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**Ameerul Momineen
Imam Ali (a.s.)**



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وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

"And warn you nearest relatives."

[Surah Shoorah (26): Verse 214]

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[Surah Ra'd (13): Verse 7]

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"Say: I do not ask of you any reward for it but love for my near relatives"

[Surah Shura (42): Verse 23]

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"Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House, and to purify you, a (thorough) purifying."

[Surah Ahzaab (33): Verse 33]

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أَبْنَاءَنَا وَابْنَاءَكُمْ وَنِسَاءَنَا وَنِسَاءَكُمْ وَأَنْفُسَنَا وَأَنْفُسَكُمْ ثُمَّ
نَبْتَهِلْ فَنَجْعَلْ لَعْنَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْكَاذِبِينَ

"But whoever disputes with you in this matter after what has come to you of knowledge, then say: Come let us call our sons and your sons and our women and your women and ourselves and yourselves, then let us be earnest in prayer, and pray for the curse of Allah on the liars."

[Surah Aal Imraan (3): Verse 61]

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وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

Allah, Blessed and High be He, said in His Book

“And hold fast unto the rope of Allah
and be not disunited...”

The Holy Quran, Surah Aal Imraan (3): verse 103

QURANIC VERSES ABOUT AMEERUL MOMINEEN IMAM ALI IBN ABI TALIB (PEACE BE ON THEM BOTH)



وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ الْعَصْرِ (عج) أَذْرُكُنَا وَلَا تُهْلِكُنَا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Verse 1: Verse of Purification (Tatheer)

Arabic & Translation

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"Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House, and to purify you, a (thorough) purifying."

[Surah Ahzaab (33): Verse 33]

Shia Viewpoint

- This verse is related to the incident of Hadith al-Kisa (Tradition of the Cloak) wherein the 5 holy personalities viz. Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), Her Eminence Fatima Zahra (s.a.), Imam Hasan (a.s.) and Imam Husain (a.s.) had all gathered under the cloak of Her Eminence Fatima Zahra (s.a.)
- Original Shia reference of this event is Awaalim al-Uloom by Abdullah Ibn Noorullah Bahrani (a.r.), vol. 11, p. 930
- When Ahlul Bait (a.s.) gathered under the cloak, the Almighty Allah announced to the angels, *"O My angels, O the holders of my skies, by My Honor and My Might, surely, I have not created the high heavens and the spread earth, nor the blazing sun nor the shining moon nor the orbiting planets nor the flowing seas nor the sailing planets except for the love of these five who are under the cloak."*
- Ahlul Bait (a.s.) have been introduced in this tradition through Her Eminence Fatima Zahra (s.a.)
- The Arabic word used for her children is 'Banoo' which is used for 3 or more children
- This means that all 12 Imams (a.s.) are included in Ahlul Bait (a.s.) as per the verse of Tatheer

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Aisha reported that Allah's Apostle (s.a.w.a.) went out one morning wearing a striped cloak of the black camel's hair that there came Hasan Ibn 'Ali (a.s.). He wrapped him under it. Then came Husain (a.s.) and he wrapped him under it along with the other one (Hasan). Then came Fatima (s.a.) and he took her under it, then came 'Ali (a.s.) and he also took him under it and then said: ***"Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House, and to purify you, a (thorough) purifying."***

[Sahih Muslim, Book 44, H. 91 (H. 2424)]



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Preface

We begin in the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful and seek the grace and bestowal of His Last Proof and the Imam of our time, His Eminence, Imam al-Hujjah Ibn al-Hasan al-Askari (a.t.f.s.).

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.), in his famous tradition known as Hadith al-Thaqalain (tradition of the two precious things) which is unanimously accepted by all Muslims, irrespective of the sect they belong to, said:

إِنِّي تَارِكٌ فِيكُمْ الثَّقَلَيْنِ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَعُتْرَتِي أَهْلَ بَيْتِي مَا إِنَّ مَمْسِكُكُمْ بِهِمَا لَنْ تَضِلُّوا بَعْدِي أَبَدًا وَلَنْ يَفْتَرِقَا حَتَّى يَرِدَا عَلَيَّ الْخَوْضَ

"I am leaving behind among you two precious things, the Book of Allah and my progeny my Ahle Bait (a.s.), if you hold fast unto both of them then you shall never be deviated after me for these two shall never separate from each other until they meet me at the pond (of Kauthar)."

[Al-Mustarshid Fee Imamah Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) by Muhammad Ibn Jarir al-Tabari, p. 559, H. 237]

It is our endeavour and sole aim to adhere to and propagate the teachings of Thaqalain i.e., the Holy Quran and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.a.) and his pure and infallible progeny (a.s.) so that their true teachings reach the people.

The objective of this booklet is:

1. To introduce Quranic Verses revealed about Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)
2. To support the verses with a brief exegesis (Tafseer) from Shia and Ahle Tasannun sources
3. To establish the fact that both Shia and Ahle Tasannun are unanimous in their viewpoint regarding these verses being revealed in the excellence of the Ahlul Bait (a.s.), especially Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)



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Verse 2: Verse of Love (Mawaddah)

Arabic & Translation

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"Say: I do not ask of you any reward for it but love for my near relatives"

[Surah Shura (42): Verse 23]

Shia Viewpoint

Ibn Abbas narrates:

When this verse ***"Say: I do not ask of you any reward for it but love for my near relatives"*** was revealed, people said, 'O Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.)! Who are your near relatives whose love Allah has made obligatory upon us?' Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) replied,

"Ali (a.s.), Fatima (s.a.) and their children (and he repeated this thrice)"

[Tafseer Furaat by Furaat Ibn Ibrahim al-Kufi, p. 390; al-Burhan by Sayyed Hashim al-Bahrani (a.r.), vol. 4, p. 822, H. 9512]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Narrated Ibn Abbas:

That he was asked (regarding): ***"except the love of my near relatives"***

Saeed Ibn Jubair (who was present then) said, "It means here the progeny (Aal) of Muhammad (s.a.w.a.)."

[Sahih Bukhari, Book 65, H. 340 (H. 4818)]



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Verse 3: Verse of Malediction (Mubaahala)

Arabic & Translation

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"But whoever disputes with you in this matter after what has come to you of knowledge, then say: Come let us call our sons and your sons and our women and your women and ourselves and yourselves, then let us be earnest in prayer, and pray for the curse of Allah on the liars."

[Surah Aal Imraan (3): Verse 61]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Reza (a.s.) narrates from his father Imam Moosa Ibn Ja'far (a.s.), from his father Ja'far Ibn Muhammad (a.s.), from his father, Muhammad Ibn Ali (a.s.), from his father, Ali Ibn Husain (a.s.), from his father Husain Ibn Ali (a.s.), from his father Ameerul Momineen Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) that Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) delivered a long sermon in which he (s.a.w.a.) said,

"O Ali whoever kills you has surely killed me, whoever hates you has surely hated me and the one who abuses you has surely abused me because you are from me like myself, your soul is from my soul and your creation is from my creation. Surely Allah Blessed and High be He created me and you and chose me for Prophethood and chose you for Imamate then the one who denies your Imamate has surely denied my Prophethood."

[Amaali of Shaikh Saduq (a.r.), p. 95, H. 4; Behaar al-Anwaar of Allamah Majlisi, vol. 42, p. 190, H. 21]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Aamir Ibn Sa'd Ibn Abi Waqqaas reported on the authority of his father that Muawiya Ibn Abi Sufiyan appointed Sa'd as the Governor and said:

"What prevents you from abusing Abu Turab viz. Imam Ali (a.s.)?" Whereupon he said: It is because of three things which I remember Allah's Messenger (s.a.w.a.) having said about him... (The third occasion is this) when the (following) verse was revealed: ***"Let us summon our children and your children..."*** Allah's Messenger (s.a.w.a.) called "Ali, Fatima, Hasan and Husain and said: O Allah, they are my family!"

[Sahih Muslim, Book 44, H. 50 (H. 2404d)]



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Verse 4: For every nation there is a Guide

Arabic & Translation

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"Surely you are only a warner, And for every nation there is a guide."

[Surah Ra d (13): Verse 7]

Shia Viewpoint

Abd al-Rahim al-Qaseer narrates from Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) concerning this verse that Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said,

"I am the warner and Ali (a.s.) is the guide. By Allah, this will never go away from us and it will always remain among us till the hour (Qiyaamah)."

[Al-Kaafi by Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Yaqoob Kulaini (a.r.), vol. 1, p. 192, H. 4; Behaar al-Anwaar by Allamah Majlisi (a.r.), vol. 35, p. 401, H. 14]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Ibn Najjar narrates that when this verse was revealed, the Prophet (s.a.w.a.), kept his hand on his chest and said, *"I am the warner"* and then he raised his hand towards the shoulder of Ali (a.s.) and said, *"You are the Guide, O Ali! And through you will those who wish to be guided be guided after me."*

In another narration from the same book, Abi Barzah al-Aslami says, I heard the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) say *"Surely you are only a warner"* and he placed his hand on his chest and then placed his hand on the chest of Ali (a.s.) and said, *"and for every nation there is a guide"*.

He also narrates this tradition from Ameerul Momineen Imam Ali (a.s.) himself, that he (a.s.) is the Guide.

[Al-Durr al-Manthoor Fee Tafseer al-Mathoor of Jalaaluddin Suyuti, vol. 4, p. 508; Fath al-Baari Fee Sharh Sahih al-Bukhari by Ibn Hajar Asqalaani, vol. 8, p. 284]



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Verse 5: Feast of the Clan

Arabic & Translation

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

"And warn you nearest relatives."

[Surah Shoara (26): Verse 214]

Shia Viewpoint

Imam Jafar Sadiq (a.s.) said that:

When this verse was revealed, Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) called (Imam) Ali (a.s.) and said, "O Ali! Prepare some food for us and take a leg of a lamb and a jug of milk, then gather the Bani Hashim and Bani Abd al-Muttalib." Then Ameerul Momineen (a.s.) did what Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) had ordered him and invited them. Among them were those who could have eaten that entire meal alone. Then Ali (a.s.) spread the table cloth for them and placed the food. Then the Prophet (s.a.w.a.) began to eat the meat and invited them to eat by saying, "Come and eat in the Name of Allah. They began to eat till all of them were full and most of them ate extra. Then the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) began to speak to them and said,

"Who among you, O children of Abd al-Muttalib, will pay my debts, fulfill my promises, become my representative and be my successor concerning my family and my wealth, so that I be his brother and he will be my brother in this world and the hereafter? He shall be my vicegerent, my successor, my chosen one, my confidant and will be with me in my position."

Then the entire gathering kept silent while I stood up and said, "I will, O Messenger of Allah! I shall repay your debts, fulfill your promises and will be your successor in your nation (Ummah) and your family. I shall be your brother and you will be my brother and I shall be with you at your position in this world and the hereafter."

Although (Imam) Ali (a.s.) was the youngest of them all, firmest among them and the slimmest of them in shins. The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a.) said, "Indeed, I have established it O Ali!" Hence, brotherhood and visitation became an obligation for him viz. Imam Ali (a.s.).

[Al-Hidaayah al-Kubra by Husain Ibn Hamdan Khaseebi, p. 47, H. 4]

Ahle Tasannun Viewpoint

Abdullah Ibn Abbas reports from Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.):