

Sermon 213: Praise be to Allah who is above all similarity to the creatures...

The Sublimity of Allah and a eulogy of the Prophet

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Praise be to Allah who is above all similarity to the creatures, is above the words of describers, who displays the wonders of His management for the on-lookers, is hidden from the imagination of thinkers by virtue of the greatness of His glory, has knowledge without acquiring it, adding to it or drawing it (from someone), and Who is the ordainer of all matters without reflecting or thinking. He is such that gloom does not concern Him, nor does He seek light from brightness, night does not overtake Him nor does the day pass over Him (so as to affect Him in any manner). His comprehension (of things) is not through eyes and His knowledge is not dependent on being informed.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ عَنْ شَبِّهِ الْمَخْلُوقِينَ، الْغَالِبِ لِمَقَالِ الْوَاصِفِينَ، الظَّاهِرِ بَعَجَائِبِ تَدْبِيرِهِ لِلنَّاطِرِينَ، الْبَاطِنِ بِجَلَالِ عِزَّتِهِ عَنْ فِكْرِ الْمُتَوَهِّمِينَ، الْعَالِمِ بِأَكْتِسَابِ وَلَا اِزْدِيَادِ، وَلَا عِلْمِ مُسْتَفَادِ، الْمُقَدِّرِ لِجَمِيعِ الْأُمُورِ بِأَرْوِيَّةٍ وَلَا ضَمِيرٍ، الَّذِي لَا تَغْشَاهُ الظُّلُمُ، وَلَا يَسْتَضِيءُ بِالْأَنْوَارِ، وَلَا يَرْهَقُهُ لَيْلٌ، وَلَا يَجْرِي عَلَيْهِ نَهَارٌ، لَيْسَ إِدْرَاكُهُ بِالْأَبْصَارِ، وَلَا عِلْمُهُ بِالْأَخْبَارِ.

A part of the same sermon about the Prophet

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Allah deputised the Prophet with light, and accorded him the highest precedence in selection. Through him Allah united those who were divided, overpowered the powerful, overcame difficulties and levelled rugged ground, and thus removed misguidance from right and left.

أَرْسَلَهُ بِالضِّيَاءِ، وَقَدَّمَهُ فِي الْأَصْطِفَاءِ، فَرَّتْ بِهِ الْمَفَاتِقُ، وَسَاوَرَ بِهِ الْمُغَالِبَ، وَذَلَّلَ بِهِ الصُّعُوبَةَ، وَسَهَّلَ بِهِ الْحُزُونََ،
حَتَّى سَرَّحَ الضَّلَالَ، عَنْ يَمِينٍ وَشِمَالٍ.

Alternative Sources for Sermon 213

(1) Al-Majlisi, *Bihar*, IV, 319.

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