

Farewell to Fatima (pbuh)

~ Sermon 202 Nahjul Balagha ~

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روي عنه أنه قاله عند دفن سيدة النساء فاطمة صلى الله عليها، كالمناجى به رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) عند قبره:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ عَيِّي، وَعَنْ ابْنَتِكَ النَّازِلَةِ فِي جَوَارِكِ، وَالسَّرِيعَةِ اللَّحَاقِ بِكَ!
قُلْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، عَنْ صَفِيَّتِكَ صَبْرِي، وَرَقِّ عَنْهَا تَجَلُّدِي، إِلَّا أَنَّ فِي النَّاسِ لِي بِعَظِيمٍ فُرْقَتِكَ،
وَفَارِحٍ مُصِيبَتِكَ، مَوْضِعَ تَعَزُّ، فَلَقَدْ وَسَدُّتْكَ فِي مَلْحُودَةِ قَبْرِكَ، وَقَاضَتْ بَيْنَ نَحْرِي وَصَدْرِي نَفْسُكَ.

(فَاتَا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ)

فَلَقَدْ اسْتَوْجَعْتَ الْوَدِيعَةَ، وَأَخَذْتَ الرَّهِيْنَةَ! أَمَا حُرِّزِي فَسَرَّمَدٌ،
وَأَمَا الْجَلِي فَمُسَهَّدٌ، إِلَى أَنْ يَخْتَارَ اللَّهُ لِي دَارَكَ النَّبِيِّ أَنْتَ بِهَا مُقِيمٌ.

وَسَتَّبِعْتُكَ ابْنَتُكَ [بِتَضَامُرٍ أُمَّتِكَ عَلَى هَضْمِهَا]، فَأَخَفَهَا السُّؤَالَ، وَاسْتَخْبَرَهَا الْحَالَ،
هَذَا وَلَمْ يَطَّلِ الْعَهْدُ، وَلَمْ يَغْلُ مِنْكَ الدُّكْرُ.

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمَا سَلَامَ مُوَدِّعٍ، لَأَقَالَ وَلَا سَمِيمٍ، فَإِنْ أَنْصَرَفْتُ فَلَا عَنْ مَلَائَةٍ، وَإِنْ أُوْمِرْتُ فَلَا عَنْ سُوءِ ظَنٍّ بِمَا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الصَّابِرِينَ.

The words of Imam Ali (pbuh) when he buried Sayyida addressing the Prophet (pbuh)

O' Prophet of Allah, peace be upon you from me and from your daughter who has come to you and who has hastened to meet you. O' Prophet of Allah, my patience about your chosen (daughter) has been exhausted, and my power of endurance has weakened, except that I have ground for consolation in having endured the great hardship and heart-rending event of your separation. I laid you down in your grave when your last breath had passed (when your head was) between my neck and chest.

... Indeed we are from Allah and indeed to Him we return." 2:156

Now, the trust has been returned and what had been given has been taken back. As to my grief, it knows no bounds, and as to my nights, they will remain sleepless till Allah chooses for me the house in which you are now residing.

Certainly, your daughter will inform you of your ummah and their oppression.....And all this in a short time after you..... Peace be on you both, peace from of a grief stricken one.....; and if I leave here (the grave), it is not because I am tired, and if I stay it is not because I do not believe that Allah promises a reward for those with sabr.