

Chapter Thirty-Two

The signs in relation to the blessed language of the Prophet ﷺ

1. Imam Abu Ahmad Ghutreef (d. 377 AH) in his Juz', Imam Ibn Mandah (d. 395 AH), Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Buraydah who narrated from Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Khattaab رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا who stated, "I said, 'O Messenger of Allah! ﷺ How is it that you are the most eloquent amongst us and yet you did not leave from our midst?' The Prophet ﷺ said, "The language of (Sayyiduna) Ismail (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) had disappeared and (Sayyiduna) Jibreel السَّلَام came with it and reminded me of it.'" And in some of the chains of narrations he stated, 'I heard (Sayyiduna) 'Umar ibn Khattaab رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ saying, "O Messenger of Allah! ﷺ..... (Till the end of the narration)" He classed it to be from the Musnad of Sayyiduna Buraydah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. (From the narrations narrated by Sayyiduna Buraydah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ).
2. Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) extracted in Shu'bul Iman, Imam Abu al-Dunya (d. 281 AH) in Kitab al Matr, Imam Ibn Abi Hatim (d. 327 AH) and Imam Khateeb (d. 463 AH) in Kitab Nujoom and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ extracted a narration from Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim Taymi who stated that they said, "O Messenger of Allah! ﷺ, we haven't seen anyone who is more eloquent than you (ﷺ)" and the Prophet ﷺ said, "What could prevent me? The Qur'an is only revealed in my language, the clear Arabic language."
3. Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ extracted a narration from Muhammad Ibn Abdur Rahman Zuhri and he from his father and he from his father that a person said, "O Messenger of Allah! ﷺ Should a man play with his wife (prior to intercourse)?" The Prophet ﷺ said, "Yes, when he is in need." Sayyiduna 'Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ said to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), "O Messenger of Allah! (ﷺ) What did he say to you and what did you say to him?" The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He said, 'O Messenger of Allah! (ﷺ) Should a man play with his wife (prior to intercourse)?' I said, 'Yes when he is in need.'" Sayyiduna 'Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ said, "O Messenger of Allah! ﷺ I have roamed amongst the Arabs and I have heard the most eloquent of them. I have not heard anyone more eloquent than yourself." The Prophet ﷺ said, "My Lord (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) taught me and I grew up in Bani Sa'd bin Bakr."
4. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ extracted a narration from Yahya ibn Yazeed as-Sa'di who said, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "I am the most Arab amongst you, I am from Quraysh and my language is the language of Bani Sa'd bin Bakr."
5. Imam Tabarani (d. 360 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "I am the purest of the Arabs. I was born in Quraysh and I grew up in Bani Sa'd. Errors do not enter into my speech."