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Hatim b. 'Abd Allah al-Azdi narrated from Abu Ja'far al-Maqri, the Imam of the mosque of al-Kufa, from Jabir b. Rashid from Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, that he [Jabir] said: While we were on a journey, al-Sadiq noticed a man looking gloomy and dejected. He asked him: "What is wrong with you?" He replied: "My beast (*al-dabba*) is stubborn (*harun*)." He [al-Sadiq] said: "Woe be to you, recite this verse in her ear:

Have they not seen how that We have created for them of that Our hands wrought of cattle that they own? We have subdued them to them, and some of them they ride, and some they eat (36:71–2)"

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