Hadeeth Three

كَانَ عَلِيٌّ ﵁ إِذَا وَصَفَ رَسُوْلَ اللهِ ﷺ قَالَ :

When Sayyiduna 'Ali (radhiyallahu 'anhu) would describe Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), he would say,

لَمْ يَكُنْ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ ﷺ بِالطَّوِيلِ الْمُمَّغِطِ ، وَلاَ بِالْقَصِيْرِ الْمُتَرَدِّدِ ، وَكَانَ رَبْعَةً مِنَ الْقَوْمِ ،

"Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was not extra tall, nor very short. He was of medium stature.

لَمْ يَكُنْ بِالْجَعْدِ الْقَطَطِ ، وَلاَ بِالسَّبِطِ ، كَانَ جَعْدًا رَجِلاً ،

He neither had very curly hair, nor completely straight hair, rather he had slightly wavy hair.

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ بِالْمُطَهَّمِ وَلاَ بِالْمُكَلْثَمِ ، وَكَانَ فِي وَجْهِهِ تَدْوِيْرٌ ،

He did not have a fat body not a round face, rather his (blessed) face was slightly rounded.

أَبْيَضُ مُشرَبٌ ، أَدْعَجُ الْعَيْنَيْنِ ، أَهْدَبُ الأَشْفَارِ ، جَلِيْلُ الْمُشَاشِ وَالْكَتَدِ ،

His complexion was white (fair), mixed with redness. His (blessed) eyes were extremely black and his eye lashes were (beautifully) long. The joints of his body and his shoulders were large (i.e. strong).

أَجْرَدُ ذُوْ مَسْرُبَةٍ ، شَثْنُ الْكَفَّيْنِ وَالْقَدَمَيْنِ ،

His (blessed) body was not hairy. He had a thin line of hair running from the chest to the navel. His palms and feet were fully fleshed.

إِذَا مَشَى تَقَلَّعَ كَأَنَّمَا يَنْحَطُّ فِيْ صَبَبٍ ، وَإِذَا الْتَفَتَ الْتَفَتَ مَعًا ،

When he walked, he lifted his legs, as if he is descending to a lower ground. When he turned (towards someone), he turned fully.

بَيْنَ كَتِفَيْهِ خَاتَمُ النُّبُوَّةِ ، وَهُوَ خَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّيْنَ ،

Between his shoulders was the seal of prophethood, and he was the seal (last) of the Ambiyaa ('alaihimus salaam).

Notes:

أَجْوَدُ النَّاسِ صَدْرًا ، وَأَصْدَقُ النَّاسِ لَهْجَةً ، وَأَلْيَنُهُمْ عَرِيكَةً ، وَأَكْرَمُهُمْ عَشِيْرَةً ،

He was the most generous at heart, the most truthful in speech, the softest in nature and from the most noble family.

مَنْ رَآهُ بَدِيْهَةً هَابَهُ ، وَمَنْ خَالَطَهُ مَعْرِفَةً أَحَبَّهُ ،

The one who saw him suddenly would become awe-struck and the one who came in close contact with him would love him.

يَقُولُ نَاعِتُهُ : لَمْ أَرَ قَبْلَهُ وَلاَ بَعْدَهُ مِثْلَهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ .

The one who describes him can only say, 'I have not seen anyone like him, neither before him nor after him.'"

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