

DUA SHAYBAH AL HUDHALI

Ninth: Al-Kulayni, Ibn Baabwayh, and others have reported through valid chains of authority that Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (a.s.) related the following:

One day, a man called Shaybah al-Hudhali came to the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and asked, "O Allah's Messenger, I am an old man; I am too old and too weak to do acts of worship that I used to do, such as prayers, fasting, going on Hajj, and jihad. So, please teach me some words by which Almighty Allah will benefit me and make them as easy as possible for me."

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) asked the man to repeat his request three times. Then the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) answered, "All trees and rocks around you have wept for you out of mercy. When you accomplish the dawn (fajr) Prayer, you may repeat the following doxology (zikr) ten times:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ -

If you say so, Allah, the Almighty and Majestic, will save you from blindness, lunacy, leprosy, poverty, and senility."

The man said, "This was for worldly affairs; what do you have for me for the Hereafter?"

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "You may say the following supplicatory prayer after accomplishing every prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي مِنْ عِنْدِكَ وَأَفِضْ عَلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ وَأَنْشُرْ
عَلَيَّ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيَّ مِنْ بَرَكَاتِكَ۔

If this man comes on the Resurrection Day abiding by these supplicatory prayers without neglecting them deliberately, all the eight gates of Paradise will be opened before him so that he can enter from any gate he wishes.”

However, according to another tradition that is reported through valid chains of authority, a different supplicatory prayer has been mentioned.