

Chapter Twenty-Seven

Chapter in relation to the miracles and specialities patterning to the blessed eyes of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ states:

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَى

*The sight did not shift, nor did it cross the limits.*¹

1. Imam Ibn 'Adi (d. 365 AH), Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ extracted a narration from Sayyidah 'Aishah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا who stated that, "The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would see in the darkness like he would see in the light."
2. Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا who stated that, "The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to see during the darkness like he would see during the day like the lightness."
3. Ash-Shaykhayn (Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ) extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "You see my Qiblah over here? By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ your Ruku (bowing) and your Sujood (prostrations) are not hidden from me. Indeed I see you from behind my back (other front)."
4. Imam Muslim (d. 875 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "O people, indeed I am your Imam so don't rush ahead in Ruku (bowing) nor Sujood (prostrations) for indeed, I see you in front of me and behind me (other front)."
5. Imam Abdur Razzaq (d. 211 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ extracted a narration in his Jami' as well as Imam Al-Hakim (d. 405 AH) and Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "Indeed I see what is behind me (other front) like I see what is in front of me."
6. Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed Khudri رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "Indeed I see you from behind my back (other front)."

¹ Surah Najm. Surah No: 53. Verse: 17

7. Imam Al Humaydi (d. 219 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration as well as Imam Ibn Mundhir (d. 319 AH) in his tafsir and Imam Al-Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) from Imam Mujahid رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ in relation to the Statement of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

الَّذِي يَرَبُّكَ حِينَ تَقُومُ وَتَقْلُبَكَ فِي السَّجْدَيْنِ

“Who watches you when you stand up. And watches your movements among those who prostrate in prayer.”²

he stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to see the rows behind him (other front) like he would see the rows in front of him صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

The scholars stated this sight was a real (Haqiqi) grasp that was specific to the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. This was an extraordinary matter that was granted to the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Then it is permissible that this extraordinary phenomenon was through the sight of his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ eyes. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would see with his eyes even that which was not in front of him صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ because the truth according to Ahl us Sunnah is that it is intellectually not a condition for seeing that the thing being seen is in front of the one who is seeing. For this reason, the Ahl us sunnah believe it possible to see Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the hereafter. It is stated that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had a blessed eye in his blessed other front (back) through which he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would see from his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ other front (behind him). It is stated that there were two eyes between his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ blessed shoulders like the eye of a needle. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would observe through them. There would not be any obstruction to them by any cloth nor anything else.

² Surah Shu'ra. Surah No: 26. Verse: 218-219