

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*

The non-Arabs will be over the Arabs

It is mentioned that Imam Zuhri - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

“I once approached Abdul Malik bin Amar and he asked me, ‘Who have you left in Mecca who is the leader among people?’

“I replied, “Ataa bin Riyah”.

“He asked, ‘Is he an Arab or a non-Arab?’

“I replied, ‘He has achieved leadership in Mecca Shareef through his integrity and his honesty.’

“Abdul Malik then said, ‘Without doubt, it is only proper that those who are honest and truth-worthy should be given leadership.’

“Abdul Malik then asked, ‘Who is the leader among people in Yemen?’

“I replied, ‘It is Ta’us bin Kaysaan.’

“Abdul Malik then asked whether he was an Arab or non-Arab and again I gave the same answer.

“He then asked, ‘Who is the leader in Egypt?’

“I replied, ‘Yazeed bin Abi Habeeb’.

“He then asked me the same questions.

“He then asked, ‘Who is the leader in Syria?’

“I replied, ‘It is Makhul Dimishqi’.

“Again he asked the same questions as before.

“He then asked, ‘Who is the leader in the Arab peninsula?’

“I replied, ‘It is Maymum bin Mehraan’.

He again repeated his earlier questions.

“He then asked, ‘Who is the leader among those who are in Khurasaan?’

“I replied, ‘Duhaak bin Mazaahim’.

“He then repeated his earlier questions.

“He then asked, ‘Who is the leader of the people in Basrah?’

“I replied, ‘It is Hasan Abi Al Hasan’.

“He then asked the same questions as before.

“He then asked, ‘Who is the leader of the people in Kufah?’

“I replied. ‘It is Ebrahim Nakh’i’.

“He then asked me the same questions which he had asked before and I replied, ‘Ebrahim Nakh’i is an Arab’.

“Abdul Malik then said to me, “O Zuhri! How tragic, without doubt, you have removed my sadness. Without doubt, the non Arabs will certainly achieve leadership over the Arabs. In fact, the non-Arabs will deliver the Khutbah on the Mimbar while the Arabs will be below them.’

“I replied, ‘O Ameerul Mo’mineen! This is the Divine Command of Allah. It is the truth and this is His religion. Whoever protects it, he will achieve leadership. And he who destroys it, He will lower their status and disgrace them. Without doubt, Allah Almighty is All Wise and All Knowing.” (An Nawaadir; Al Qalyubi)