

١٢٢. وَتَبِعَ جَنَازَةً فِيسْمَعُ رَجُلًا يَضْحَكُ فَقَالَ كَأَنَّ الْمَوْتَ فِيهَا عَلَيَّ غَيْرِنَا كَتَبَ وَكَأَنَّ الْحَقَّ فِيهَا عَلَيَّ غَيْرِنَا وَجِبَّ وَكَأَنَّ الَّذِي نَرَى مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ سَفَرَ عَمَّا قَلِيلٍ إِلَيْنَا رَاجِعُونَ. نَبُوْنَهُمْ أَجْدَانَهُمْ وَنَأْكُلُ تَرَاثِمَهُمْ كَأَنَّا مَخْلُدُونَ بَعْدَهُمْ ثُمَّ قَدْ نَسِينَا كُلَّ وَاعِظٍ وَوَاعِظَةٍ وَرَمِينَا بِكُلِّ فَادِحٍ وَجَائِحَةٍ.

122. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, was accompanying a funeral when he heard someone laugh. Then he said : Is it that death has been ordained only for others? Is it that right is obligatory only on others? Is it that those whom we see departing on their journey of death will come back to us? We lay them down in their graves and then enjoy their estate (as if we will live for good after them). We have ignored every preacher, man or woman, and have exposed ourselves to every catastrophe.