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رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

Sayyidatunā ‘Ā’ishah Ṣiddīqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا narrates that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ went out one morning. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ wore a black-coloured cloth sheet made of wool. When Sayyidunā Ḥasan رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ came, He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ took him inside this sheet. Then Sayyidunā Ḥusayn رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ came, He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was also taken under this sheet. Then Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah az-Zahrā’ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا came and she too was taken inside the woolen sheet. Then, Sayyidunā ‘Alī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ came and he too was taken inside the sheet. Then He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Indeed Allāh wills to remove all the impurities, O people of the (Prophet’s) household and by cleansing you, make you utterly pure”.¹

Sayyidunā ‘Amr ibn Abī Salamah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the verse (إِنَّمَا يَرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ) was revealed in the blessed house of Sayyidatunā Umm Salamah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ called upon Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah, Sayyidunā Ḥasan, Sayyidunā Ḥusayn and Sayyidunā ‘Alī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ wore the sheet of cloth (covering all of them) and made *du‘ā*, “O Allāh! These are my family members, keep impurity away from them and cleanse them.”

Sayyidatunā Umm Salamah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا said: “O Messenger of Allāh! Am I with them too?” He said, “You are in your place and you are

1 Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, Musannaf ibn Abī Shaybah, Al-Mustadrak ala al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Ḥākim

on the side of good.”² On the basis of these *Aḥādīth*, these blessed people are called as *Panjatan Pāk*.

Sayyidunā Anas ibn Mālik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reported that for six months it was an act of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that when He went out for *Salāt al-Fajr*, He would pass by the door of Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا and say, “*Oh people of the house, offer your prayers.*” and then recite the verse (إِنَّمَا يَرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ) i.e. *Allāh only wills to remove all impurity from you, O the People of the Household, and by cleansing you make you utterly pure.*³

Sayyidunā Sa’d bin Abī Waqqas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has reported that, when this verse (إِنَّمَا يَرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ) was revealed, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ called Sayyidunā ‘Alī, Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah, Sayyidunā Ḥasan and Sayyidunā Ḥusayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and said, “*O Allāh! They are my family members.*”⁴

Sayyidatunā ‘Ā’ishah Ṣiddīqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا narrated that the wives of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ were gathered close to the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا came there. Her walking was the same as of the walking of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. When the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw her, He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “*welcome my daughter*” and then He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made her sit down and whispered something to her and she cried a lot. Seeing her in grief, He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ whispered something to her again, and she smiled. I asked, “*What is the secret that the Master صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said to you?*” She said, “*I cannot disclose the secret of the Messenger of Allāh.*” When the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ left this world, I said to her, “*For the sake of the right I have over you,*

2 Tirmidhi, Abwab al-Manāqib

3 Musnad Aḥmad, Musannaf ibn Abī Shaybah, Al-Mustadrak ala al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Hākim

4 Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

tell me that". She said "The first time He ﷺ whispered to me, He ﷺ said that the archangel Jibril عليه السلام used to recite the Qur'ān with me once every year, this year, it was twice, I think my last time is near, so fear Allāh and be patient. I am a good precursor for you. I cried when I heard this. When He ﷺ looked at my grief, He ﷺ whispered again and said, "O Fāṭimah! Are you not happy that you are the leader of the believing women or you are the leader of the women of this Ummah?"⁵

In another Ḥadīth, Sayyidatunā 'Ā'ishah Ṣiddīqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا says that the Prophet ﷺ told me (Sayyidāh Fāṭimah az-Zahrā'), "I will pass away from this world from this disease I am in" and I started to cry. Then He ﷺ told me that "You will be the first to come to me from my family", so I smiled.⁶

Umm al-Mu'minīn Sayyidatunā 'Ā'ishah Ṣiddīqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا narrated that I have not seen anyone who resembled in the habits and the demeanour of the beloved Prophet ﷺ more than his daughter Sayyidāh Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا.⁷

Sayyidunā ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا said that when the Holy Prophet ﷺ intended to travel, Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا would be the last He ﷺ would meet before leaving for the journey and upon his return, He ﷺ would first come to Sayyidāh Fāṭimah. He ﷺ would say to Sayyidāh Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا, "May my parents be sacrificed on you."⁸

It is narrated from Sayyidunā Miswar bin Makhramah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, "Fāṭimah is a piece

5 Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

6 Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhari, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

7 Al-Mustadrak, Fadā'il as-Ṣaḥābah

8 Al-Mustadrak ala al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Ḥākīm, Ṣaḥīḥ ibn Ḥibbān

of my body. Whosoever displeased her has indeed displeased me."⁹

It is narrated from Sayyidunā Miswar bin Makhramah رضي الله عنه that Sayyidunā 'Alī رضي الله عنه sent a proposal of marriage to the daughter of Abū Jahl. Then the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said, "Fāṭimah is indeed part of my body and I dislike that any hardship befalls on her. On the oath of Allāh, the daughter of Allāh's Apostle and the daughter of the enemy of Allāh cannot simultaneously be in one person's marriage."¹⁰

It is also narrated from him رضي الله عنه that Allāh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said, "Banu Hishām bin Mughirah asked permission from me to allow his daughter to marry 'Alī ibn Abū Talīb رضي الله عنه. I do not permit him, I do not permit him, and again, I do not permit him. Yes, if Ibn Abū Talīb رضي الله عنه wishes, He may divorce my daughter and then marry his daughter. Because my daughter is part of my body. What bothers her bothers me and what hurts her hurts me."¹¹

It is narrated from Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh bin Zubayr رضي الله عنه that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said, "Fāṭimah is a piece of my liver. Whoever gives pain to her gives pain to me and whoever hurts her hurts me."¹²

Sayyidunā 'Alī رضي الله عنه reported that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said to Sayyidah Fāṭimah رضي الله عنها, "Indeed, Allāh is displeased at your displeasure and is pleased at your pleasure."¹³

Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh bin Zubayr ibn Mas'ūd رضي الله عنه has narrated that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said, "Allāh Almighty ordered me to

9 Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhari, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

10 Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhari, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

11 Muslim, Tirmidhi, Abū Dawud

12 Musnad Aḥmad, Al-Mustadrak

13 Al-Mustadrak, Ṭabarānī, Majma' az-Zawā'id

give Fāṭimah in marriage to ‘Alī رضي الله عنه.”¹⁴

It is reported from Sayyidunā Anas رضي الله عنه that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم prayed specially for Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رضي الله عنها on the occasion of her marriage, “O Allāh! I seek your refuge for my daughter and her children from Shayṭān the Rejected.”¹⁵

It is narrated from Buraydah رضي الله عنه that Sayyidāh Fāṭimah رضي الله عنها and Sayyidunā ‘Alī رضي الله عنه were sprinkled with water by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم on their wedding night and He صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said, “O Allāh! Bless them and send blessings upon them and give blessings in their offspring.”¹⁶

Sayyidunā ‘Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said, “On the Day of Judgment, every lineage will be disconnected except mine. Every child’s lineage is towards their father except the descendants of Fāṭimah of whom I am their father and I am their ascendant.”¹⁷

Sayyidunā Usāmah bin Zayd رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم said about ‘Alī, Fāṭimah, Ḥasan and Ḥusayn رضي الله عنهم, “I am in confrontation with the one who is in confrontation with them and I am in peace with the person who keeps peace with them.”¹⁸

Sayyidunā ‘Alī رضي الله عنه reported that once the Prophet صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم asked, “what is best for a woman?”. The companions remained silent on it. I came home and asked the same question to Sayyidāh Fāṭimah رضي الله عنها. She replied, “It is best for a woman that no unrelated man (ghayr maḥram) sees her.” When I mentioned the

14 Ṭabarānī, Majma‘ az-Zawā‘id

15 Ṣaḥīḥ ibn Ḥibbān, Ṭabarānī

16 Ṭabaqāt ibn Sa‘d, Usd-ul-Ghabbah

17 Musannaf ‘Abdur Razzāq, Sunan al-Kubra lil Bayhaqī, Ṭabarānī

18 Tirmidhi, Ibn Mājah

answer to the Prophet ﷺ, He ﷺ said, “Fāṭimah is a piece of my body.”¹⁹

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh bin Zubayr ibn Mas‘ūd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Fāṭimah has protected her chastity so much that Allāh has forbidden fire on her offspring.”²⁰

Sayyidunā ibn ‘Abbās رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reported that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said to Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, “Allāh will not punish you and your children with fire.”²¹ ‘Allāmah Haytami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ has said that the chain of narrators of this Ḥadīth is reliable.

It is narrated from Sayyidunā Huzayfah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ that the Prophet ﷺ said, “An angel who had never come to earth before this night, asked permission from his Lord to be here to greet me and to give the good news that Fāṭimah is the leader of the Women of paradise. And Ḥasan and Ḥusayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا are the chiefs of the youth of paradise.”²²

Sayyidunā ‘Alī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reported that once the Holy Prophet ﷺ said to me, “First of all, You, Fāṭimah, Ḥasan and Ḥusayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُم will enter the Paradise.” I asked, “O Messenger of Allāh! Where will those who love us be?” The Prophet ﷺ said, “They will be following you.”²³

It is narrated by Sayyidunā ‘Alī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ that the Prophet ﷺ said to Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, “You, I, and these two, (Ḥasan and Ḥusayn) and the one who is sleeping (Sayyidunā ‘Alī, who had just woken up from his sleep at that time) will be in one place on the

19 Musnad al-Bazzar, Majma‘ az-Zawā‘id

20 Al-Mustadrak ala al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Hākim, Musnad al-Bazzar

21 Ṭabarānī, Majma‘ az-Zawā‘id

22 Tirmidhi, Musnad Aḥmad, Fada‘il as-Ṣaḥābah, Al-Mustadrak alā al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Hākim

23 Al-Mustadrak alā al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Hākim, As-Sawa‘iq al-Muharraqah

Day of Judgment.”²⁴

Umm al-Mu'minīn Sayyidatunā 'Ā'ishah Şiddīqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا says that when Sayyidāh Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا came to visit the beloved Prophet of Allāh, He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الْوَسْطَةِ used to say welcome and would stand up and welcome her, hold her hand and kiss it and make her sit on his seat.²⁵

Sayyidunā Juma' bin 'Umair رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that I presented myself at the service of Umm al-Mu'minīn Sayyidatunā 'Ā'ishah Şiddīqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا's place with my aunt. I asked, “Who was the dearest to the Messenger of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الْوَسْطَةِ?” She said, “Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا.” I asked, “Who amongst the men was more beloved?” She said, “Her husband, 'Alī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.”²⁶

It is narrated from Sayyidunā Abū Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ that once Sayyidunā 'Alī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ asked the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الْوَسْطَةِ, “O Messenger of Allāh! Who is more beloved to you, me or Fāṭimah?” The Master صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الْوَسْطَةِ said to him, “Fāṭimah is more beloved to me than you, and you are dearer to me than her.”²⁷

Sayyidunā 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that he went to the house of Sayyidāh Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا and said, “O Fāṭimah! I swear to Allāh! I have never seen a person dearer than you to the Messenger of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الْوَسْطَةِ. And by Allāh! I have no one more beloved to me than your father, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الْوَسْطَةِ.”²⁸

Before her demise, Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا said to Sayyidatunā Asmā' bint 'Umays رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, “Keep my Janāzah fully

24 Musnad Aḥmad, Majma' az-Zawā'id

25 Al-Mustadrak, Fadā'il as-Şahābah

26 Tirmidhi, Al-Mustadrak, Ṭabarānī

27 Ṭabarānī, Majma' az-Zawā'id

28 Musannaf ibn Abī Shaybah, Al-Mustadrak ala al-Şaḥīḥayn lil Hākīm

covered at the time of my funeral proceedings and at the time of my burial". Sayyidāh Asmā' said, "I have seen in Ethiopia, they put some branches of trees on the Janāzah and lay a veil on them (thus the appearance of the body figure is not noticeable)." Then, she رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا asked for some date tree branches and put a cloth on them and showed it to Sayyidatunā Fāṭimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا. She liked it and later after her demise, her funeral took place in the same manner.²⁹

Sayyidunā 'Alī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrates that I heard the Messenger of Allāh صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying that on the Day of Judgment, an unseen announcer will make an announcement saying, "O People of the Maḥshar! Lower your gaze, so that Fāṭimah bint Muḥammad رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا passes through."³⁰

29 Usd-ul-Ghabbah, Al-Isti'ab

30 Al-Mustadrak ala al-Ṣaḥīḥayn lil Hākim, Usd-ul-Ghabbah