

Chapter Twenty

Chapter in relation to the sign of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ being born circumcised¹

1. Imam Tabarani (d. 360 AH) extracted a narration in Al-Awsat, Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH), Imam Khateeb (d. 463 AH) and Imam Ibn Asaakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ narrated from various chains from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, from the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that he said, "Amongst the blessings of my Lord (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) upon me is that I was born circumcised and nobody saw my private areas." (This Hadith is classed as authentic by Imam Ad-Diyaa رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ (d. 643 AH) in Al-Mukhtarah).
2. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ stated Yunus ibn Ata al-Makki informed us that Hakam Ibn Amaan Al-Adani mentioned to me that Ikrima mentioned to us from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا who narrated from his father, Sayyiduna 'Abbas, the son of Sayyiduna 'Abdul Muttalib رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا, who stated that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born circumcised and with the umbilical cord detached. This amazed Sayyiduna 'Abdul Muttalib رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ and he felt fortunate in relation to him صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and he said, "This son of mine will have a great matter and he did have a great matter." (Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH), Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) and Imam Ibn Asaakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ extracted this narration.)
3. Imam Ibn Al-Adi (d. 365 AH) and Imam Ibn Asaakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ extracted a narration from the chain of 'Ata from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا who stated that "The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born with the umbilical cord detached and circumcised."
4. Imam Ibn Asaakir (d. 571 AH) extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born circumcised.
5. Imam Ibn Asaakir (d. 571 AH) extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا who stated that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born with the umbilical cord detached and circumcised. Imam Hakim (d. 405 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ stated in Al-Mustadrak the Ahadith are Mutawatir (mass transmitted) that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born circumcised.
6. It is stated in Al-Wishaah of Imam Ibn Durayd (d. 321 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ that Ibn Al-Kalbi stated, "It reached us from Sayyiduna K'ab al-Ahbaar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that he said, "We find in some of our books that Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was created circumcised and twelve Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام after him from his children were created circumcised. The last of them was the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and (others) were Sayyiduna Sheeth, Sayyiduna Idrees, Sayyiduna Nuh, Sayyiduna Saam, Sayyiduna Loot, Sayyiduna Yusuf, Sayyiduna Musa, Sayyiduna Sulayman, Sayyiduna Shuayb, Sayyiduna Yahya, Sayyiduna Hood and Sayyiduna Salih عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام.

¹ A wisdom of being circumcised was so that no one would see the beloved Prophet's صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ private area.

7. It is extracted by At-Tabarani (d. 360 AH) in Al-Awsat, Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) and Imam Ibn Asaakir (d. 571 AH) عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ from Abi Bakrah that Sayyiduna Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام circumcised the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ when he washed his blessed heart.²

² Purpose of making the purity of the heart was to manifest to the Ummah. This narration is not mutawatir whilst the narrations in relation to circumcised are Mutawitr by Imam hakim. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ knows best.