

Sermon 75: The Umayyads's knowledge about me...

When Amir al-mu'minin learnt that the Umayyads blamed him for killing 'Uthman, he said:

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لَمَّا بَلَغَهُ اتِّهَامُ بَنِي أُمَيَّةَ لَهُ بِالْمُشَارَكَةِ فِي دَمِ عُثْمَانَ

The Umayyads's knowledge about me did not restrain them from accusing me, nor did my precedence (in accepting Islam) keep off these ignorant people from blaming me. Allah's admonitions are more eloquent than my tongue. I am the contesteer against those who break away from Faith and the opposer of those who entertain doubts. Uncertainties should be placed before Qur'an, the Book of Allah (for clarification). Certainly, people will be recompensed according to what they have in their hearts.

أَوَّلَمَ يَنْهَ بَنِي أُمَيَّةَ عِلْمُهَا بِي عَنْ قَرْفِي أَوْ مَا وَزَعَ الْجُهَّالُ سَابِقَتِي عَنْ تَهْمَتِي؟! وَلَمَّا وَعَظَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِهِ أَبْلَغُ مِنْ لِسَانِي. أَنَا أَحَجُّجُ الْمَارِقِينَ وَخَصِيمُ الْمُرْتَابِينَ، عَلَى كِتَابِ اللَّهِ تُعْرَضُ الْأَمْثَالُ، وَبِمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ تُجَازَى الْعِبَادُ!

Alternative Sources for Sermon 75

(1) Ibn al-'Athir, *al-Nihayah*, under (q.r.f);

(2) al-Turayhi, *Majma'*, under (q.r.f).

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