

Section Forty-Four

The traditions that indicate his complete justice and the spread of justice and security during his government

Comprised of seventeen traditions

719. Al-Irshād¹: Narrated `Alī b. `Uqba, from his father that

When the Q²'im, peace be on him, rises, he will judge justly and during his reign injustice will be eliminated. The roads will become safe, the earth will bring out its blessings, the right of each individual will be returned to him, and the followers of no religion will remain except that they will express [their belief in] Islam and acknowledge [the truth of this] faith. Have you not heard Allah, the Purified, say,

“And to Him submit those in the skies and the earth—willingly or unwillingly—and to Him they will be returned.”²

He will judge amongst the people like the judgment of the family of David and the judgment of Muḥammad, Allah’s blessings be on him and his family. It is then that the earth will reveal its treasures and expose its blessings. No one from you will find a needy person on that day to give him charity or be beneficent to him, because all the believers will have become wealthy. Our government is the last of governments and there will not remain a group except that they will have ruled before us so that they will not say when they see our approach [in governance], “If we had the opportunity to rule, we too would have ruled in this manner.” And this is [the meaning of] the saying of Allah, the Exalted,

“And the Hereafter belongs to the pious (lil-muttaq³n).”³

720. Al-Maḥajja⁴: (Imam) Abū Ja`far, peace be on him, said:

By Allah, they will fight until [those being fought] will acknowledge the Oneness of Allah and will associate nothing with Him and until an old and frail lady comes out from the East intending to go to the West and no one will prevent her. Allah will bring out of the earth its seedlings and will send down from

the skies its raindrops. The people will put their taxes on their necks [i.e. backs] and take them to the Mahdī, peace be on him . . . (to the end of the tradition).

721. Al-Fitan: Narrated to us Mu`tamir b. Sulaimīn [Mu`ammar b. Sulaimīn], from Ja`far b. Sayyīr al-Shāmī who said: “The Mahdī, peace be on him, will return the usurped rights to their rightful owners. Even if a thing [unjustly taken] is beneath the molar tooth of a man, he will remove it and return it [to its rightful owner].”

The following traditions also support the above concept: 367, 368, 455, 505, 538, 554, 584, 726, 1204, 1210, 1213, 1214, 1217, 1246, and many other traditions.

1. Al-Irshād, pp. 364–365; Kashf al-ghumma, vol. 2, pp. 465–466, which says: “and narrated `Alī b. `Uqba, from Abī `Abd-Allah, peace be on him”; I`lām al-warā, p. 432; Bi`ān al-anwār, vol. 52, p. 338, no. 83.

2. Quran 3:83.

3. Quran 7: 128.

4. Al-Ma`ajja; pp. 79–84, verse 22; It has been narrated in Yanāb` al-mawadda, chap. 71, p. 423, from Zurāra, from him, peace be on him, with a slight variation in the words; Tafsīr al-`Ayyūshī, vol. 2, pp. 56–61, which is a long tradition in which some aspects of his appearance and other details are mentioned.

5. Al-Fitan, p. 191, no. 5; al-Malūm wa l-fitan, chap. 139, p. 68, from Nu`aim; `Iqd al-durar, chap. 3, p. 36, with the difference that he said: “Ja`far b. Yasīr al-Shāmī.”

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