

Chapter Forty-Four

Section in relation to the sign in relation to the blessed feet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

1. Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would place his blessed foot fully when taking a foot step. There was no hollow.
2. Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Abu Umamah al Bahili who stated, "The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ did not have any hollowness, the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would place his foot fully when taking a footstep."
3. Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Jabir ibn Samurah who stated that the little toe of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was apparent (standing out as it was elevated above the other toes).
4. Imam Ahmad (d. 241 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna ibn Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا that the Quraysh came to the soothsayers and said, "Inform us of the one who is closest in similarity to the one who has this position." The female soothsayer said, "If you spread out a cloth upon this path then you walk upon it, I will inform you." So they spread it out and they walked upon it and they saw the blessed footstep. She said, "This is the closest amongst you in similarity to him." They waited after that for twenty years or close then the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ announced prophethood.