

ومن خطبة له (عليه السلام) وفيها صفات ثمان من صفات الجلال

About the perfection of Allāh and counselling

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ: الْأَوَّلُ لَا شَيْءَ قَبْلَهُ، وَالْآخِرُ لَا غَايَةَ لَهُ، لَا تَقَعُ الْأَوْهَامُ لَهُ عَلَى صِفَةٍ، وَلَا تُعْقَدُ الْقُلُوبُ مِنْهُ عَلَى كَيْفِيَّةٍ، وَلَا تَنَالُهُ التَّجْزِئَةُ وَالتَّبَعِيضُ، وَلَا تَحِيطُ بِهِ الْأَبْصَارُ وَالْقُلُوبُ.

I stand witness that there is no god but Allāh, He is One and there is no partner with Him. He is the First, such that nothing was before Him. He is the Last, such that there is not limit for Him. Imagination cannot catch any of His qualities. Hearts cannot entertain belief about His nature. Analysis and division cannot be applied to Him. Eyes and hearts cannot encompass Him.

وَمِنْهَا: فَاتَّعَظُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ بِالْعِبَرِ الدَّوَّافِعِ، وَاعْتَبِرُوا بِالْأَيِّ السَّوَاطِعِ، وَازْجَرُوا بِالذُّرِّ الْيَوَالِغِ، وَانْتَفِعُوا بِالذِّكْرِ وَالْمَوَاعِظِ، فَكَأَنَّ قَدْ عَلَقْتُمْ مَخَالِبَ الْمَنِيَّةِ، وَانْقَطَعَتْ مِنْكُمْ عِلَاقُ الْأَمْنِيَّةِ، وَدَهَمَتْكُمْ مَفْطَعَاتُ الْأُمُورِ، وَالسِّيَاقَةُ إِلَى الْوَرْدِ الْمُرُودِ، (وَكُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَعَهَا سَائِقٌ وَشَهِيدٌ). سَائِقٌ يَسُوقُهَا إِلَى مُحْشَرِهَا؛ وَشَهِيدٌ يَشْهَدُ عَلَيْهَا بِعَمَلِهَا.

A part of the same sermon : O creatures of Allāh! Take lesson from useful items of instruction and shining indications. Be cautioned by effective items of warning. Get benefit from preaching and admonition. It is as though the claws of death are pressed in you, the connection of hope and desires has been cut asunder, hard affairs have befallen you and your march is towards the place where everyone has to go, namely death. Hence, “with every person there is a driver and a witness” (Qur’ān, 50:21). The driver drives him towards resurrection while the witness furnishes evidence about his deeds.

وَمِنْهَا فِي صِفَةِ الْجَنَّةِ: دَرَجَاتٌ مُتَفَاضِلَاتٌ، وَمَنَازِلٌ مُتَفَاوِتَاتٌ، لَا يَنْقَطِعُ نَعِيمُهَا، وَلَا يَظْعَنُ مَقِيمُهَا، وَلَا يَهْرَمُ خَالِدُهَا، وَلَا يَبْأَسُ سَاكِنُهَا.

A part of the same sermon (about Paradise) : In Paradise there are high classes and different places of stay. Its boundary never ends. He who stays in it will never depart from it. He who is endowed with everlasting abode in it will not get old, and its resident will not face want.