

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِي بَأْنُ يُصْلِي عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Meeting with Imam Jafer

Hadrat Sayyiduna Laith bin Sa'ad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that in the year 113 A.H., he travelled alone for Hajj. One day, after the Asr Salaah, he decided to visit the mount of Abu Qubais. He mentions that on this mount, he found a very handsome looking person who was busy in Dhikr. His Du'a took the following appearance.

This person was saying, "Ya Rabb, Ya Rabb" until he ran out of breath. Then he was reading "Rabba, Ya Rabba" until he ran out of breath. He then recited "Ya Rahman, Ya Rahman" till he ran out of breath. He then recited "Ya Raheem, Ya Raheem" until he ran out of breath. He then read "Ya Ar Hamar Raahimeen, Ya Ar Hamaar Raahimeen" till he ran out of breath. He also recited these words seven times.

After saying these words, he made Du'a, "O Allah! I wish to eat grapes, please allow me to eat grapes and my clothing has also become torn."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Laith - *may Allah be pleased with him* – mentions, “Even before this Saint could complete his Du'a, I could see that there were grapes in front of him even though at that time, there were no grapes available anywhere. There were also two shawls in front of him. The Saint then began to eat the grapes and I mentioned to him that I was also a shareholder in these grapes. He asked me the reason for this and I replied, ‘When you were making Du'a, I was also saying Ameen.’ He then replied that I could come forward and join him in eating these grapes. I then approached him and we both began eating these grapes. I have never eaten such sweet grapes my entire life. The grapes did not have any seeds in them. I ate as much as I could, but the grapes remained the same.

He then asked that I could choose any of the two shawls in front of him but I replied that I had no need for clothes. He then asked me turn around and then removed his old clothing and put on the new shawls which appeared mysteriously.

We then began to walk down the mount of Abu Qubais together. As we reached the place of Sa'ee, a person approached this Saint and said to him, “O son of the Holy Prophet *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him!* Please bless me with a shawl from Jannah.”

He then handed this person the shawl which he had removed from his body and gave it to the person.

He then continued walking. I remained behind. I then asked the person who this Saint was and he replied, “This is the beloved son of the Holy Prophet – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, namely, he is the son of Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Baqir - *may Allah be pleased with him*, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Jafer Saadiq - *may Allah be pleased with him*.”

When I heard this, I began to run after the person but never managed to find him.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - records the words of the great Imam which are, “To attain peace is very difficult. Even its path is also hidden and secretive. If there is a possibility of attaining peace, it is through becoming

unknown. If this is not possible, then it is achieved through being extremely private and bear in mind that being secretive is not the same as being unknown. And still, if one does not attain peace through these ways, then one should try remaining silent. And being silent is unlike being secretive. And if one does attain peace even through being silent, then it can be attained through studying the words and advice of the Saints and spiritual masters of the past. A pious person is indeed that person who becomes secretive in his own being.” (Ar Rouad Ar Riyahen)