

Chapter Twenty-One

Chapter regarding the discussion in relation to the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ speaking to the moon whilst he was in his cradle

Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) and Imam As-Saabuni الرَّضَوَانُ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ extracted in Al-Mi-atayn, Imam Al-Khateeb (d. 463 AH) and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) الرَّضَوَانُ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ extracted this narration in their Tareekh (history) from Sayyiduna 'Abbas ibn Abdul Muttalib رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا who stated, I said, "O Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)! The signs of your Prophethood invited me to enter into your religion. I saw you in the cradle talking to the moon and signalling towards it with your finger, so whenever you would point towards it, it would incline." The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, "Indeed I used to speak to it and it would speak to me and it would turn me from crying and I would hear its praise when it would prostrate under the Throne ('Arsh)." Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ stated that Ahmad bin Ibraheem Al-Jili is alone in narrating this and he is Majhool (unknown). Imam As-Saabuni رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ stated that this Hadith is Gharib al-Isnad (narrator is alone in the chain) and its wording itself in relation to miracles is Hasan (good).¹

¹ In the chain of narration here there is a narrator called Ibrahim Al-Jili who is not known and is alone in narrating this narration. However, the wording of this narration is at the level of Hasan (good) as this miracle is mentioned in other narrations as well.