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Preface

The following is a translation of an argument put forward by Ameerul Momineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) at the time when the Shura (Consultative Council) was formed after which Usman Ibn Affaan was deceitfully elected as the third ruler. In this argument, Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) himself recounts one hundred of his innumerable virtues and every member of the Shura confesses to each of the virtues.

The great scholar Allamah Muhammad Baqir Majlisi (a.r.) has brought this entire argument in his book Behaar al-Anwaar, vol. 31, pp. 331-346 narrating from Al-Ehtejaaj of Shaikh Tabrisi (a.r.), vol. 1, pp. 134-145.

It is evident from this argument that Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) was never satisfied with the ways of the pseudo-caliphs and was upfront in putting forth his arguments. It also clearly shows that despite the fact that people were aware of the excellences of Ameerul Momineen (a.s.), it was their sheer jealousy and hatred towards him (a.s.) which prevented them from accepting him as their rightful leader and divinely appointed Caliph.

Our aim in presenting this treatise is to attain the satisfaction of Ameerul Momineen (a.s.), Janabe Zahra (a.s.) – the foremost defender of his Wilayat (Mastership) and his last successor Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.), may Allah the High hasten his reappearance and include us among his sincere servants!

إحْتِجَاجُ آمِيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ الطَيْقَلَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ لَبَّا مَاتَ عُمَرُ بُنُ

الْخَطَّابِ وَقَدْ جَعَلَ الْخِلَافَةَ شُوْرَى بَيْنَهُمُ

رَوَى عُمَرُ بُنُ شِمْرٍ، عَنُ جَابِرٍ، عَنُ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ الْبَاقِرِ صَلَوَاتُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ، قَالَ إِنَّ عُمَرَ بُنَ الْخَطَّابِ لَمَّا حَضَرَتُهُ الْوَفَاةُ وَ أَجْمَعَ عَلَى الشُّورَى، بَعَثَ إِلَى سِتَّةٍ نَفَرٍ مِنُ قُرَيْشٍ، إِلَى عَلِيّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، وَإِلَى عُثْمَانَ بُنِ عَفَّانَ، وَإِلَى زُبَيْرِ بُنِ الْعَوَّامِ، وَطَلْحَةَ بُنِ عُبَيْدٍ اللهِ، وَ عَبْدٍ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ عَوْفٍ، وَ سَعْدٍ بْنِ أَبِي وَقَّاصٍ، وَ أَمَرَهُمُ أَنْ يَدُخُلُوا إِلَى بَيْتٍ فَلَمُ يَخُرُجُوا مِنْهُ حَتَّى يُبَايِعُوا لِأَحَدِهِمْ، فَإِنِ اجْتَبَعَ أَزْبَعَةٌ عَلَى وَاحِدٍ وَ أَبَى وَاحِدٌ أَنْ يُبَايِعَهُمْ قُتِلَ، وَإِنِ امْتَنَعَ اثْنَانِ وَ بَايَعَ ثَلاثَةٌ قُتِلا، فَاجْتَمَعَ رَأَيُهُمْ عَلَى عُثْمَانَ، فَلَمَّا رَأَى أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ مَا هَمَّ الْقَوْمُ بِهِ مِنَ الْبَيْعَةِ لِعُثْبَانَ، قَامَ فِيهِمُ لِيَتَّخِذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْحُجَّةَ، فَقَالَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ لَهُمُ اسْمَعُوا مِنِّي فَإِنْ يَكُ مَا أَقُولُ حَقّاً فَاقْبَلُوا وَإِنْ يَكُ بَاطِلًا فَأَنْكِرُوا.

Argument of Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) at the time of the death of Umar Ibn Khattaab and when he had formed the Consultative Council (Shura) among them

Umar Ibn Shimr narrated from Jabir from Abu Ja'far Imam Baqir (a.s.) who said:

When Umar Ibn Khattab was about to die and he gathered the people for Shura, which was based on 6 people from the Quraish viz. Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), Usmaan Ibn Affan, Zubair Ibn Awwam, Talha Ibn Ubaidullah, Abdul Rahman Ibn Awf and Sa'ad Ibn Abi Waggas, He ordered them that they should assemble in a room and should not come out of it until they have paid allegiance to one of them. If four of them pay allegiance to one and one rebels and does not pay allegiance, then he should be killed. If two people refrain (from paying allegiance) and three agree, then the two should be killed. When their opinion was formed regarding Usmaan (i.e. Usmaan was elected as a caliph), Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) opined that the nation does not care about his allegiance (i.e. about he not paying allegiance) to Usmaan. He stood up among them to complete his argument and said to them: Listen to me. If one believes what I am saying is the truth then let him accept it and if one believes what I am saying is false then let him reject it.

ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمُ أَنْشُلُ كُمُ بِاللهِ الَّنِي يَعْلَمُ صِلْقَكُمُ إِنْ صَلَقَتُمُ وَ يَعْلَمُ كَذِبَكُمُ إِنْ كَذَبْتُمُ، هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَلٌ صَلَّى إِلَى الْقِبْلَتَيْنِ كِلْتَيْهِمَا، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ مَنُ بَايَعَ الْبَيْعَتَيْنِ بَيْعَةَ الْفَتْحِ وَ بَيْعَةَ الرِّضُوَانِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ أَخُوهُ الْمُزَيَّنُ بِالْجَنَاحَيْنِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَلَّ عَمَّهُ سَيِّدُ الشُّهَدَاءِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ زَوْجَتُهُ سَيِّرَةُ نِسَاءِ اَهُلِ الْجَنَّةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ ابْنَاهُ ابْنَا رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ هُمَا سَيِّدَا شَبَابِ اَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.

Then he (a.s.) said to them: I implore you for the sake of Allah, the One who knows your truth when you speak the truth and the One who knows you falsehood when you lie. Is there anyone among you who has prayed in both the directions of the Qibla¹, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who has paid allegiance on two occasions, the allegiance of the conquest (of Mecca) and the allegiance of Rizwan², except me?* They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whose brother has been adorned with two wings in Paradise, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whose uncle is the Chief of the Martyrs, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whose wife is the Chief of the women of Paradise, except me*? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whose two sons are the sons of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) and who are the Chiefs of the Youths of Paradise, except me? They replied: No.

¹ 'Prayed in both directions' here means together in a single namaz i.e. facing towards the Holy Kaaba and Bait al-Maqdas in the same namaz

² Bay'at-e-Rizwan was taken under a tree, eventually leading to the Peace Treaty of Hudaibiyyah in 6 A.H. The treaty has been referenced in Surah Fath (48): Verse 18 – "Certainly Allah was well pleased with the believers when they swore allegiance to you under the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, so He sent down tranquillity on them and rewarded them with a near victory."

- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ عَرَفَ النَّاسِخَ مِنَ الْمَنْسُوخِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمْ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌّ أَذُهَبَ اللهُ عَنْهُ الرِّجْسَ وَ طَهَرَهُ تَطْهِيراً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ عَايَنَ جَبُرَئِيلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي مِثَالِ دِحْيَةَ الْكَلْبِيِّ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ أَدَّى الزَّكَاةَ وَ هُوَ رَاكِعٌ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَلَّ مَسَحَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ أَعْطَاهُ الرَّايَةَ يَوْمَ خَيْبَرَ فَلَمُ يَجِدُ حَرَّاً وَ لَا بَرُداً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ نَصَبَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ يَوْمَ غَدِيرِ خُمِّ بِأَمْرِ اللهِ، فَقَالَ مَنُ كُنْتُ مَوُلَاهُ فَعَلِيٌّ مَوْلَاهُ، اللهُمَّ وَالِ مَنْ وَالَاهُ وَ عَادِ مَنْ عَادَاهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who knows the abrogating (verses) and the abrogated (verses), except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you from whom Allah has kept away impurity and purified him a thorough purifying, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who has seen Jibraeel (a.s.) in the form of Dihyat al-Kalbi, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who has given charity while he was in (the state of) bowing (Ruku)*¹, *except me?* They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) touched and bestowed him the flag on the day of Khyber and he did not feel any warmth or $cold^2$, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) appointed on the day of Ghadeer-e-Khum by the order of Allah and said that 'Of whomsoever I am the Master then Ali is his Master. O Allah! Love him who loves him (Ali) and hate him who hates him (Ali)', except me? They replied: No.

¹ Refers to Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 55

² Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) was suffering from conjunctivitis. Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) applied saliva on his eyes and due to this he never felt any warmth or cold ever after.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُم أَحَدٌ أَخُورَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيُهِ وَ آلِهِ فِي الْحَضَرِ وَرَفِيقُهُ فِي السَّفَرِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُم أَحَدٌ بَارَزَ عَمْرَو بْنَ عَبْدِ وُدِّ يَوْمَر الْخَنْدَقِ وَقَتَلَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ سَلَّمَ أَنَتَ مِنِّي بِمَنْزِلَةِ هَارُونَ مِنْ مُوسَى إِلَّا أَنَّهُ لَا نَبِيَّ بَعْدِي، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ مَنُ سَبَّاهُ اللهُ فِي عَشُرِ آيَاتٍ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مُؤْمِناً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌّ نَاوَلَ رَسُولَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ قَبْضَةً مِنْ تُرَابٍ فَرَمَى بِهِ فِي وُجُودِ الْكُفَّارِ فَانْهَزَمُوا، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌّ وَقَفَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ مَعَهُ يَوْمَ أُحْلٍ حِينَ ذَهَبَ النَّاسُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who is the brother of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) in his presence and his companion in his journeys, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who came out against Amr Ibn Abde Wudd in the Battle of Khandaq and killed him, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'you are to me as Haroon (a.s.) was to Moosa (a.s.) except that there will be no Prophet after me', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whom Allah has addressed him in 10 verses of the Holy Quran as a believer, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) offered a handful of soil and he threw it on the faces of the disbelievers and defeated them, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you with whom the angels halted on the day of Uhud when people had gone, except me? They replied: No. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَضَى دَيْنَ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ اشْتَاقَتِ الْجَنَّةُ إِلَى رُؤْيَتِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ شَهِدَ وَفَاةَ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ غَسَّلَ رَسُولَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ كَفَّنَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمْ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ وَرِثَ سِلاَحَ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَرَايَتَهُ وَ خَاتَمَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَلَّ جَعَلَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ طَلَاقَ نِسَائِهِ بِيَرِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who repaid the loan of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.), except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you for whom Paradise yearns to see his face, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you witnessed the death of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.), except me?* They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who gave the funeral bath to the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) and shrouded him, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who inherited the weapons of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and his standard and his ring, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) granted the right to divorce his (s.a.w.a.) wives with his hand, except me? They replied: No.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَلَّ حَمَلَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ عَلَى ظَهْرِةِ حَتَّى كَسَرَ الْأَصْنَامَ عَلَى بَابِ الْكَعْبَةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لا.

- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌّ نُودِيَ بِاسْمِهِ يَوْمَ بَدُرٍ لَا سَيْفَ إِلَّا ذُو الْفَقَارِ وَلَا فَتَى إِلَّا عَلِيٌّ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ أَكَلَ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مِنَ الطَّائِرِ الَّذِي أُهْدِيَ إِلَيْهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ صَاحِبُ رَايَتِي فِي الدُّنْيَا وَ صَاحِبُ لِوَائِي فِي الْآخِرَةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَنَّمَ بَيْنَ يَدَيُ نَجْوَاهُ صَدَقَةً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ يَخْصِفُ نَعُلَ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) carried on his back so that he could break the idols on the door of the Holy Kaabah, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who was called by his name of the day of the battle of Badr that - there is no sword like Zulfiqar and there is no youth like Ali, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who ate from the bird which was gifted to the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) (by Allah), except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You are the bearer of my standard in this world and the bearer of my flag in the hereafter", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who preceded his consultations (with the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.)) with charity*¹, *except me*? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who repaired the sandals of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), except me? They replied: No.

¹ Refers to Surah Mujaadelah (58): 12

فَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنَا أَخُوكَ وَ أَنْتَ أَخِي، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
فَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمْ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمْ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَالِهِ اللهُمَّ عَلِيٌّ أَحَبُّ الْخَلْقِ إِلَيَّ وَٱقْوَلْهُمْ بِالْحَقِّ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.
فَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ اسْتَقَى مِائَةَ دَلُوٍ بِبِائَةِ تَمْرَةٍ وَ
جَاءَ بِالتَّمْرِ فَأَطْعَمَهُ رَسُولَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ هُوَ جَائِعٌ،
غَيْرِي.قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ سَلَّمَ عَلَيْهِ جَبْرَئِيلُ وَ مِيكَائِيلُ وَ إِسْرَافِيلُ فِي ثَلَاثَةِ آلَافٍ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ يَوْمَ بَدْرٍ، غَيْرِي.قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ غَمَّضَ رَسُولَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ وَحَدَ اللهَ قَبْلِي. قَالُوالا.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "I am your brother and you are my brother", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "O Allah, Ali (a.s.) is the most beloved of the creation to me and the most vocal of them concerning the truth", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you who filled a hundred pails with hundred dates and he came with a date with which he fed the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) with it while he (s.a.w.a.) was hungry, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom Jibraeel, Mikaaeel and Israfeel saluted along with three thousand angels on the day of Badr, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who concealed the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), except me?* They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me, who believed in Tauheed of Allah before me? They replied: No.

قَالَ نَشَرُتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُم أَحَدٌ كَانَ اَوَّلَ دَاخِلٍ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ آخِرَ خَارِجٍ مِنْ عِنْرِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُم أَحَدٌ مَشَى مَعَ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ فَمَرَّ عَلَى حَدِيقَةٍ، فَقُلْتُ مَا أَحْسَنَ هَذِهِ الْحَدِيقَة، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ حَدِيقَتُكَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ أَحْسَنُ مِنْ هَذِهِ.. حَتَّى مَرَرُتْ عَلَى تَلَاثِ حَدَائِقَ كُلَّ ذٰلِكَ يَقُولُ رَسُولُ اللهِ حَدِيقَتُكَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ آَحْسَنُ

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ اوَّلُ مَنُ آَمَنَ بِي وَ اوَّلُ مَنُ يُصَافِحُنِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدَّ اَخَذَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ بِيَرِيا وَ يَنِ امْرَآتِهِ وَ ابْنَيْهِ حَتَّى حِينَ اَرَادَ أَنْ يُبَاهِلَ نَصَارَى اَهُلِ نَجْرَانَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who used to be the first to attend the gatherings of Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and the last to exit them¹, except me? They replied: No.*

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who walked with the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) till he came upon a garden then I said, How beautiful is this garden! Then the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) replied, your garden in paradise is more beautiful than this... till we came upon three gardens for each of which the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, your garden in paradise is more beautiful than this, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You are the first to believe in me and the first who shall greet me on the Day of Judgment", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) held by his hand along with that of his wife and his two children when he intended to proceed to curse the Christians from Najraan², except me? They replied: No.

¹ Allamah Majlisi (a.r.) writes that this could either mean every day or from the first year of Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) in Mecca till the martyrdom of Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.)

² Refers to Surah Aale Imran (3): Verse 61

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ اَوَّلُ طَالِحٍ يَطُلُعُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ هَذَا الْبَابِ يَا أَنَسُ فَإِنَّهُ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ سَيِّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَ خَيْرُ الْوَصِيِّينَ وَ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِالنَّاسِ، فَقَالَ أَنَسُ اللهُمَّ اجْعَلُهُ رَجُلًا مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ، فَكُنْتُ أَنَا الطَّالِحَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ لِآسَ مَا أَنْتَ يَا أَنَسُ بِاَوَّلِ رَجُلٍ اَحَبَّ قَوْمَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَلَّ نَزَلَتُ فِيهِ هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ (إِنَّهَا وَلِيَّكُمُ اللهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ وَالَّذِيْنَ آمَنُوا الَّذِيْنَ يُقِيْمُوْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوْنَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمُ رَاكِعُوْنَ)، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ أَنْزَلَ اللهُ فِيهِ وَفِي وُلُوهِ (إِنَّ اللهُ فِيهِ وَفِي وُلُوهِ (إِنَّ اللهُ فِيهِ وَفِي وُلُوهِ (إِنَّ اللهُ بَرَارَ يَشُرَبُونَ مِنْ كَأْسٍ كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا كَافُوراً)... إِلَى آخِرِ السُّورَةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, for whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said "O Anas! The first person who shall be seen entering from this door shall be the Ameerul Momineen, the Chief of the Muslims, the Best of the Successors and the Most Superior of the People", Anas invoked, "O Allah! You make him from the Ansaar". Then I entered and then the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) addressed Anas saying, "O Anas! You are not the first person who has held his nation to be dearer", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, for whom this verse was revealed, "Surely your Master is Allah and his Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and those who believe, those who establish prayers and give charity (zakat) while they are bowing"¹, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you for whom and for his children this verse was revealed, "Surely the righteous shall drink from a cup whose mixture is of camphor"² till the end of the chapter, except me? They replied: No.

¹ Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 55

² Surah Insaan (76):Verse 5

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ أَنَزَلَ اللهُ تَعَالَى فِيهِ (أَجَعَلْتُمُ سِقَايَةَ الْحَاجِّ وَ عِمارَةَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ كَمَنُ آمَنَ بِاللهِ وَ الْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَ جَاهَدَ فِيُ سَبِيْلِ اللهِ لَا يَسْتَوُوُنَ عِنْدَ اللهِ)، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌّ عَلَّمَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَلْفَ كَلِمَةٍ كُلُّ كَلِمَةٍ مِفْتَاحُ أَلْفِ كَلِمَةٍ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌّ نَاجَاهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ يَوْمَ الطَّائِفِ، فَقَالَ ابُو بَكْرٍ وَ عُمَرُ نَاجَيْتَ عَلِيّاً دُونَنَا فَقَالَ لَهُمُ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مَا اَنَا نَاجَيْتُهُ بَلِ اللهُ اَمَرَنِي بِلْلِكَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَلَّ سَقَاةُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مِنَ الْمِهْرَاسِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, for whom Allah has revealed, **"Do you consider the quenching of the thirst of pilgrims and the maintenance of the Sacred Mosque to be equal to the one who believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment and strives in the way of Allah? (Nay) they are not equal near Allah**"¹, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) taught a thousand words, each of which were keys to another thousand words, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, except me, whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) granted salvation on the day of Taaef? Then Abu Bakr and Umar said (to him): You granted salvation to Ali and not us. Then the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said to them: "I did not provide salvation to Ali rather it was Allah who commanded me towards it"? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, for whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) quenched his thirst by (offering him) Mehraas², except me? They replied: No.*

¹ Surah Bara'aat (9): Verse 19

² Mehraas according to Al-Jawhari is an engraved stone, knocking on which produces water for ablutions

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ أَقْرَبُ الْخَلْقِ مِنِّي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَدُخُلُ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ الْجَنَّةَ أَكْثَرُ الْخَلْقِ مِنْ رَبِيعَةَ وَمُضَرَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ يَاعَلِيُّ أَنْتَ تُكْسَى حِينَ أُكْسَى، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ أَنْتَ وَ شِيعَتُكَ الْفَائِزُونَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ كَنَبَ مَنُ زَعَمَ أَنَّهُ يُحِبُّنِي وَ يُبْغِضُ هَنَا، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مَنْ أَحَبَّ شَعَرَاتِي هَذِهِ فَقَدُ أَحَبَّنِي، وَ مَنْ أَحَبَّنِي فَقَدُ أَحَبَّ الله، فَقِيلَ لَهُ وَ مَاشَعَرَاتُكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ (ص) قَالَ عَلِيُّ وَ الْحَسَنُ وَالْحُسَيْنُ وَفَاطِمَةُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You shall be the nearest to me on the Day of Judgment from among the creation. Through your intercession more people than (those in) the tribes of Rabee'ah and Mudhar¹ would enter paradise", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "O Ali, you covered when I covered", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You and your Shias would be the successful ones on the Day of Judgment", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "He is a liar, the one who claims to love me but bears animosity with this person (Ali)", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "Whoever loves these hairs of mine loves me, and one who loves me loves Allah." Then it was said to him: And what is your hair O Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.)? He (s.a.w.a.) replied: "Ali (a.s.), Hasan (a.s.), Husain (a.s.) and Fatima (s.a.)"? They replied: No.²

¹ Rabi'ah and Modhar were two thickly-populated Arab tribes

² Allamah Majlisi (a.r.) writes that the reason why Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) has attributed Ahle Bait (a.s.) to his hair is because hair symbolizes beauty in a person

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيُهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنَتَ خَيْرُ الْبَشَرِ بَعْدَ النَّبِيِّينَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا. قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمْ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ (ص) أَنْتَ الْفَارُوقُ تَفُرُقُ بَيْنَ الْحَقِّ وَ الْبَاطِلِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ أَفْضَلُ الْخَلَائِتِ عَمَلًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بَعْدَ النَّبِيِّينَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌّ اَخَذَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ كِسَاءَهُ وَ حَطَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ عَلَى زَوْجَتِهِ وَ ابْنَيْهِ، ثُمَّ قَالَ اللهُمَّ أَنَا وَ اَهُلُ بَيْتِي إِلَيْكَ لَا إِلَى النَّارِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمْ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمْ أَحَدٌ كَانَ يَبْعَثُ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ الطَّعَامَ وَ هُوَفِي الْغَارِ وَ يُخْبِرُهُ الْأَخْبَارَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You are the best of the men after the Prophets (a.s.)", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You are the Distinguisher (Farooq) who will distinguish between truth and falsehood", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You will be the most superior creation in deeds on the Day of Judgment after the Prophets", except me? They replied: No.¹

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me whose cloak the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) held and made him, his wife and his two sons settle in it and said, "O Allah, I and my Ahle Bait (a.s.) (are) towards You, not towards fire"? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who took food for the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) while he was in the cave and informed him about the news, except me? They replied: No.

¹ Allamah Majlisi (a.r.) writes that probably this statement was made when Ali b. Abi Talib (a.s.) was not yet an Imam. Meaning before Imamat he was superior to all except the Prophets (a.s.). After achieving Imamat he was superior even to the Prophets (a.s.) excepting Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.). Or the statement was made in taqaiyya or some other reason.

- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ لَا سِرَّ دُونَكَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ اَخِي وَ وَزِيرِي وَ صَاحِبِي مِنْ اَهْلِي، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ اَقْدَمُهُمْ سِلْماً، وَ أَفْضَلُهُمْ عِلْماً، وَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ حِلْماً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.
- قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدَّ قَتَلَ مَرُحَبَ الْيَهُودِيَّ مُبَارَزَةً فَارِسَ الْيَهُودِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ عَرَضَ عَلَيْهِ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ الْإِسْلَامَ فَقَالَ لَهُ أَنْظِرُنِي حَتَّى أَلْقَى وَالِرِي. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ فَإِنَّهَا اَمَانَةٌ عِنْدَكَ. فَقُلْتُ وَإِنْ كَانَتُ آمَانَةً عِنْرِي فَقَدُ آسْلَمْتُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "There is no confidante other than you", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You are my brother and my vizier and my companion from my family", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You are the foremost is establishing peace, most superior in knowledge and most excessive in forbearance", except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who killed Marhab the Jew in the combat with the Champion of the Jews, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me, to whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) presented Islam and then he said to him: "Leave it with me until I meet my father." Then the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said: "It is a trust with you." Then I said: "If it is a trust for me, then surely I submit"? They replied: No.¹

¹ Allamah Majlisi (a.r.) writes that Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) wished to inform his father Hazrat Abu Talib (a.s.) about Islam so that he could support the truth...

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌّ احْتَمَلَ بَابَ خَيْبَرَ حِينَ فَتَحَهَا فَمَشَى بِهِ مِأْنَةَ ذِرَاعٍ ثُمَّ عَالَجَهُ بَعْدَهُ أَرْبَعُونَ رَجُلًا فَلَمُ يُطِيقُوهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ نَزَلَتُ فِيهِ هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نَاجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَرِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيُ نَجُواكُمُ صَدَقَةً)فَكُنْتُ إِنَا الَّذِي قَرَّمَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مَنُ سَبَّ عَلِيَّاً فَقَدُ سَبَّنِي وَ مَنُ سَبَّنِي فَقَدُ سَبَّ اللهَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مَنْزِلِي مُوَاجِهَ مَنْزِلِكَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ قَاتَلَ اللهُ مَنْ قَاتَلَكَ، وَ عَادَى اللهُ مَنْ عَادَاكَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, who carried the door of Khyber when he opened it, then he walked with it with a hundred feet after it was handled by forty men, but they couldn't move it, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among youexcept me, for whom this verse was revealed, **"O you** who believe! When you consult the Apostle, then offer something in charity before your consultation"¹then I was the one who offered first? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me, for whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "Whoever abuses Ali then certainly he has abused me and the one who abuses me then certainly he has abused Allah"? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me, for whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "My home will be facing your home in Paradise"? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you except me, for whom the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "Allah shall fight the one who fights you, and Allah shall bear enmity with one who bears enmity with you"? They replied: No.

¹ Surah Mujaadelah (58):Verse 12

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَلَّ اضْطَجَعَ عَلَى فِرَاشِ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ حِينَ آرَادَ آنْ يَسِيرَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ وَ وَقَالُا بِنَفْسِهِ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ حِينَ آرَادُوا قَتْلَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِأُمَّتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَنْ يَبِينِ الْعَرْشِ وَ اللهُ يَكُسُوَكَ تَوْبَيْنِ أَحَدُهُمَا أَخْضَرُ وَالْآخَرُ وَرُدِيٌّ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌّ صَلَّى قَبْلَ النَّاسِ بِسَبْعِ سِنِينَ وَاَشْهُرٍ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيُهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ آخِذٌ بِحُجْزَةِ رَبِيّ وَ الْحُجْزَةُ النُّورُ وَ أَنْتَ آخِذٌ بِحُجْزَتِي وَ أَهْلُ بَيْتِي آخِنُونَ بِحُجْزَتِكَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who slept on the bed of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) when he desired that he would travel to Medina and protected him by (sacrificing) his own life when the polytheists wanted to kill him¹, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'You are the most superior of the people upon my nation after me', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'You will be on the right side of the Arsh on the Day of Judgment and Allah shall clothe you with two robes, one of which shall be green and the other rose-colored', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who prayed before the people for 7 years and 7 months, except me?* They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'I shall take the robe of my Lord on the Day of Judgment and it is an illuminated robe while you will take my robe and my Ahle Bait (a.s.) will take your robe', except me? They replied: No.

¹ Incident of the Night of Me'raaj referring to Surah Baqarah (2): Verse 207

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ كَنَفْسِي وَ حُبُّكَ حُبِّي وَ بُغْضُكَ بُغْضِي، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَلَايَتُكَ كَوَلَايَتِي عَهُدٌ عَهِدَهُ إِلَيَّ رَبِّي وَ اَمَرَنِي أَنُ أُبُلِّغَكْمُوهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ الهِ اللهُمَّ اجْعَلُهُ لِي عَوْناً وَ عَضْداً وَ نَاصِراً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لَا. قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ الْمَالُ يَعْسُوبُ الظَّلَمَةِ وَ أَنَتَ يَعْسُوبُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ لاَبْعَثَنَّ إِلَيْكُمُ رَجُلًا امْتَحَنَ اللهُ قَلْبَهُ لِلْإِيمَانِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'You are like myself, love for you is love for me and enmity towards you is enmity towards me', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'Your Mastership (Wilaayat) is like my Mastership. It is a covenant which my Lord entrusted upon me and ordered me that I deliver it to you all', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'O Allah! Make him a helper, an aide and a supporter for me', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'Wealth is the leader of the oppressors and you are the leader of the believers', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'Indeed, I shall certainly send towards you a man whose heart Allah has examined with faith', except me? They replied: No. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ أَطْعَمَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ رُمَّانَةً وَ قَالَ هَنِهِ مِنْ رُمَّانِ الْجَنَّةِ لَا يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مِنْهُ إِلَّا نَبِيُّ أَوْ وَصِيُّ نَبِيٍّ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مَا سَأَلْتُ رَبِي شَيْئاً إِلَّا أَعْطَانِيهِ وَلَمْ أَسْأَلُ رَبِي شَيْئاً إِلَّا سَأَلْتُ لَكَ مِثْلَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ أَقْوَمُهُمُ بِأَمْرِ اللهِ، وَ أَوْفَاهُمُ بِعَهْرِ اللهِ، وَ أَعْلَمُهُمُ بِالْقَضِيَّةِ، وَ أَقْسَمُهُمُ بِالسَّوِيَّةِ، وَ أَعْظَمُهُمُ عِنْنَ اللهِ مَزِيَّةً، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ فَضْلُكَ عَلَى هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ كَفَضْلِ الشَّبْسِ عَلَى الْقَبَرِ، وَ كَفَضْلِ الْقَبَرِ عَلَى النُّجُومِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you with whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) ate and said that 'this is a pomegranate from Paradise. It is not permissible that one eats from it but (he is) a Prophet or a vicegerent of a Prophet', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'I did not ask my Lord anything except that He bestowed me with it and I did not seek anything from my Lord except that I asked the same for you.', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'You are the strongest among them in (obeying) the commands of Allah, the best among them who fulfills the covenant of Allah, the most knowledgeable among them in matters of justice, the best distinguisher of equality and the most honourable near Allah in virtue', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'Your excellence over this nation is like the excellence of the sun over the moon and the excellence of the moon over the stars', except me? They replied: No. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيُهِ وَ آلِهِ يُدُخِلُ اللهُ وَلِيَّكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَ عَدُوَّكَ النَّارَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ النَّاسُ مِنُ اَشْجَارٍ شَتَّى وَ اَنَا وَ اَنْتَ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدَّ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ فِي آيَتَيْنِ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمْ بِاللهِ هَلْ فَيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنَا سَيِّدُ وُلْبِآدَمَ وَأَنْتَ سَيِّدُ الْعَرَبِ وَ لَا فَخُرَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ مَوْعِدُكَ مَوْعِرِي وَمَوْعِدُ شِيعَتِكَ الْحَوْضُ إِذَا خَافَتِ الْأُمَمُ وَوْضِعَتِ الْمَوَازِينُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'Allah shall make your friend enter Paradise and your enemy into the Hell-fire', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'All the people are from different trees while I and you are from the same tree', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you with whom Allah is satisfied in two verses in the Holy Quran*¹, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'I am the chief of the children of Prophet Adam (a.s.) and you are the chief of the Arabs and I am not proud about it', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'your destination is my destination and the destination of your Shias is the Pond (of Kauthar) when the nations shall be subdued and the scales shall be raised', except me? They replied: No.

¹Allamah Majlisi (a.r.) writes that this refers to Surh Fath (48): Verse 18 and Surah Maedah (5): Verse 199 or Surah Taubah (9): Verse 100. It could also refer to Surah Mujaadelah (58): Verse 22 and Surah Bayyenah (98): Verses 7-8

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ اللهُمَّ إِنِّي أُحِبُّهُ فَاَحِبَّهُ، اللهُمَّ إِنِي اَسْتَوْدِعُكَهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَلَّ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنَتَ تُحَاجُّ النَّاسَ فَتَحُجُّهُمُ بِإِقَامَةِ الصَّلَاةِ، وَ إِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ، وَالْاَمُرِ بِالْمَعْرُونِ، وَالنَّهْيِ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ، وَ إِقَامَةِ الْحُدُودِ، وَالْقَسْمِ بِالسَّوِيَّةِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُم بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُم أَحَدَّ أَخَذَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ يَوْمَ بَنْ إِبِيَدِةِ فَرَفَعَهَا حَتَّى نَظَرَ النَّاسُ إِلَى بَيَاضِ إِبْطِهِ وَيَقُولُ الَا إِنَّ هَذَا ابْنُ عَبِّي وَوَزِيرِي فَوَازِرُوهُ وَ نَاصِحُوهُ وَ صَدِّقُوهُ فَإِنَّهُ وَلِيُّكُمُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ اَحَلَّ أَنُزِلَتْ فِيهِ هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ (وَ يُؤْثِرُوْنَ عَلى أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ وَمَنْ يُوْقَ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُوْلَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُوْنَ)، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'O Allah! Surely I love him, so You love him. O Allah! Surely I entrust him to You', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said that 'Surely you shall judge the people then judge them with establishing of prayers, remittance of the poor-rate, enjoinment towards good deeds, prohibition from evil deeds, establishing of the edicts (of Shariat) and equitable distribution', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whose hand the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) held on the Day of Badr and raised it till the people saw the whites of his armpits and said, '(O people) Know that this is my cousin and my successor then follow him and take his counsel and affirm to what he says because surely he is your Master', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah. Is there anyone among you, for whom this verse was revealed, "and they prefer others to themselves (in giving) though poverty may afflict them, and whoever is preserved from the niggardliness of his soul, then these are the successful ones"¹, except me? They replied: No.

¹ Surah Hashr (59): Verse 9

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ كَانَ جَبُرَئِيلُ أَحَدَ ضِيفَالِهِ،غَيْرِي.قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ أَعْطَاهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ حَنُوطاً مِنْ حَنُوطِ الْجَنَّةِ، ثُمَّ قَالَ اقْسِمُهُ أَثْلاثاً، ثُلُثاً لِيتُحَنِّطْنِي بِهِ، وَثُلُثاً لِابْنَتِي، وَثُلْثاً لَكَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ كَانَ إِذَا دَخَلَ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيُهِ وَ آلِهِ حَيَّاهُ وَ اَدْنَاهُ وَ تَهَلَّلَ لَهُ وَجُهُهُ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. قَالَ نَشَدُتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلُ فِيكُمُ اَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنَا أَفْتَخِرُ بِكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِذَا افْتَخَرَتِ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ بِٱوْصِيَائِهَا، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا.

قَالَ نَشَدْتُكُمُ بِاللهِ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ سَرَّحَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ بِسُورَةِ بَرَاءَةٍ إِلَى الْمُشْرِكِينَ مِنْ أَهْلِ مَكَّةَ بِأَمْرِ اللهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you for whom Jibraeel was a guest, except me?* They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) gave Camphor from the Camphor of Paradise then he (s.a.w.a.) said, 'divide it into three parts, one third is for me, one third is for my daughter and one third is for you', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you when he used to meet the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.), he (s.a.w.a.) would call him and draw him close and there would be happiness on his face, except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said 'Surely I shall take pride in you on the Day of Judgment when the Prophets (a.s.) shall take pride in their successors (a.s.)', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) dispatched with Surah Baraa'at (Chapter Nine of the Holy Quran) towards the polytheists of Mecca, except me? They replied: No. قَالَ فَهَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ إِنَّي لَارُحَمُكَ مِنُ ضَغَائِنَ فِي صُدُورِ أَفْوَامٍ عَلَيْكَ لَا يُظْهِرُونَهَاحَتَّى يَفْقِدُونِي، فَإِذَا فَقَدُونِي خَالَفُوا فِيهَا، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. قَالَ فَهَلْ فِيكُمْ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ اَدَّى اللهُ عَنُ أَمَانَتِكَ، أَدَّى اللهُ عَنْ ذِمَّتِكَ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لا. قَالَ فَهَلُ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ فَتَحَ حِصْنَ خَيْبَرَ، وَسَبَى بِنُتَ مَرْحَبِ فَأَدَّاهَا إِلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا لا. قَالَ فَهَلْ فِيكُمْ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ أَنْتَ قَسِيمُ النَّارِتُخُرِجُ مِنْهَامَنُ زَكَاوَتَذَرُ فِيهَاكُ كَافِرٍ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوا . Ń

قَالَ هَلْ فِيكُمُ أَحَدٌ قَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ تَرِدُ عَلَيَّ الْحَوْضَ أَنْتَ وَشِيعَتُكَ رِوَاءً مَرُوِيِّينَ مُبْيَضَّةً وُجُوهُهُمْ، وَ يَرِدُ عَلَيَّ عَدُوُّكَ ظِمَاءَمُظْمَئِينَ مُفْحَمِينَ مُسُوَدَّةً وُجُوهُهُمْ، غَيْرِي. قَالُوالَا. He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said 'Surely I empathize with you for the grudges in the hearts of the people towards you which they shall not exhibit till they lose me then when they lose me they shall oppose you because of it', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: *I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said 'Allah has taken your trust and Allah has taken your guarantee', except me*? They replied: No.¹

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you who gained victory over the fort of Khyber, imprisoned the daughter of Marhab and brought her to Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said 'You are the distributor of Hellfire. You will bring the pure ones out from it and put all the infidels into it', except me? They replied: No.

He (a.s.) said: I implore you for the sake of Allah, is there anyone among you except me to whom the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said 'You and your Shias will return to me at the pond² satiated and contented, with shining faces and your enemies will come thirsty, with dry lips and black faces'? They replied: No.

¹Allamah Majlisi (a.r.) writes that 'Allah has taken your trust' could either be a supplication or a hadith of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) i.e. May Allah grant you the taufeeq of fulfilling the trusts, responsibilities and the covenants and the first meaning is more evident

² Referring to the Pond (Hauz) of Kauthar

تُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمُ اَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ صَلَوَاتُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ رِضْوَانُهُ اَمَّا إِذَا اَقْرَرْتُمْ عَلَى اَنَفْسِكُمْ وَاسْتَبَانَ لَكُمْ ذٰلِكَ مِنْ قَوْلِ نَبِيَّكُمْ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَ أَنْهَاكُمْ عَنْ سَخَطِهِ وَ لَا تَعْصُوا اَمْرَهُ، وَ رُدُّوا الْحَقَّ إِلَى اَهْلِهِ، وَاتَّبِعُوا سُنَّة نَبِيَّكُمْ، فَإِنَّكُمْ إِذَا خَالَفْتُمْ خَالَفْتُمُ اللهِ وَحُدَهُ اللهِ، وَاتَّبِعُوا سُنَّة اَهُلْهَا وَهِيَ لَهُ.

قَالَ فَتَخَامَزُوا بَيْنَهُمْ وَتَشَاوَرُوا، وَقَالُوا قَدُ عَرَفْنَا فَضَلَهُ وَعَلِمُنَا أَنَّهُ اَحَقُّ النَّاسِ بِهَا، وَلَكِنَّهُ رَجُلٌ لَا يُفَضِّلُ اَحَداً عَلَى اَحَدٍ، فَإِنُ وَلَّيْتُمُوهَا إِيَّاهُ جَعَلَكُمْ وَ جَعِيعَ النَّاسِ فِيهَا شَرَعاً سَوَاءً، وَلَكِنُ وَلُوهَا عُثْمَانَ فَإِنَّهُ يَهُوَى الَّذِي تَهُوُونَ، فَدَفَعُوهَا إِلَيْهِ. Then Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) said: Now when you yourselves have accepted and confessed to the words of your Prophet (s.a.w.a.), it is necessary for you to fear Allah, there is no partner for Him, Who has prohibited you from His Anger, do not disobey His Order, return the right to its owner, follow the Sunnah of your Prophet (s.a.w.a.); if you oppose him then you have opposed Allah and defend it for those who are its rightful owners.

Then he (a.s.) said: Then they mischievously winked and consulted each other. They said: We recognize his (a.s.) virtue and we know that he is the most deserving of people for it (Caliphate), but he is a man who does not distinguish one from another, and if you accept his Mastership then he will make us and you as equal in religion. But they accepted the mastership of Usman (Ibn Affaan) because he was the one who was inclined towards it and then they offered it (Caliphate) to him.