

١٠٤. وَعَنْ نَوْفِ الْبِكَالِيِّ قَالَ: رَأَيْتُ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) ذَاتَ لَيْلَةٍ وَقَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْ فِرَاشِهِ فَنظَرَ فِي النُّجُومِ، فَقَالَ لِي: يَا نَوْفُ أَرَأَيْتَ أَنْتَ أَمْ رَامِقٌ، فَقُلْتُ بَلْ رَامِقٌ، قَالَ:

104. It is related by Nawf al-Bikālī that: I saw that one night Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, came out from his bed and looked at the stars, then he said to me: "O Nawf, are you awake or sleeping?" I said: "I am awake, O Amīr al-mu'minīn." Then he said:

يَا نَوْفُ طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ هَدَيْنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا الرَّاغِبِينَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ أُولَئِكَ قَوْمٌ اتَّخَذُوا الْأَرْضَ بَسَاطًا وَتُرَابَهَا فِرَاشًا وَمَاءَهَا طِيْبًا وَالْقُرْآنَ شِعْرًا
وَالدَّعَاءَ دِثَارًا ثُمَّ قَرَضُوا الدُّنْيَا قَرْضًا عَلَى مَنَاجِئِ الْمَسِيحِ.

O Nawf! Blessed be those who abstain from this world and are eager for the next world. They are the people who regard this earth as a floor; its dust as their bed-cloth; and its water as their perfume; they recite the Qur'ān in low tones and supplicate in high tones and then they are cut off from the world like 'Īsā (Jesus).

يَا نَوْفُ إِنَّ دَاوُدَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَامَ فِي مِثْلِ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَقَالَ إِنَّهَا لِسَاعَةٌ لَا يَدْعُو فِيهَا عَبْدٌ إِلَّا اسْتُجِيبَ لَهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يَكُونَ
عَشَارًا أَوْ عَرِيفًا أَوْ شَرِطِيًّا أَوْ صَاحِبَ عَرِطَبَةٍ - وَهِيَ الطَّنْبُورُ - أَوْ صَاحِبَ كُوبَةٍ - وَهِيَ الطَّبَلُ،

O Nawf! The prophet Dāwūd (David), peace be upon him, rose up at a similar hour one night and said, "This is the hour when whatever a person prays for is granted to him unless he is a tax-collector, an intelligence man, a police officer, a lute player or a drummer."

قال السيد الرضى: وقد قيل أيضاً إنَّ العَرِطَبَةَ الطَّبَلُ والكُوبَةُ الطَّنْبُورُ.

As-Sayyid ar-Raḍī says: It is also said that "arṭabah" means 'ṭabl' (drum) and "kūbah" means 'lute'.