

"And we desire to confer kindness upon those who have been enfeebled on earth and make them Imams and make them heirs and give them power on earth and show Pharaoh and Hāmān and their armies from them what they feared to happen to them." (Quran, 28:5-6)



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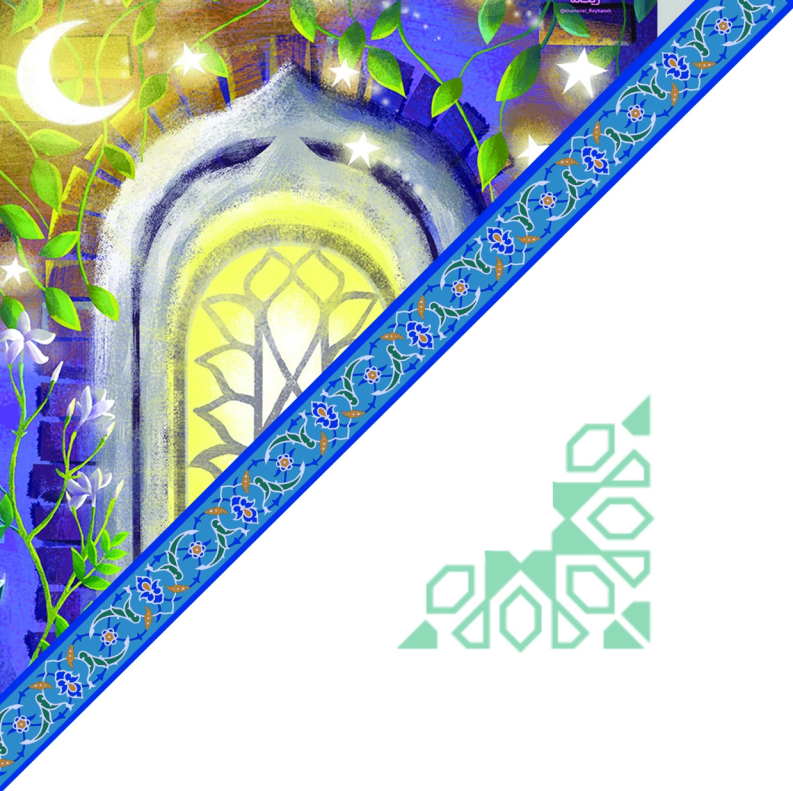
«هِيَ أَفْضَلُ لَيْلَةٍ بَعْدَ لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ فِيهَا يَمُنُّ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى الْعِبَادَ فَضَّلَهُ وَ يَغْفِرُ لَهُمْ بِمَنِّهِ فَاجْتَهِدُوا فِي الْغُرَّةِ إِلَى اللَّهِ فِيهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَيْلَةُ آلِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَى نَفْسِهِ أَوْ لَا يَرِدُ سَائِلًا لَهُ فِيهَا مَا لَمْ يُسْأَلْ مَغْصِبُهُ وَإِنَّهَا لَلَّيْلَةُ الَّتِي جَعَلَهَا لَنَا أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ يَارَازَهُ مَا جَعَلَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ لِنَبِيِّنَا فَاجْتَهِدُوا فِي الدُّعَاءِ وَ التَّوَكُّلِ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ ...»

Bihār al-Anwār, vol. 94, p. 85; Misbāh al-Mutahajjid, p.831.



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Lady Hakīmah says, "I said to him, 'And who is his mother?' and he replied, 'Narjis'. I again uttered, "There is no sign of pregnancy in her." He responded, "It is as I will tell you." Lady Hakīmah said, "I came and when I greeted and sat, Lady Narjis came to take off my shoes and said, 'O my lady! How are you this evening?' I responded, 'Instead, you are my lady and the lady of my household.' She said, 'How did you come here, dear aunt?' I told, 'My dear daughter! Allah, the Exalted, will grant you in this night of yours a boy, a master in this world and in the hereafter.' She sat and felt shy and embarrassed."



When I finished the 'Ishā' prayer and had my dinner, I went to bed and slept. When it was in the middle of the night, I got up to perform midnight prayers. I finished my prayers and she was sleeping and miraculously, there was no sign of any kind of pregnancy in her. I sat saying some supplication, then I went to bed, and then I woke up suddenly and somehow, I was horrified. Lady Narjis was still asleep. She then woke up and rose and performed prayers and then slept. Lady Hakīmah says, "As doubts came to me, Abu Muhammad (Imam Hassan al-'Askarī who became aware of my thought) called out, 'Do not haste, aunt, the affair has come near.'" I recited Sūrahs Sajdah and Yāsīn and as I was doing that, Lady Narjis woke up suddenly; I rushed towards her and read the name of Allah on her and then I asked, "Do you feel anything?" and she said, "Yes, aunt." I told her "Be prepared and do not be scared. It will be as I told you." Lady Hakīmah says, "Then faintness overwhelmed me and her. When I recovered, I sensed my Master (Imam Mahdi). I removed the sheet from him, and there he was, prostrating touching the earth with his forehead and palms and knees and toes; I pulled him to myself and there he was pure and clean."

The birthday of the twelfth Imam (Imam Mahdi) occurred on Friday daybreak, on the 15th of Sha'bān in 255 A.H. (August 2nd 869 A.D.) in Samarra (a town in Iraq). According to a narration quoted by Sheikh al-Sadūq (d.381 A.H./ 991 A.D.) in Kamāl al-Dīn, vol. 2, p. 424-426, Lady Hakīmah, the honorable aunt of the eleventh Imam (Hassan al-'Askarī) says, "Imam Hassan al-'Askarī sent for me and said, 'O aunt, have your Iftār (dinner) tonight with us. This is the night of mid-Sha'bān and Allah, the High, will bring forth the Hujjah (Imam Mahdi) on this night. He will be Allah's Hujjah (a proof from Allah) on His earth.'"

At the same time, Abū Muhammad (the eleventh Imam) called on me, "Bring my son to me, Aunt." I took his son to him. He put his hands under his thighs and back and put the infant's feet on his chest. He then put his tongue in his mouth and touched his eyes, ears, and joints with his hands and said to him "My son, talk." Surprisingly, the newborn baby said, "I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah, the One without a partner; and I bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger." He then beseeched blessings for the Commander of the Faithful (Imam Ali) and the Imams until he reached his father and then respectfully stopped.

Abu Muhammad said, "O Aunt! Take him to his mother so he may give her greetings and then bring him to me." I took her to his mother and he greeted her. Then I brought him back to the sitting room. And Abu Muhammad said, "O Aunt! When it is the seventh day, come to us."

