

Imam Zaynul Ābidīn عليه السلام converses with God in the Tomb of the Prophet

وَجَاءَتِ الرَّوَايَةُ أَنَّ عَلِيَّ بْنَ الْحُسَيْنِ ع كَانَ فِي مَسْجِدِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص ذَاتَ يَوْمٍ إِذْ سَمِعَ قَوْمًا يُشَبِّهُونَ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى بِخَلْقِهِ فَفَزِعَ لِذَلِكَ وَارْتَاعَ لَهُ وَنَهَضَ حَتَّى أَتَى قَبْرَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص فَوَقَفَ عِنْدَهُ وَرَفَعَ صَوْتَهُ يُنَاجِي رَبَّهُ فَقَالَ فِي مُنَاجَاتِهِ لَهُ:

إِلَهِي بَدَتْ قُدْرَتُكَ وَ لَمْ تَبْدُ هَيْئَةً فَجَهَلُوكَ وَ قَدَّرُوكَ بِالتَّقْدِيرِ عَلَى غَيْرِ مَا بِهِ أَنْتَ «1»
 شَبَّهُوكَ وَ أَنَا بَرِيءٌ يَا إِلَهِي مِنَ الَّذِينَ بِالتَّشْبِيهِ طَلَبُوكَ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِكَ «2» شَيْءٌ إِلَهِي وَ لَمْ
 يُدْرِكُوكَ وَ ظَاهِرٌ مَا بِهِمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ دَلِيلُهُمْ عَلَيْكَ لَوْ عَرَفُوكَ وَ فِي خَلْقِكَ يَا إِلَهِي مَنْدُوحَةٌ أَنْ
 يُنَاولُوكَ «3» بَلْ سَوَّوْكَ بِخَلْقِكَ فَمَنْ تَمَّ لَمْ يَعْرِفُوكَ وَ اتَّخَذُوا بَعْضَ آيَاتِكَ رَبًّا فَبَدَّلَكَ
 وَصْفُوكَ فَتَعَالَيْتَ يَا إِلَهِي عَمَّا بِهِ الْمُشَبِّهُونَ نَعْتُوكَ «4»
 (الإرشاد في معرفة حجج الله على العباد، ج2، ص: 153)

The account has been reported that one day Ali b al-Husayn, peace be on them, was in the mosque of the Apostle of Allah, may Allah bless Him and his family, when he heard some people describing Allah in terms of His creation. He became fearful and frightened of that. He rose and went to the tomb of the Apostle of Allah (may Allah bless Him and His Family). He stood before it and raised his voice to talk to his Lord. He said in his conversation to Him:

My Allah. Your power has been shown but the form of Your Majesty has not been shown. They are ignorant of You and they try to estimate You based on what You are not, and they make comparisons with You. O my Allah, I renounce those who seek to discover You through human comparisons. My Allah, there is nothing like You, and they have not become aware of You. It is clear that the favor which they have is their evidence for You, if they would (choose to) know You in Your creation, My Allah, I am free from the fact that they should give You (these characteristics). Indeed, they have pictured You according to Your creation. Thus, they do not know You and have adopted some of Your signs as (if they were their) Lord. In that way they have attempted to describe You. May You be exalted, O my Allah, above the pictures of You of those who try to describe You in human terms. (Kitāb al-Irshād, pp. 363-64).