

ومن خطبة له عليه السلام في ذكرى يوم النحر و صفة الأضحية

On the description of the Day of Sacrifice (Id al-Aḍḥa) and the qualities of the animal for sacrifice

وَمِنْ تَمَامِ الْأَضْحِيَّةِ اسْتِشْرَافُ أُذُنِهَا، وَ سَلَامَةُ عَيْنَيْهَا. فَإِذَا سَلِمَتِ الْأُذُنُ وَالْعَيْنُ سَلِمَتِ الْأَضْحِيَّةُ وَ تَمَّتْ. وَلَوْ كَانَتْ عَضْبَاءَ لَقَرْنِ
تَجْرَ رِجْلِهَا إِلَى الْمَنْسَكِ.

For an animal to be fully fit for sacrifice it is necessary that both its ears should be raised upwards and its eyes should be healthy. If the ears and the eyes are sound the animal of sacrifice is sound and perfect, even though its horn be broken or it drags its feet to the place of sacrifice.

قال السيد الشريف: وَالْمَنْسَكُ هُنَا الْمَذْبَحُ.

as-Sayyid ar-Raḍī says: Here place of sacrifice means place of slaughter.