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وقال (عليه السلام) في سُحرة اليوم الذي ضرب فيه

Spoken on the morning of the day when Amir al-mu'minin was fatally struck with sword.

مَلَكَتْنِي عَيْنِي وَأَنَا جَالِسٌ، فَسَنَحَ لِي رَسُولُ اللهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) : يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ، مَاذَا لَقِيتُ مِنْ أُمَّتِكَ مِنَ الأَوْدِ وَاللَّدَدَ؟ فَقَالَ: «ادْعُ عَلَيْهِمْ»، فَقُلْتُ: أَبْدِلْنِي اللهُ بِهِمْ خَيْراً لِي مِنْهُمْ، وَأَبْدِلْهُمْ بِي شَرّاً لَهُمْ مِنِّي.

I was sitting when sleep overtook me. I saw the Prophet of Allah appear before me, and I said : "O Prophet of Allah ! what crookedness and enmity I had to face from the people." The Prophet of Allah said : "Invoke (Allah) evil upon them," but I said, "Allah may change them for me with better ones and change me for them with a worse one."

قال الشريف : يعني بالأود الاعوجاج و باللدد الخصام، و هذا من أفصح الكلام.

as-Sayyid ar-Raḍī says: "al-awad" means crookedness and "al-ladad" means enmity, and this is the most eloquent expression.