One day, my father the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him and his Household, visited me, “Peace be upon you, O Fāṭimah!” he said.

“Peace be upon you, too.” I answered.

“I can feel some fatigue in my body,” he said to me, and I answered, “I pray Allah to protect you O father against fatigue.”

“Fāṭimah,” he ordered, “bring me the Yemeni cloak and cover me with it.”

I brought him the Yemeni cloak and covered him with it. I then kept on looking at his face, which was glittering like a moon at the night of its fullness and perfection.

No more than a while passed when my son al-Ḥasan came in, “Peace be upon you, mother!” he greeted.

“Peace be upon you, too, O delight of my eye and fruit of my heart!” I replied.

“O mother,” he said, “I can smell a pleasing scent as if it is the scent of my grandfather the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him and his Household.”

“Yes, it is,” I answered, “Your grandfather is now under the cloak.”

Al-Ḥasan moved towards the cloak and said, “Peace be upon you, O grandfather, Allah’s Messenger. Will you allow me to be with you under this cloak?”

My father replied, “Peace be upon you too, my son and director of my Pond. I allow you.” Al-Ḥasan then went under the cloak with his grandfather.
No more than another while passed before my son al-Hasayn came in, “Peace be upon you, mother!” he greeted.

“Peace be upon you too, O my son, delight of my eye, and fruit of my heart,” I replied. “O Mother,” he said, “I can smell a pleasing scent as if it is the scent of my grandfather the Messenger of Allah.”

“Yes,” I answered, “Your grandfather and your bother are under the cloak.”

Al-Husayn then approached towards the cloak and said, “Peace be upon you, O grandfather! Peace be upon you, O he whom Allah has chosen! Will you allow me to be with you under the cloak?”

My father replied, “Peace be upon you too, O my son and intercessor of my people. I allow you.”

Al-Husayn then went with them under the cloak.

At the same time, Abu’l-Hasan `Alî ibn Abî-Ṭālib came in, “Peace be upon you, daughter of Allah’s Messenger,” he greeted.

“Peace be upon you too, O Abu’l-Hasan and Commander of the Faithful,” I replied.

He then said, “Fātimah, I can smell a pleasing scent, as if it is the scent of my brother and cousin the Messenger of Allah.”

“Yes,” I answered, “He is there with your two sons under the cloak.”

`Alî moved towards the cloak and said, “Peace be upon you, O Allah’s Messenger! Will you allow me to be with you under the cloak?”

My father replied, “Peace be upon you too, O brother, successor, vicegerent, and bearer of my Pennon. I allow you.”

`Alî thus went with them under the cloak.
I then came towards the cloak and said, "Peace be upon you father, O Allah’s Messenger. Will you allow me to be with you under the cloak?"

My father replied, “Peace be upon you too, my daughter and part of my flesh. I allow you.”

I thus went with them under the cloak.

When all of us sat under the cloak, my father the Messenger of Allah took hold of the two edges of the cloak with one hand, pointed to the sky with his right hand, and prayed, “O Allah! These are my true household, my unique people, and my kin. Their flesh is my flesh, their blood is my blood, whatever causes them pain causes me pain too, and whatever saddens them saddens me too. I am at war against whoever wages war against them, at peace with whoever is at peace with them, the enemy of whoever shows enmity towards them, and I love whoever loves them. They are part of me and I am part of them. Therefore (please) shower on me and them Your blessings, benedictions, mercy, forgiveness, and pleasure; remove from them filth and purify them with thorough purifying.”

Meanwhile, Allah the Almighty and All-majestic said, “O My angels and inhabitants of My heavens! Verily, I have not created any well-established sky, extended land, glowing moon, shining sun, revolving planet, flowing ocean, or moving on ark except for the love of these five (individuals) who are now under the cloak.”
Gabriel the Honest Archangel asked, “O my Lord! Who are those under the cloak?”

The Almighty and All-majestic Lord answered, “They are the household of Prophethood and the core of the Message. They are namely Fāṭimah, her father, her husband, and her sons.”

“O my Lord,” Gabriel asked, “Will You allow me to descend to the earth to be the sixth of them?”

Allah the Almighty and All-majestic said, “Yes, I allow you.”

Gabriel the Honest Archangel descended, “Peace be upon you, O Allah’s Messenger!” he greeted, “The Most High and All-high (Lord) conveys to you His greeting, expresses His special greeting and honoring to you, and says, ‘By My Almightiness and My Majesty I take this oath: I have not created any well-established sky, extended land, glowing moon, shining sun, revolving planet, flowing ocean, or moving on ark except for your sake and for your love.’ He has then allowed me to join you (under this cloak). Will you, O Allah’s Messenger, allow me?”

Allah’s Messenger said, “Peace be upon you, O trustee of Allah’s Revelations. Yes, I allow you.”

So, Gabriel joined us under the cloak. He thus said to my father, “Allah has revealed to you saying, ‘Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House, and to purify you a thorough purifying.’”
Alī then said to my father, “O Allah’s Messenger! Please tell me, what is the value of this gathering of us under this cloak in the sight of Allah?”

The Prophet, peace be upon him and his Household, said, “I swear this by Him Who has sent me with the truth as Prophet and chosen me, as holding communion, to convey the Message; whenever the tale of this gathering of us is mentioned in an assembly of the people of the earth in which a group of our adherents and lover are present, the (divine) mercy shall certainly be poured down on them and the angels shall certainly surround them, asking forgiveness for them until they depart.”

Alī, peace be upon him, commented, “Then, by Allah I swear it; we have won. So have our adherents. I swear it by the Lord of the Ka`bah.”

“O `Alī!” my father Allah’s Messenger, peace be upon him and his Household, added, “I swear this by Him Who has sent me with the truth as Prophet and chosen me, as holding communion, to convey the Message; whenever the tale of this gathering of us is mentioned in an assembly of the people of the earth in which a group of our adherents and lover are present and among them there is a distressed one, Almighty Allah shall certainly release him from distress, or there is among them an aggrieved one, Almighty Allah shall certainly relieve him from grief, or there is among them one who needs a request to be granted, Almighty Allah shall certainly grant him his request.”

Alī, peace be upon him, said, “Then, we have won and attained pleasure. I swear it by Allah. So have our adherents; they have won and attained pleasure in this world and in the Hereafter. I swear it by the Lord of the Ka`bah.”