

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE COMPASSIONATE
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Has the narration that “ Abu Bakr and Omar are two great old men in paradise” been authentically quoted from the holy prophet of GOD?

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A QUESTION BY; YAZDAN

عن علي بن أبي طالب أن رسول الله قال : «أبو بكر وعمر سيدا كهول أهل الجنة وما خلا النبيين والمرسلين»

RESPONSE

This narration has been quoted in the majority of the Sunnite books such as Mosnad Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, Sonan Ibn Majeh Qavini, Sonan Tarmai, Majma Zavaed Haythami and... but Bokhari and Moslem did not quoted that and it can be one of its weakness since the Sunnites have rejected most of the narrations pertaining to the virtue and Imamate of the commander of the faithful Ali (peace be upon him) only as a result of not being mentioned by Bokhari and Moslem

This narration has problems pertaining to its proof

Haythami says after the quotation of the narration that

رواه البزار والطبراني في الأوسط وفيه على ابن عباس وهو ضعيف .

-Majma Al-Zavaed; Al-Heisami v 9 p 53

This narration has been quoted by Bazar and Tabarani and in the chain of its narrators is Ali Ibn Abes and he has been considered as a weak narrator

And also he says after the quotation of another narration pertaining to the same issue that

[فيه] عبد الرحمن ابن ملك بن مغول ، قلت وهو متروك .

Bazar has quoted that from Obayd Allaj Ibn Omar and in the chain of the narrators is Abd Al-Rahman Ibn Malek Ibn Moqol and he is a Matruk (not trustworthy) man

And also Ibn Jozi one of the other Sunnite great figures has mentioned this narration in the book Al-Mozuat and says after that

هذا حديث موضوع على رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

-Al-Mozuat v 1 p 318

This narration is a false narration which has been attributed to the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny)

Regardless of the proof case if even this narration is accurate then we cannot accept that since the man who created and manipulated this narration has forgotten that all of the men who arrive at paradise will become young and no old man will be entered in paradise as Imam Javad (peace be upon him) has responded to this narration in a debate with Yahya Ibn Aktham in such a way that

وَ هَذَا الْخَبْرُ مُحَالٌ أَيْضاً لِأَنَّ أَهْلَ الْجَنَّةِ كُلَّهُمْ يَكُونُونَ شَبَاباً وَ لَا يَكُونُ فِيهِمْ كَهْلٌ
وَ هَذَا الْخَبْرُ وَضَعَهُ بَنُو أُمَيَّةَ لِمُضَادَّةِ الْخَبَرِ الَّذِي قَالَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلي الله عليه وآله
وسلم) فِي الْحَسَنِ وَ الْحُسَيْنِ (عليهما السلام) يَأْتِيهِمَا سَيِّدَا شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ .

-Al-Ehtejaj, Sheikh Tusi v 2 p 246-247

It is impossible that the holy prophet of GOD has stated such a thing since all of the men in paradise are young and there is no old man among them and this narration has been manipulated by Bani Omayah in opposition to the narration which has been stated pertaining to the honor of Imam Hasan and Imam Hossein (peace be upon them) by the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny)

Imam Hasan and Imam Hossein (peace be upon them) are two young lords of the men of paradise

And it is interesting that, when Bani Omayah intended to manipulate a narrations pertaining to the virtue of the Caliphs they have made efforts to quoted them from the tongues of Ahl Al-Bayt (peace be upon them) and

they have quoted this narration from the commander of the faithful (peace be upon him)

From the other side, thus narration is in a clear contrast to the most of the narrations which can be claimed as the successive sayings since the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) has stated in these narrations that when the whole heavenly men arrive at paradise are in the age of 30

Souti one of the Sunnite famous commentators writes in the book Al-Dor Al-Manthur that

وأخرج ابن أبي شيبة وأحمد وابن أبي الدنيا في صفة الجنة والطبراني في الكبير عن أبي هريرة قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يدخل أهل الجنة الجنة جرذا مردا بيضا جعادا مكحلين أبناء ثلاث وثلاثين .

-Al-Dor Al-Mansur, Jalal Al-Din Al-Souti v 1 p 48

The holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) has stated that; the heavenly men came in paradise while they are naked, hairless and with luminous faces and their hair are cleaned and their eyes are covered by collyrium and all of them are in the age of 33

And Termazi writes in his own Sonan that

عن معاذ بن جبل أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال " يدخل أهل الجنة الجنة جرذا مردا مكحلين أبناء ثلاثين أو ثلاث وثلاثين سنة .

-Sonan Al-Termezi v 4 p 88

And Haythami writes in the book Majma Al-Zavaed that

وعن أنس بن مالك قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يدخل أهل الجنة الجنة جرذا مردا مكحلين . رواه الطبراني في الأوسط وإسناده جيد .

-Majma Al-Zavaed; Al-Heisami v 10 p 398-399

Now with respect to these points how can be said that Abu Bakr and Omar are the great old men of paradise while there is no old man in paradise?

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