

ومن خطبة له (عليه السلام) في الرسول الاعظم (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) وبلاغ الامام عنه

About the Holy Prophet.

أَرْسَلَهُ عَلَيَّ حِينَ فِتْرَةٍ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ، وَطَوَّلَ هَجْعَةَ مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، وَاعْتَزَمَ مِنَ الْفِتَنِ، وَانْتَشَرَ مِنَ الْأُمُورِ، وَتَلَطَّ مِنَ الْحُرُوبِ، وَالِدُنْيَا كَأَسْفَةِ النُّورِ، ظَاهِرَةِ الْغُرُورِ، عَلَيَّ حِينَ اصْفَرَّارٍ مِنْ وَرَقِهَا، وَإِبَاسٍ مِنْ ثَمَرِهَا، وَاغْوَارٍ مِنْ مَائِهَا، قَدْ دَرَسَتْ أَعْلَامُ الْهَدْيِ، وَظَهَرَتْ أَعْلَامُ الرَّدَى، فَهِيَ مُتَجَهِّمَةٌ لِأَهْلِهَا، عَابِسَةٌ فِي وَجْهِ طَالِبِهَا، ثَمَرُهَا الْفِتْنَةُ وَطَعَامُهَا الْجِيفَةُ وَشِعَارُهَا الْخَوْفُ، وَدِثَارُهَا السَّيْفُ.

Allāh sent the Prophet when the mission of other Prophets had stopped and the peoples were in slumber for a long time. Evils were raising heads, all matters were under disruption and in flames of wars, while the world was devoid of brightness, and full of open deceitfulness. Its leaves had turned yellow and there was absence of hope about its fruits. While water had gone under-ground. The minarets of guidance had disappeared and signs of destruction had appeared. It was stern to its people and frowned in the face of its seeker. Its fruit was vice and its food was carcass. Its inner dress was fear and outer cover was sword.

فَاعْتَبِرُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، وَادْكُرُوا تِلْكَ الَّتِي أَبَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ بِهَا مَرْتَهَنُونَ، وَعَلَيْهَا مُحَاسِبُونَ. وَلِعَمْرِي مَا تَقَادَمَتْ بِكُمْ وَلَا بِهِمُ الْعُهُودُ، وَلَا خَلَّتْ فِيمَا بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُمُ الْأَحْقَابُ وَالْقُرُونُ، وَمَا أَنْتُمْ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ يَوْمِ كُنْتُمْ فِي أَصْلَابِهِمْ بَعِيدَ.

So take lesson O creatures of Allāh, and recall that (evil doing) with which your fathers and brothers are entangled, and for which they have to account. By my life, your time is not much behind theirs, nor have long periods or centuries lapsed between you and them, nor are you much distant from when you were in their loins.

وَاللَّهِ مَا أَسْمِعُكُمْ الرَّسُولُ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) شَيْئًا إِلَّا وَهَا أَنَا ذَا الْيَوْمِ مُسْمِعُكُمْوَهُ، وَمَا أَسْمِعُكُمْ الْيَوْمَ بِدُونِ أَسْمَاعِكُمْ بِالْأَمْسِ، وَلَا شَقَتْ لَهُمُ الْإِبْصَارُ، وَجَعَلَتْ لَهُمُ الْإِفْتِدَاءُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْإِوَانِ، إِلَّا وَقَدْ أُعْطِيتُمْ مِثْلَهَا فِي هَذَا الزَّمَانِ.

By Allāh, whatever the Prophet told them, I am here telling you the same and whatever you hear today is not different from what they heard yesterday. The eyes that were opened for them and the hearts that were made for them at that time, just the same have been given to you at this time.

وَوَاللَّهِ مَا بَصُرْتُمْ بَعْدَهُمْ شَيْئًا جَهْلُوهُ، وَلَا أُصِفْتُمْ بِهِ وَحَرَمُوهُ، وَلَقَدْ نَزَلَتْ بِكُمْ الْبَلِيَّةُ جَائِلًا خَطَامُهَا، رِخْوًا بَطَانُهَا، فَلَا يَغُرُّكُمْ مَا أَصْبَحَ فِيهِ أَهْلُ الْغُرُورِ، فَإِنَّمَا هُوَ ظِلٌّ مَمْدُودٌ، إِلَى أَجَلٍ مَعْدُودٍ.

By Allāh, you have not been told anything that they did not know and you have not been given anything which they were deprived of. Certainly you have been afflicted by a calamity (which is like a she-camel) whose nose-string is moving about and

whose strap is loose. So in whatever condition these deceitful people are should not deceive you, because it is just a long shadow whose term is fixed.