتَضَاعِفٌ عَلَى نُورِ الشُّهَدَاءِ سَبْعِينَ أَلْفَ ضِعْفٍ، يَا عَلِيُّ! إِنَّ اللَّهَ
عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَدْ وَعَدَنِي أَنْ يُكْرِمَهُمَا كَرَامَةً لَا يُكْرِمُ بِهَا أَحَدًا مَا خَلَا النَّبِيِّينَ
وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ

And as for the twenty-second, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say, "Indeed, Allah, Blessed and Exalted, created my two sons, Hasan and Husain, from a light that He cast upon you and Fatimah (peace by upon her). They sway like earrings sway when they are in the ears, and their light surpasses the light of the martyrs seventy thousand times. O Ali! Allah, Exalted and Glorious, has promised me to honor them with a distinction that will not be granted to anyone except the prophets and messengers.

23. Bearer of the Prophet's (peace by upon him and his family) Trust: Ali (peace be upon him) Above All Others

وَأَمَّا الثَّالِثَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَعْطَانِي خَاتَمَهُ فِي حَيَاتِهِ وَدِرْعَهُ وَنِطَاقَهُ «٤» وَفَلَدَنِي سَيْفَهُ وَأَصْحَابُهُ كُلُّهُمْ حُضُورًا وَعَمِّي الْعَبَّاسُ حَاضِرًا، فَخَصَّنِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ مِنْهُ بِذَلِكَ دُونَهُمْ.

And as for the twenty-third: the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) gave me his ring during his lifetime, along with his armor, belt, and entrusted me with his sword in the presence of all his companions and my uncle Abbas, who was also present. Thus, Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, honored me with these things, excluding others.

24. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – The Only One to Fulfill the Command of Charity Before Consultation

وَأَمَّا الرَّابِعَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ أَنْزَلَ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نَاجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَاكُمْ صَدَقَةً) «٥» فَكَانَ لِي دِينَارٌ فَبِعْتُهُ [فَبِعْتُهُ] «٦» بِعِشْرَةِ دَرَاهِمٍ، فَكُنْتُ «٧» إِذَا نَاجَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَصَدَّقُ قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ بِدِرْهِمٍ، وَ اللَّهُ مَا فَعَلَ هَذَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ أَصْحَابِي قَبْلِي وَ لَا بَعْدِي، فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ: (أَأَشْفَقْتُمْ أَنْ تُقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَاكُمْ

And as for the twenty-fourth: Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, revealed to His Messenger (peace by upon him and his family), "O you who believe! when you consult the Messenger, then offer something in charity before your consultation..." (Qur'an 58:12). I owned a dinar, so I sold it for ten dirhams, and whenever I consulted the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family), I would give a dirham in charity beforehand. By Allah, none of his companions did this before or after me. Then Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, revealed: "Do you fear that you will not (be able to) give in charity before your consultation? So when you do not do it and Allah has turned to you..." (Qur'an 58:13). Is there repentance except for a sin that has

been committed?

25. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – The Leader of the Successors and the First to Enter Paradise After the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ: الْجَنَّةُ مُحَرَّمَةٌ عَلَى الْأَنْبِيَاءِ حَتَّى أَدْخُلَهَا أَنَا، وَ هِيَ مُحَرَّمَةٌ عَلَى الْأَوْصِيَاءِ حَتَّى تَدْخُلَهَا أَنْتَ يَا عَلِيُّ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى بَشَّرَنِي فِيكَ بِبُشْرَى لَمْ يُبَشِّرْ بِهَا نَبِيًّا قَبْلِي، بَشَّرَنِي «٢» بِأَنَّكَ سَيِّدُ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ، وَ أَنَّ ابْنَيْكَ الْحُسَيْنَ وَ الْحُسَيْنَ سَيِّدَا شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ.

And as for the twenty-fifth: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say, "Paradise is forbidden for the prophets until I enter it, and it is forbidden for the successors until you, O Ali, enter it. Indeed, Allah, Blessed and Exalted, has given me glad tidings concerning you that He has not given to any prophet before me. He gave me the glad tidings that you are the leader of the successors, and that your two sons, Hasan and Husain, are the leaders of the youth of Paradise on the Day of Resurrection.

26. Ja'far al-Tayyar (may the mercy of Allah be upon him) – The Brother of Imam Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا السَّادِسَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنَّ جَعْفَرًا أَخِي الطَّيَّارِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ
الْمُزَيَّنِّ بِالْجَنَاحَيْنِ مِنْ دُرٍّ وَ يَاقُوتٍ وَ زَبَرْجَدٍ.

As for the twenty-sixth Ja'far, my brother, is the one who soars in Paradise with the angels, adorned with wings of pearls, rubies, and emeralds.

27. The Lion of Allah: Hamza (may the mercy of Allah be upon him), Leader of the Martyrs, Uncle of Imam Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا السَّابِعَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَعَمِّي حَمْزَةُ سَيِّدِ الشُّهَدَاءِ.

As for the twenty-seventh, my uncle Hamza is the chief of the martyrs.

28. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) Tested Like Moses, And the Eternal Promise

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى وَعَدَنِي فِيكَ وَعَدًا لَنْ يُخْلَفَهُ، جَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا وَجَعَلَكَ وَصِيًّا، وَسَتَلْقَى مِنْ أُمَّتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي مَا لَقِيَ مُوسَى مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ، فَاصْبِرْ وَاحْتَسِبْ حَتَّى تَلْقَانِي فَأُولَئِكَ مِنْ وَالَاكَ وَأُعَادِي مَنْ عَادَاكَ

As for the twenty-eighth, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said: "Indeed, Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, promised me regarding you a promise that He will not break: He made me a prophet, and He made you a successor. You will face from my nation after me what Moses (peace be upon him) faced from Pharaoh. So, be patient and anticipate your reward until you meet me, whereupon I will befriend those who befriended you and oppose those who opposed you.

29. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – The Guardian of the Pond of Kawthar

وَأَمَّا التَّاسِعَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

يَا عَلِيُّ! أَنْتَ صَاحِبُ الْخَوْضِ لَا يَمْلِكُهُ غَيْرُكَ وَ سَيِّئَاتِكَ قَوْمٌ فَيَسْتَسْفُونَكَ فَتَقُولُ:

لَا .. وَ لَا مِثْلُ ذَرَّةٍ، فَيَنْصَرِفُونَ مُسَوَّدَةً وُجُوهُهُمْ، وَ سَتَرْدُ عَلَيْكَ شِيعَتِي وَ شِيعَتُكَ فَتَقُولُ: رَدُّوا رِوَاءَ مَرْوِيِّينَ، فَيَرُدُّونَ مُبَيَّضَةً وُجُوهُهُمْ.

As for the twenty-ninth, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "O Ali! You are the one in-charge of the Pond; no one other than you will have control over it. A group of people will come to you seeking water, and you will say: 'No... not even the weight of a speck.' They will turn away with their faces darkened. Then my followers and your followers will come to you, and you will say: 'Welcome, drink to your satisfaction,' and they will arrive with their faces shining.

30. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), Leader of the Banner of Believers on the Day of Judgment

وَأَمَّا الثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ: يُحْشَرُ أُمَّتِي يَوْمَ
الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَى خَمْسِ زَايَاتٍ، فَأَوَّلُ زَايَةٍ تَرُدُّ عَلَيَّ زَايَةٌ فِرْعَوْنِ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ، وَ
هُوَ مُعَاوِيَةُ.

وَ الثَّانِيَةُ: مَعَ سَامِرِيِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ، وَ هُوَ عَمْرُو بْنُ الْعَاصِ.

وَ الثَّالِثَةُ: مَعَ جَائِلِيْقِ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ، وَ هُوَ أَبُو مُوسَى الْأَشْعَرِيُّ.

وَ الرَّابِعَةُ: مَعَ أَبِي الْأَعْوَرِ السُّلَمِيِّ.

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ: فَمَعَكَ يَا عَلِيُّ تَحْتَهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَ أَنْتَ إِمَامُهُمْ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ
اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى لِلْأَزْوَاجَةِ: (ارْجِعُوا وَرَاءَكُمْ فَالْتَمِسُوا نُورًا فَضُرِبَ بَيْنَهُمْ
بِسُورٍ لَهُ بَابٌ بَاطِنُهُ فِيهِ الرَّحْمَةُ ...) وَ هُمْ شِيعَتِي وَ مَنْ وَالَانِي وَ قَاتَلَ
مَعِي الْفِتْنَةَ الْبَاغِيَّةَ وَ النَّاكِيَةَ عَنِ الصِّرَاطِ، وَ بَابُ الرَّحْمَةِ هُمْ شِيعَتِي،
فَيُنَادِي هَؤُلَاءِ: أَلَمْ نَكُنْ فِيهِ (مَعَكُمْ) قَالُوا بَلَى وَ لَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَ
تَرَبَّصْتُمْ وَ ارْتَبْتُمْ وَ غَرَّكُمْ الْأَمَانِيُّ حَتَّى جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَ غَرَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ)
(فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْكُمْ فِدْيَةٌ وَ لَا مِنْ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مَا أَوَّكِمَ النَّارُ هِيَ
مَوْلَاكُمْ وَ بِنَسِ الْمَصِيرِ)، ثُمَّ تَرُدُّ أُمَّتِي وَ شِيعَتِي فَيُرَوِّوْنَ مِنْ حَوْضِ مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ، بِيَدِي عَصَى عَوْسَجَ أَطْرُدُ بِهَا أَعْدَائِي طَرَدَ غَرِيبَةَ
الْإِسْلَامِ.

As for "the thirtieth," I heard him (peace be upon him and his family) say: "On the Day of Judgment, my nation will be gathered under five banners. The first banner to come before me will be the banner of the Pharaoh of this nation, and that is Mu'awiya. The second will be with the Samiri of this nation, and that is Amr ibn al-As. The third will be with the Archbishop (Jathliq) of this nation, and that is Abu Musa al-Ash'ari. The fourth will be with Abu al-A'war al-Sulami. And as for the fifth, it will be with you, O Ali, under which will be the believers, and you are their leader. Then Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, will say to the first four: 'Turn back and seek a light. Then separation would be brought about between them, with a wall having a door in it; (as for) the inside of it, there shall be mercy in it...{S. Hadid 57: 13}'. And they are my followers (shias), those who supported me and fought alongside me against the transgressing and deviant factions that deviated from the straight path. The door of mercy belongs to my followers. Then these others will call out, 'Were we not with you? {S. Hadid 57: 14}' The response will be: 'Yea! but you caused yourselves to fall into temptation, and you waited and doubted, and vain desires deceived you till the threatened punishment of Allah came, while the archdeceiver deceived you about Allah. {S. Hadid 57: 14}' So today ransom shall not be accepted from you nor from those who disbelieved; your abode is the fire; it is your friend and evil is the resort. {S. Hadid 57: 15}. Then my nation and my followers (shias) will come to the Pond of

Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), and they will drink from it. I will be there with a thorny staff in my hand to drive away my enemies, just as a foreign camel is driven away from a watering place.

31. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – The One Whose Virtue Knew No Equal

وَأَمَّا الْحَادِيَةُ وَالثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

لَوْ لَا أَنَّ يَقُولَ فِيكَ الْعَالُونَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي مَا قَالَتِ النَّصَارَى فِي عِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ لَقُلْتُ فِيكَ قَوْلًا لَا تَمُرُّ بِمَلَأٍ مِنَ النَّاسِ إِلَّا أَخَذُوا التُّرَابَ مِنْ تَحْتِ قَدَمَيْكَ يَسْتَشْفُونَ بِهِ.

And as for the thirty-first: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) say: "Had it not been that the exaggerator in my nation might say about you what the Christians said about Jesus, son of Mary (peace be upon him), I would have said something about you such that no group of people would pass by without taking the dust beneath your feet for healing purposes.

32. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – Supported by Divine Awe Like the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الثَّانِيَةُ وَالْثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
يَقُولُ:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى نَصَرَنِي بِالرُّعْبِ فَسَأَلْتُهُ أَنْ يَنْصُرَكَ بِمِثْلِهِ فَجَعَلَ لَكَ
مِنْ ذَلِكَ مِثْلَ الَّذِي جَعَلَهُ لِي.

And as for the thirty-second: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "Allah, Blessed and Exalted, supported me with awe, and I asked Him to support you with the same. Thus, He granted you the same as He had granted me.

33. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – Taught All Knowledge Until the Day of Judgment

وَأَمَّا الثَّالِثَةُ وَالثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ التَّقَمَّ أُذُنِي وَ
عَلَّمَنِي مَا كَانَ وَ مَا يَكُونُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ، فَسَاقَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى إِلَى
لِسَانِ نَبِيِّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ.

And as for the thirty-third: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) (spoke into) my ear and taught me everything that has been and will be until the Day of Judgment. Thus, Allah, Blessed and Exalted, conveyed to me through the tongue of His Prophet (peace by upon him and his family).

34. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – The Self of the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الرَّابِعَةُ وَالثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنَّ النَّصَارَى ادَّعَوْا أَمْرًا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ:
 (فَمَنْ حَاجَّكَ فِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ فَقُلْ تَعَالَوْا نَدْعُ أَبْنَاءَنَا وَ
 أَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَ نِسَاءَنَا وَ نِسَاءَكُمْ وَ أَنْفُسَنَا وَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ) فَكَانَتْ نَفْسِي نَفْسَ
 رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ، وَ النِّسَاءُ فَاطِمَةَ (ع)، وَ الْأَبْنَاءُ الْحُسَيْنَ
 وَ الْحُسَيْنَ، ثُمَّ نَدِمَ الْقَوْمُ فَسَأَلُوا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ الْإِعْفَاءَ
 فَأَعْفَاهُمْ، وَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ عَلَى مُوسَى وَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
 عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ لَوْ بَاهِلُونَا لَمَسِحُوا قِرْدَةً وَ خَنَازِيرَ.

And as for the thirty-fourth: The Christians made a claim, so Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, revealed: _ (But whoever disputes with you about it after what has come to you of knowledge, say: "Come, let us call our sons and your sons, our women and your women, and ourselves and yourselves, then let us invoke Allah's curse upon the liars.")_ So I was the soul of the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family), the women referred to Fatimah (peace be upon her), and the sons referred to Hasan and Husayn (peace be upon him). Then the people regretted their challenge and asked the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) to pardon them,

so he pardoned them. By the One who sent down the Torah to Moses and the Criterion to Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), if they had engaged in the mutual imprecation (mubahala), they would have been transformed into apes and swine.

35. The Heavenly Pebbles: Imam Ali (peace be upon him) and the Divine Aid at Badr

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ وَالْثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَجَّهَنِي يَوْمَ بَدْرٍ، فَقَالَ: اثْنِي بِكَفِّ حَصَيَاتٍ مَجْمُوعَةٍ فِي مَكَانٍ وَاحِدٍ، فَأَخَذْتُهَا ثُمَّ شَمَمْتُهَا فَإِذَا هِيَ طَيِّبَةٌ تَفُوحُ مِنْهَا رَائِحَةُ الْمِسْكِ، فَأَتَيْتُهُ بِهَا فَرَمَى بِهَا وَجُوهَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ، وَتِلْكَ الْحَصَيَاتُ أَرْبَعٌ مِنْهَا كُفٌّ مِنَ الْفِرْدَوْسِ، وَ حَصَاةٌ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ، وَ حَصَاةٌ مِنَ الْمَغْرِبِ، وَ حَصَاةٌ مِنْ تَحْتِ الْعَرْشِ، مَعَ كُلِّ حَصَاةٍ مِائَةُ أَلْفٍ مَلَكٍ مَدَدَ لَنَا، لَمْ يُكْرِمِ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ بِهَذِهِ الْفَضِيلَةِ أَحَدًا «١» قَبْلُ وَلَا بَعْدُ.

And as for the thirty-fifth: On the day of Badr, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) sent me and said, "Bring me a handful of pebbles gathered in one place." I took them, smelled them, and found them fragrant, exuding the scent of musk. I brought them to him, and he threw them at the faces of the disbelievers. Among those pebbles, four were from Paradise, one from the East, one from the West, and one from beneath the Throne. With each pebble, a hundred thousand angels descended to support us. Allah, the Glorified and Exalted, did not bestow this virtue upon anyone before or after.

36. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) – The Martyr Whose Death Shook the Throne of Mercy

وَأَمَّا السَّادِسَةُ وَالثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

وَيْلٌ لِقَاتِلِكَ، إِنَّهُ أَشَقَى مِنْ ثَمُودَ وَ مِنْ عَاقِرِ النَّاقَةِ، وَ إِنَّ عَرْشَ الرَّحْمَنِ لَيَهْتَزُّ لِقَتْلِكَ، فَأَبْشِرْ يَا عَلِيُّ، فَإِنَّكَ فِي زُمْرَةِ الصِّدِّيقِينَ وَ الشُّهَدَاءِ وَ الصَّالِحِينَ

And as for the thirty-sixth: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) say:

"Woe to your killer! He is more wretched than Thamud and the one who hamstrung the she-camel. The Throne of the Most Merciful will tremble at your killing. Rejoice, O Ali, for you are among the truthful, the martyrs, and the righteous.

37. Imam Ali (peace be upon him), possessor of Divine Knowledge

وَأَمَّا السَّابِعَةُ وَالْثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى قَدْ خَصَّنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ
أَصْحَابِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بِعِلْمِ النَّاسِخِ وَالْمَنْسُوخِ وَالْمُحْكَمِ
وَالْمُنْتَشَاهِ وَالْخَاصِّ وَالْعَامِّ، وَذَلِكَ مِمَّا مَنَّ اللَّهُ بِهِ عَلَيَّ وَ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ، وَقَالَ لِي الرَّسُولُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: يَا عَلِيُّ!
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ أَمَرَنِي أَنْ أُذْنِكَ وَ لَا أُفْصِيكَ، وَ أَعْلِمَكَ وَ لَا
أَجْفُوكَ، وَ حَقُّ عَلَيَّ أَنْ أُطِيعَ رَبِّي وَ حَقُّ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ تَعْبِيَ

And as for the thirty-seventh: Allah, Blessed and Exalted, has distinguished me among the companions of Muhammad (peace by upon him and his family) with knowledge of abrogating and abrogated verses, clear and ambiguous verses, and specific and general rulings. This is a favor Allah granted to me and His Messenger (peace by upon him and his family). The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said to me:

"O Ali! Allah has commanded me to draw you close and not distance you, to teach you and not neglect you. It is my duty to obey my Lord, and it is your duty to comprehend."

38. Imam Ali (peace be upon him): Recipient of Prophetic Supplication and Prophecies

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةُ وَالثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بَعَثَنِي بَعْثًا
وَ دَعَا لِي بِدَعَوَاتٍ وَ أَطْلَعَنِي عَلَى مَا يَجْرِي بَعْدَهُ، فَخَزَنَ لِذَلِكَ بَعْضُ
أَصْحَابِهِ وَ «٢» قَالَ:

لَوْ قَدَّرَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَنْ يَجْعَلَ ابْنَ عَمِّهِ نَبِيًّا لَجَعَلَهُ، فَشَرَّفَنِي اللَّهُ عَلَى بِالْإِطْلَاعِ
عَلَى ذَلِكَ عَلَى لِسَانِ نَبِيِّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ.

And as for the thirty-eighth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) sent me on a mission, supplicated for me, and informed me about what would happen after him. Some of his companions were saddened by this and said:

"If Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) could appoint his cousin as a prophet, he would have done so." Allah honored me by revealing this through His Prophet (peace by upon him and his family).

39. True Love for the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) Requires Love for Imam Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا التَّاسِعَةُ وَ الثَّلَاثُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ يَقُولُ:

كَذَبَ مَنْ زَعَمَ أَنَّهُ يُحِبُّنِي وَ يُبْغِضُ عَلِيًّا، لَا يَجْتَمِعُ حُبِّي وَ حُبُّهُ إِلَّا فِي قَلْبٍ مُؤْمِنٍ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ «٣» جَعَلَ أَهْلَ حُبِّي وَ حُبِّكَ يَا عَلِيُّ فِي أَوَّلِ زُمْرَةِ السَّابِقِينَ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ، وَ جَعَلَ أَهْلَ بُغْضِي وَ بُغْضِكَ فِي أَوَّلِ زُمْرَةِ الضَّالِّينَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي إِلَى النَّارِ.

And as for the thirty-ninth: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "One who claims to love me but hates Ali has lied. My love and his love cannot coexist except in the heart of a believer. Indeed, Allah, the Mighty and Glorious, has placed those who love me and you, O Ali, at the forefront of those who will enter Paradise, and He has placed those who hate me and you at the forefront of those who will enter the Fire from among the misguided ones of my nation."

40. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) and the Miracle of the Waterless Well

وَأَمَّا الْأَرَبُوعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَجَّهَنِي فِي بَعْضِ
الْعَزَوَاتِ إِلَى رَكِيٍّ «٤» فَإِذَا لَيْسَ فِيهِ مَاءٌ، فَرَجَعْتُ إِلَيْهِ «٥» فَأَخْبَرْتُهُ،
فَقَالَ: أَوْ فِيهِ طِينٌ؟ فَقُلْتُ: نَعَمْ. فَقَالَ: ابْنِي «١» مِنْهُ، فَأَتَيْتُ مِنْهُ
بِطِينٍ، فَتَكَلَّمْتُ فِيهِ، ثُمَّ قَالَ:

أَلْفِهِ فِي الرَّكِيِّ، فَأَلْقَيْتُهُ، فَإِذَا الْمَاءُ قَدْ نَبَعَ حَتَّى امْتَلَأَ جَوَانِبُ الرَّكِيِّ،
فَجِئْتُ إِلَيْهِ فَأَخْبَرْتُهُ، فَقَالَ لِي: وَفَّقْتَ يَا عَلِيُّ وَبَرَكَتِكَ نَبَعَ الْمَاءُ، فَهَذِهِ
الْمَنْقَبَةُ خَاصَّةٌ لِي «٢» مِنْ دُونِ أَصْحَابِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ.

And as for the fortieth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) sent me on an expedition to a well, but I found that it had no water. I returned to him and informed him of the situation. He asked, "Is there clay in it?" I replied, "Yes." He said, "Bring some of it to me." I brought him some clay, and he spoke over it, then said, "Throw it into the well." I threw it in, and water gushed forth until the well was filled to its brim. I returned and informed him, and he said to me, "You have been granted success, O Ali, and by your blessing, the water gushed forth. This distinction is unique to me among the companions of the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family)."

41. Jibra'il (peace be upon him) Announces Ali's (peace be upon him) Position as the Chosen One

وَأَمَّا الْحَادِيَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
يَقُولُ:

أَبَشِّرْ يَا عَلِيُّ! فَإِنَّ جَبْرَيْلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ أَتَانِي فَقَالَ لِي: يَا مُحَمَّدُ! إِنَّ اللَّهَ
تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى نَظَرَ إِلَى أَصْحَابِكَ فَوَجَدَ ابْنَ عَمِّكَ وَحَتَنَكَ عَلَى ابْنَتِكَ
فَاطِمَةَ خَيْرَ أَصْحَابِكَ، فَجَعَلَهُ وَصِيَّكَ وَ الْمُوَدِّي عَنْكَ

And as for the forty-first: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "Rejoice, O Ali! Indeed, Jibra'il (peace be upon him) came to me and said: 'O Muhammad (peace by upon him and his family)! Verily, Allah, Blessed and Exalted, looked at your companions and found your cousin and the husband of your daughter Fatimah (peace by upon her) to be the best of your companions, so He made him your successor and the one who fulfills your obligations.'"

42. Imam Ali (peace be upon him): Promised a Dwelling Beside the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) in the Highest Heaven

وَ أَمَّا الثَّانِيَةُ وَ الْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ
يَقُولُ:

أَبَشِّرْ يَا عَلِيُّ! فَإِنَّ مَنَزْلَكَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ مُوَاجِهَةٌ مَنَزِلِي، وَ أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي الرَّفِيقِ
الْأَعْلَى فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ، قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ مَا
أَعْلَى عِلِّيُّونَ؟ فَقَالَ:

قُبَّةٌ مِنْ دُرَّةٍ بَيْضَاءَ هَذَا سَبْعُونَ أَلْفَ مِصْرَاعٍ مَسْكَنٌ لِي وَ لَكَ يَا عَلِيُّ.

And as for the forty-second: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "Rejoice, O Ali! Your dwelling in Paradise will face mine, and you will be with me in the highest companions (al-Rafiq al-A'la) in the highest ranks of Illiyyin (A'ala illiyyin)." I said, "O Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family), what is the highest rank of Illiyyin (A'ala illiyyin)?" He replied: "It is a dome of a white pearl with seventy thousand gates. It is a residence for me and for you, O Ali."

43. Love for the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) and Ali (peace be upon him) Is Rooted in the Hearts of the Believers

وَأَمَّا الثَّالِثَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ رَسَخَ حُبِّي فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَكَذَلِكَ رَسَخَ حُبُّكَ يَا عَلِيُّ فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، وَرَسَخَ بُغْضِي وَبُغْضُكَ فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُنَافِقِينَ، فَلَا يُحِبُّكَ إِلَّا مُؤْمِنٌ تَقِيٌّ وَلَا يُبْغِضُكَ إِلَّا مُنَافِقٌ كَافِرٌ.

And as for the forty-third: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said: "Indeed, Allah, Mighty and Majestic, has established my love in the hearts of the believers, and likewise, He has established your love, O Ali, in the hearts of the believers. He has also established hatred for me and for you in the hearts of the hypocrites. Thus, no one loves you except a pious believer, and no one hates you except a hypocritical disbeliever."

44. Only the Illegitimate, Wretched, or Rebellious Hate Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الرَّابِعَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
يَقُولُ:

لَنْ يُبْغِضَكَ مِنَ الْعَرَبِ إِلَّا دَعِيٌّ، وَ لَا مِنْ الْعَجَمِ إِلَّا شَقِيٌّ، وَ لَا مِنْ
النِّسَاءِ إِلَّا سَافِلَقِيَّةٌ «٣».

And as for the forty-fourth: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "No one among the Arabs will hate you except an illegitimate one, no one among the non-Arabs will hate you except a wretched one, and no woman will hate you except a rebellious one (سَافِلَقِيَّةٌ)."

45. Imam Ali's (peace be upon him) Eye Healed by the Blessing of the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ دَعَانِي وَ
أَنَا رَمَدُ الْعَيْنِ فَتَقَلَّ فِي عَيْنِي، وَ قَالَ: اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حَرَّهَا فِي بَرْدِهَا وَ بَرْدَهَا
فِي حَرِّهَا، فَوَ اللَّهُ مَا اشْتَكَيْتُ عَيْنِي إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ «١».

As for the forty-fifth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) called me when I was suffering from an eye ailment. He spat into my eye and said: O Allah, make its heat into coolness and its coolness into heat. By Allah, my eye has not troubled me up to this very moment.

46. Only the Door of Ali (peace be upon him) Remained Open by Allah's Order

وَأَمَّا السَّادِسَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَمَرَ أَصْحَابَهُ وَغُصَّامَتَهُ بِسَدِّ الْأَبْوَابِ وَفَتَحَ بَابِي بِأَمْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، فَلَيْسَ لِأَحَدٍ مَنَقَبَةٌ مِثْلُ مَنَقَبَتِي.

As for the forty-sixth: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) ordered his companions and his uncles to close their doors, leaving my door open by the command of Allah, the Almighty and Majestic. No one has a merit like mine.

47. Entrusted by the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) and Assisted by Allah

وَأَمَّا السَّابِغَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَمَرَنِي فِي وَصِيَّتِهِ بِقَضَاءِ دُيُونِهِ وَعِدَاتِهِ، فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! قَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عِنْدِي مَالٌ.

فَقَالَ: سَيُعِينُكَ اللَّهُ، فَمَا أَرَدْتُ أَمْرًا مِنْ قَضَاءِ دُيُونِهِ وَعِدَاتِهِ إِلَّا يَسَّرَهُ اللَّهُ لِي حَتَّى قَضَيْتُ دُيُونَهُ وَعِدَاتِهِ، وَأَخَصَيْتُ ذَلِكَ فَبَلَغَ ثَمَانِينَ أَلْفًا وَبَقِيَ بَقِيَّةٌ أَوْصَيْتُ الْحَسَنَ أَنْ يَقْضِيَهَا.

As for the forty-seventh: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) instructed me in his will to settle his debts and fulfill his promises. I said: O Messenger of Allah! You know that I have no wealth. He said: Allah will assist you. Whenever I intended to settle his debts or fulfill his promises, Allah made it easy for me until I cleared all his debts and fulfilled his promises. I calculated the total, and it reached eighty thousand. A remaining amount was left, which I entrusted to Hasan to settle.

48. Divine Hospitality in the House of Ali (peace be upon him) and Fatimah (peace be upon her)

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَتَانِي فِي مَنْزِلِي وَ لَمْ يَكُنْ طَعِمْنَا مُنْذُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ فَقَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! هَلْ عِنْدَكَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ؟ فَقُلْتُ:

وَالَّذِي أَكْرَمَكَ بِالْكَرَامَةِ وَاصْطَفَاكَ بِالرِّسَالَةِ مَا طَعِمْتُ وَ رَوْجَتِي وَ ابْنَايَ مُنْذُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: يَا فَاطِمَةُ! ادْخُلِي الْبَيْتَ وَ انْظُرِي هَلْ تَجِدِينَ شَيْئاً؟ فَقَالَتْ: خَرَجْتُ السَّاعَةَ. فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ ادْخُلْهُ أَنَا؟! فَقَالَ: ادْخُلْهُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، فَدَخَلْتُ فَإِذَا أَنَا بِطَبَقٍ مَوْضُوعٍ عَلَيْهِ رُطْبٌ «٢» وَ جَفْنَةٌ مِنْ ثَرِيدٍ، فَحَمَلْتُهَا إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ، فَقَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! رَأَيْتَ الرَّسُولَ الَّذِي حَمَلَ هَذَا الطَّعَامَ، فَقُلْتُ: نَعَمْ. فَقَالَ: صِفْهُ لِي، فَقُلْتُ: مِنْ بَيْنِ أَحْمَرَ وَ أَحْضَرَ وَ أَصْفَرَ. فَقَالَ: تِلْكَ خِطْطُ جَنَاحِ جَبْرِئِيلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ مُكَلَّلَةً بِالذَّرِّ وَ الْيَاقُوتِ، فَأَكَلْنَا مِنَ الثَّرِيدِ حَتَّى شَبِعْنَا، فَمَا رُئِيَ إِلَّا حَدْشُ أَيْدِينَا وَ أَصَابِعُنَا، فَخَصَّنِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الصَّحَابَةِ.

And as for the forty-eighth”: The Messenger of Allah (peace

by upon him and his family) came to my house, and we had not eaten for three days. He said, "O Ali! Do you have anything [to eat]?" I replied, "By the One who has honored you with honor (karamah) and chosen you for the message, neither I nor my wife and my two sons have eaten for three days."

The Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) then said, "O Fatimah! Go into the house and see if you can find anything." She said, "I just came out [and there was nothing]." I then said, "O Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family), shall I enter [to check again]?" He said, "Enter in the name of Allah."

I entered, and there I saw a tray upon which were dates and a dish of broth. I carried it to the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family). He asked, "O Ali! Did you see the messenger who brought this food?" I replied, "Yes." He said, "Describe him to me." I said, "He was between red, green, and yellow."

The Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) said, "Those are the colors of the feathers of Jibra'il's (peace be upon him) wings adorned with pearls and rubies." We ate from the broth until we were satisfied, and nothing was seen except the traces of our hands and fingers. Allah the Glorious and Majestic granted me this distinction over the rest of the companions."

49. Chosen by the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family), Beloved by the Fortunate

وَأَمَّا التَّاسِعَةُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى خَصَّ نَبِيَّهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ وَخَصَّنِي النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بِالْوَصِيَّةِ، فَمَنْ أَحَبَّنِي فَهُوَ سَعِيدٌ يُحْشَرُ فِي زُمْرَةِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ.

As for the forty-ninth, Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, chose His Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) with prophethood, and the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) chose me with the role of successor. Whoever loves me is fortunate and will be resurrected among the ranks of the Prophets (peace be upon them).

50. The Proclamation Taken from Abu Bakr and Delivered by Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الْخُمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بَعَثَ بِرَاءَةً مَعَ أَبِي بَكْرٍ، فَلَمَّا مَضَى أَتَى جِبْرِئِيلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، فَقَالَ: يَا مُحَمَّدُ! لَا يُؤَدِّي عَنْكَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَوْ رَجُلٌ مِنْكَ، فَوَجَّهَنِي عَلَى نَاقَتِهِ الْغَضْبَاءِ «١»، فَلَحِقْتُهُ بِذِي الْخُلَيْفَةِ فَأَخَذْتُهَا مِنْهُ، فَحَصَّنِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِذَلِكَ.

As for the fiftieth, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) sent a proclamation with Abu Bakr, but when he had set out, Jibreel (peace be upon him) came and said, "O Muhammad! None can deliver it on your behalf except you or someone from you." So the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) sent me on his she-camel, Al-Ghadba (الغضباء). I caught up with Abu Bakr at Dhul Hulayfa, took the proclamation from him, and Allah, the Almighty, honored me with that.

51. At Ghadir: Ali (peace be upon him) is the Master of All Who Follow the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الْحَادِيَةُ وَالْخُمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَقَامَنِي
لِلنَّاسِ كَافَّةً يَوْمَ غَدِيرِ حُمٍّ، فَقَالَ: مَنْ كُنْتُ مَوْلَاهُ فَعَلَيْ مَوْلَاهُ، فَبُعْدًا وَ
سُخْقًا لِلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

As for the fifty-first, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) appointed me for all people on the day of Ghadir Khumm and said, "Whoever considers me their master, then Ali is his master." So, away and cursed are the wrongdoing people.

52. A Supplication Taught from Jibra'il (peace be upon him) to the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) to Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الثَّانِيَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! أَلَا أَعَلِّمُكَ كَلِمَاتٍ عَلَّمَنِيهِنَّ جِبْرِيلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ؟! فَقُلْتُ: بَلَى. قَالَ: قُلْ: «يَا رَزَّاقَ الْمُقْلِينَ، وَ يَا رَاحِمَ الْمَسَاكِينِ، وَ يَا أَسْمَعَ السَّامِعِينَ، وَ يَا أَبْصَرَ النَّاطِرِينَ، وَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، ارْحَمْنِي وَ ارْزُقْنِي».

As for the fifty-second, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) said, "O Ali, shall I not teach you the words that Jibreel (peace be upon him) taught me?" I said, "Indeed." He said, "Say: O Provider of those who have little, O Merciful to the needy, O Hearer of those who hear, O Seer of those who see, O Most Merciful of the merciful, have mercy on me and provide for me."

(يَا رَزَّاقَ الْمُقْلِينَ، وَ يَا رَاحِمَ الْمَسَاكِينِ، وَ يَا أَسْمَعَ السَّامِعِينَ، وَ يَا أَبْصَرَ النَّاطِرِينَ، وَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، ارْحَمْنِي وَ ارْزُقْنِي)

53. The Rise of the Qaim (may Allah hasten his blessed reappearance) from the Line of Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الثَّالِثَةُ وَالْخُمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى لَنْ يَذْهَبَ بِالدُّنْيَا حَتَّى يَفْجُومَ مِنَّا الْقَائِمُ يَقْتُلُ مُبْغِضِينَا «٢» وَ لَا يَقْبَلُ الْجِزْيَةَ، وَ يَكْسِرُ الصَّلِيبَ وَ الْأَصْنَامَ، وَ تَضَعُ الْحَرْبُ أَوْزَارَهَا، وَ يَدْعُو إِلَى اخْذِ الْمَالِ فَيَقْسِمُهُ بِالسَّوِيَّةِ، وَ يَعْدِلُ فِي الرِّعْيَةِ.

As for the fifty-third, Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, will not bring an end to this world until the Qaim (may Allah hasten his blessed reappearance) from among us rises. He will kill those who harbor enmity against us, will not accept jizya, will break the cross and idols, and warfare will cease. He will call people to take wealth and distribute it equally and will act justly among the populace.

54. Banu Umayyah's Curse on Ali (peace be upon him) and Heaven's Vengeance

وَأَمَّا الرَّابِعَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

يَا عَلِيُّ! سَيَلْعَنُكَ بَنُو أُمَيَّةَ وَ يَرُدُّ عَلَيْهِمْ مَلَكٌ بِكُلِّ لَعْنَةٍ أَلْفَ لَعْنَةٍ، فَإِذَا قَامَ الْقَائِمُ لَعَنَهُمْ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً.

As for the fifty-fourth, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say, "O Ali! The Banu Umayyah will curse you, but in response, for every curse, an angel will return a thousand curses upon them. When the Qaim (may Allah hasten his blessed reappearance) rises, he will curse them for forty years."

55. A Nation Tested by the Bequest to Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ: سَمِعْتُ أَنَّ «٣» رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ لِي: سَيَقْتَتِلَنَّ فِيكَ طَوَائِفُ مِنْ أُمَّتِي، فَتَقُولُ: إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ لَمْ يُخَلِّفْ شَيْئاً فِيمَا إِذَا أَوْصَى عَلِيّاً، أَوْ «١» لَيْسَ كِتَابُ رَبِّي أَفْضَلَ الْأَشْيَاءِ بَعْدَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ؟ وَالَّذِي بَعَثَنِي بِالْحَقِّ لَئِنْ لَمْ يَجْمَعْهُ بِإِثْقَانٍ لَمْ يُجْمَعْ أَبَداً، فَحَصَّنِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ دُونِ الصَّحَابَةِ.

As for the fifty-fifth, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say to me, "Certain groups from my nation will be tested through you, saying: 'The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) did not leave anything when he bequeathed to Ali. Is not the Book of my Lord the best of things after God, the Almighty and Majestic? And by the One who sent me with the truth, if you do not gather it with precision, it will never be gathered, so God, the Almighty and Majestic, singled me out for that among all the companions.'"

56. Imam Ali (peace be upon him): Inheritor of the Prophet's (peace by upon him and his family) Spiritual Rank

وَأَمَّا السَّادِسَةُ وَالْخُمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى خَصَّنِي بِمَا خَصَّ بِهِ
أَوْلِيَاءَهُ وَأَهْلَ طَاعَتِهِ وَجَعَلَنِي وَارِثَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ، فَمَنْ
سَاءَ سَاءَهُ وَمَنْ سَرَّهُ سَرَّهُ .. وَأَوْمَى يَدِهِ نَحْوَ الْمَدِينَةِ.

As for the fifty-sixth, Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, has endowed me with what He has endowed His chosen ones and obedient servants, and He has made me the inheritor of Muhammad (peace by upon him and his family). So whoever is pleased, let him be pleased, and whoever is displeased, let him be displeased. He then gestured with his hand toward Medina.

57. A Rock Gushes Forth Water by the Command of Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا السَّابِعَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ كَانَ فِي بَعْضِ الْعَزَوَاتِ فَقَدَ «٢» الْمَاءَ، فَقَالَ لِي: يَا عَلِيُّ! قُمْ إِلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَ قُلْ: أَنَا رَسُولُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَنْفَجِرِي إِلَيَّ «٣» مَاءً، فَوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَكْرَمَهُ بِالنُّبُوءَةِ، لَقَدْ أَبْلَعْتُهَا الرِّسَالَةَ فَاطَّلَعَ مِنْهَا مِثْلُ ثَدْيِ الْبَقَرَةِ، فَسَالَ مِنْ كُلِّ ثَدْيٍ مِنْهَا مَاءٌ، فَلَمَّا رَأَيْتُ ذَلِكَ أَسْرَعْتُ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ فَأَخْبَرْتُهُ، فَقَالَ: انْطَلِقْ يَا عَلِيُّ فَخُذْ مِنَ الْمَاءِ، وَ جَاءَ الْقَوْمُ حَتَّى مَلَأُوا قَرَبَهُمْ وَ أَدَوَاتِهِمْ وَ سَقَوْا دَوَابَّهُمْ وَ شَرَبُوا وَ تَوَضَّأُوا، فَخَصَّنِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ دُونِ الصَّحَابَةِ.

As for the fifty-seventh, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) was in one of the battles, and water was not available. He said to me, "O Ali! Go to this rock and say: I am the messenger of the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family). Let water gush forth to me." By Allah, Who honored him with prophethood, I delivered the message, and from it gushed forth water like the udder of a cow. Water flowed from every part of it. When I saw that, I hastened to the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family) and informed him. He said, "Go, O Ali, and take from the water." The people came and filled their containers,

*drank, gave water to their animals, and performed ablution.
Thus, Allah, the Glorious and Majestic, singled me out for
this among the companions.*

58. A Miracle of Water Flowing from the Hands of the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) and Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَمَرَنِي فِي بَعْضِ غَزَوَاتِهِ وَ قَدْ نَفَدَ الْمَاءُ-، فَقَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! أَنْتِ «٤» بِتَوْرٍ، فَأَتَيْتُهُ بِهِ، فَوَضَعَ يَدَهُ الْيُمْنَى وَ يَدِي مَعَهَا فِي التَّوْرِ، فَقَالَ: انْبُعْ، فَنَبَعَ الْمَاءُ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَصَابِعِنَا.

And as for the fifty-eighth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) commanded me during one of his battles, when the water had run out, and he said: "O Ali, bring a basin." I brought it to him, and he placed his right hand and my hand with it in the basin. Then he said, "Flow," and water flowed from between our fingers.

59. The Gate of Khaybar Uprooted by Ali (peace be upon him)

وَأَمَّا التَّاسِعَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَجَّهَنِي
إِلَى خَيْبَرَ، فَلَمَّا أَتَيْتُهُ وَجَدْتُ الْبَابَ مُعْلَقًا فَرَزَعْتُهُ شَدِيدًا فَقَلَعْتُهُ وَ
رَمَيْتُ بِهِ أَرْبَعِينَ خُطْوَةً، فَدَخَلْتُ فَبَرَزَ إِلَيَّ مَرْحَبٌ فَحَمَلَ عَلَيَّ وَحَمَلْتُ
عَلَيْهِ، وَسَقَيْتُ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ «٥» دَمِهِ، وَ قَدْ كَانَ وَجْهَ رَجُلَيْنِ مِنْ
أَصْحَابِهِ فَرَجَعَا مُنْكَسِفَيْنِ.

And as for the fifty-ninth: The Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) sent me to Khaybar. When I arrived, I found the gate closed, so I shook it vigorously, pulled it out, and threw it forty steps away. Then I entered, and Marhab came out to face me. He charged at me, and I charged at him, and I spilled his blood on the ground. He had sent two men from his companions, but they returned dejected.

60. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) Killed Amr ibn Abd Wudd, Worth a Thousand Warriors

وَأَمَّا السِّتُونَ: فَإِنِّي قَتَلْتُ عَمْرَو بْنَ عَبْدِ وُدٍّ، وَكَانَ يُعَدُّ بِأَلْفِ رَجُلٍ.

And as for the sixtieth: I killed Amr ibn Abd Wudd, who was considered equivalent to a thousand men.

61. Loving and Supporting Ali (peace be upon him) Equals Reciting the Entire Quran

وَأَمَّا الْحَادِيَةُ وَالسِّتُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

يَا عَلِيُّ! مَثَلُكَ فِي أُمَّتِي مَثَلُ (قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ)، فَمَنْ أَحَبَّكَ بِقَلْبِهِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَأَ ثُلُثَ الْقُرْآنِ، وَ مَنْ أَحَبَّكَ بِقَلْبِهِ وَ أَعَانَكَ بِلِسَانِهِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَأَ ثُلُثِي الْقُرْآنِ، وَ مَنْ أَحَبَّكَ بِقَلْبِهِ وَ أَعَانَكَ بِلِسَانِهِ وَ نَصَرَكَ بِيَدِهِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ كُلَّهُ.

And as for the sixty-first: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say:

"O Ali, your example in my nation is like the example of (Say: He is Allah, the One [قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ]). Whoever loves you with their heart, it is as if they have read one-third of the Quran. Whoever loves you with their heart and supports you with their tongue, it is as if they have read two-thirds of the Quran. And whoever loves you with their heart, supports you with their tongue, and aids you with their hand, it is as if they have read the entire Quran."

62. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) Carried the Banner of the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) in Every Battle

وَأَمَّا الثَّانِيَةُ وَالسُّتُونَ: فَإِنِّي كُنْتُ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ فِي
جَمِيعِ الْمَوَاطِنِ وَالْحُرُوبِ وَكَانَتْ رَايَتُهُ مَعِي.

*And as for the sixty-second, I was with the Messenger of
Allah (peace be upon him and his family) in all the battles
and confrontations, and his banner was with me.*

63. Imam Ali (peace be upon him) Never Fled the Battlefield, and Every Opponent Fell by His Sword

وَأَمَّا الثَّالِثَةُ وَالْبِسْتُونَ: فَإِنِّي لَمْ أَفِرْ مِنَ الرَّحْفِ قَطُّ، وَ لَمْ يُبَارِزْنِي أَحَدٌ إِلَّا سَقَيْتُ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ دَمِهِ.

And as for the sixty-third, I never fled from the battlefield, and no one ever faced me in combat without me making the earth drink from their blood.

64. The Most Beloved of Creation, Imam Ali (peace be upon him), Shared the Bird from Paradise with the Prophet (peace by upon him and his family)

وَأَمَّا الرَّابِعَةُ وَالسِّتُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أُتِيَ بِطَيْرٍ مَشْوِيٍّ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ فَدَعَا اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ أَنْ يُدْخِلَ عَلَيْهِ أَحَبَّ الْخَلْقِ «١» إِلَيْهِ فَوَقَّعَنِي اللَّهُ لِلدُّخُولِ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّى أَكَلْتُ مَعَهُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ الطَّيْرِ.

And as for the sixty-fourth, the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) was once presented with a roasted bird from Paradise, and he prayed to Allah, the Glorified and Exalted, to send to him the most beloved of creation to share it with him. Allah granted me the blessing to enter and eat with him from that bird.

65. Charity While in Rukū'

وَأَمَّا الْخَامِسَةُ وَالْبِسْتُونَ: فَإِنِّي كُنْتُ أُصَلِّي فِي الْمَسْجِدِ فَجَاءَ سَائِلٌ
فَسَأَلَ وَ أَنَا رَاكِعٌ-، فَنَازَلْتُهُ حَاتِمِي مِنْ إصْبَعِي، فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى
فِي: (إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَ رَسُولُهُ وَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَ
يُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَ هُمْ رَاكِعُونَ) «٢».

And as for the sixty-fifth, I was praying in the mosque when a beggar came asking, and I was in the state of bowing, so I handed him my ring from my finger. Allah, Blessed and Exalted, revealed regarding me: "Your guardian is only Allah, His Messenger, and those who believe, who establish prayer and give charity while bowing."

66. The Sun Was Returned for Imam Ali (peace be upon him) Alone, Twice

وَأَمَّا السَّادِسَةُ وَالسِّتُونَ: فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى رَدَّ عَلَيَّ الشَّمْسَ
مَرَّتَيْنِ، وَلَمْ يُرِدَّهَا عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ غَيْرِي.

As for the sixty-sixth: Allah, Blessed and Exalted, caused the sun to return for me twice, and He did not cause it to return for anyone from the nation of Muhammad (peace by upon him and his family) other than me.

67. The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) Named Imam Ali (peace be upon him) Commander of the Faithful — None Before Him

وَأَمَّا السَّابِعَةُ وَالسِّتُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ أَمَرَ أَنْ أُدْعَى بِإِمْرَةِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي حَيَاتِهِ وَبَعْدَ مَوْتِهِ وَلَمْ يُطْلَقْ ذَلِكَ لِأَحَدٍ غَيْرِي.

As for the sixty-seventh: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) ordered that I be called the Commander of the Faithful during his lifetime and after his death, and he did not bestow this title upon anyone other than me.

68. Keys of Paradise and Hell Will Be Entrusted to Imam Ali (peace be upon him) on the Day of Judgment

وَأَمَّا الثَّامِنَةُ وَ السِّتُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ قَالَ: يَا عَلِيُّ! إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَامَةِ نَادَى مُنَادٍ مِنْ بُطْنَانِ الْعَرْشِ: أَيْنَ سَيِّدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ؟ فَأَقُومُ، ثُمَّ يُنَادِي: أَيْنَ سَيِّدُ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ؟ فَتَقُومُ، وَ يَأْتِينِي رِضْوَانُ بِمَفَاتِيحِ الْجَنَّةِ، وَ يَأْتِينِي مَالِكٌ بِمَقَالِيدِ النَّارِ، فَيَقُولَانِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ أَمَرَنَا أَنْ نَدْفَعَهَا إِلَيْكَ وَ نَأْمُرَكَ «١» أَنْ تَدْفَعَهَا إِلَى عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ، فَتَكُونُ يَا عَلِيُّ قَسِيمَ الْجَنَّةِ وَ النَّارِ.

As for the sixty-eighth: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said, "O Ali! On the Day of Judgment, a caller from beneath the Throne will call out, 'Where is the Master of the Prophets?' I will rise. Then he will call, 'Where is the Master of the Successors?' You will rise. Ridwan will come to me with the keys of Paradise, and Malik will come to me with the keys of Hellfire, and they will say, 'Allah, Glorious and Exalted, has commanded us to hand them over to you and to instruct you to give them to Ali ibn Abi Talib.' So, O Ali, you will be the divider of Paradise and Hell."

69. If Not for Imam Ali (peace be upon him), the Hypocrites Would Not Be Known

وَأَمَّا التَّائِبَةُ وَالسَّيِّئُونَ: فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ يَقُولُ:

لَوْلَاكَ مَا عُرِفَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ.

As for the sixty-ninth, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace by upon him and his family) say: "If it were not for you, the hypocrites would not be distinguished from the believers."

70. The Verse of Purity and the Cloak of Ahl al-Kisa (peace be upon them)

وَأَمَّا السَّبْعُونَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ نَامَ وَنَوَمَنِي وَ
رَوْجَتِي فَاطِمَةَ وَابْنَيْ الْحَسَنِ وَ الْحُسَيْنَ وَ أَلْقَى عَلَيْنَا عَبَاءَةً قَطَوَانِيَّةً،
فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى فِيْنَا:

(إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا) «٢»،
وَ قَالَ جَبْرِئِيلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: أَنَا مِنْكُمْ يَا مُحَمَّدُ، فَكَانَ سَادِسُنَا جَبْرِئِيلُ
عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ.

As for the seventieth, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) rested and made me, my wife Fatimah, and my two sons, Hasan and Husayn, rest, and he placed over us a cloak of Qatwani fabric. Then Allah, Blessed and Exalted, revealed about us: "Indeed, Allah desires to keep away impurity from you, O People of the Household, and to purify you with a thorough purity." Jibra'il (peace be upon him) said: "I am among you, O Muhammad." So our sixth was Gabriel (peace be upon him).







No matter how much one praises Imam Ali (a.s.), it never feels complete. In fact, one feels they have not even touched a drop from the infinite ocean of his virtues. Imam Ali (a.s.) stood by the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) from the very beginning of his mission until his final breath.

Taught directly by the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), Imam Ali (a.s.) possesses merits that no one else can match—indeed, no one can even dream of comparing with a single one of his unique qualities.

Hundreds and thousands of traditions have been narrated from the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and the infallible Imams (a.s.) regarding the virtues of Imam Ali (a.s.).

This book presents the translation of a hadith in which Imam Ali (a.s.) himself lists his exclusive merits—virtues that none share with him.

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