

Shaykh al-Ṣadūq has reported the following story from Ishāq ibn Rāhawayh: When Abu'l-Ḥasan al-Riḍā (ʿa) entered the city of Nayshābūr and then intended to leave it, the scholars of ḥadīth of that city gathered around him and asked, "Will you leave us before you deliver to us a tradition (ḥadīth) from which we may benefit?" Hence, the Imam, who was in a howdah, took his head out of the howdah and said:

I heard my father Mūsā ibn Ja`far saying:

سَمِعْتُ أَبِي مُوسَى بْنَ جَعْفَرٍ يَقُولُ:

I heard my father Ja`far ibn Muḥammad saying:

سَمِعْتُ أَبِي جَعْفَرَ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ يَقُولُ:

I heard my father Muḥammad ibn `Alī saying:

سَمِعْتُ أَبِي مُحَمَّدَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ يَقُولُ:

I heard my father `Alī ibn al-Ḥusayn saying:

سَمِعْتُ أَبِي عَلِيَّ بْنَ الْحُسَيْنِ يَقُولُ:

I heard my father al-Ḥusayn ibn `Alī saying:

سَمِعْتُ أَبِي الْحُسَيْنِ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ يَقُولُ:

I heard my father the Commander of the Faithful `Alī ibn Abī-Ṭālib saying:

سَمِعْتُ أَبِي أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيَّ بْنَ أَبِي طَالِبٍ يَقُولُ:

I heard the Messenger of Allah saying:

سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يَقُولُ:

I heard (Archangel) Gabriel saying:

سَمِعْتُ جِبْرِئِيلَ يَقُولُ:

I heard Allah the Almighty and All-majestic saying:

سَمِعْتُ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَقُولُ:

There is no god save Allah; this is My fortress. Hence, whoever enters My fortress will be saved from My chastisement.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ حِصْنِي، فَمَنْ دَخَلَ حِصْنِي
أَمِنَ مِنْ عَذَابِي.

When the caravan moved for a few steps, the Imam (ʿa) shouted at us:

This is contingent upon its conditions; and I am one of these conditions.

بِشُرُوطِهَا؛ وَأَنَا مِنْ شُرُوطِهَا.

Abu'l-Ṣalt has reported that when Imam al-Riḍā, on his way to meet al-Ma'mūn, passed by the Red Village, some of the companions said to him, "O Son of Allah's Messenger! It is midday. Shall we perform the prayer?" So, the Imam rode off and asked for some water to do the ritual ablution. When he was informed that they did not have any water with them, the Imam scratched the ground with his hand and a quantity of water, which was enough for him and his companions to do the ritual ablution with, gushed out from there. The trace of this water is still existent up to the present day.