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The Oil of Ben

Yahya b. al-Hajjaj narrated from Muhammad b. ‘Isa from Khalid b. ‘Uthman from Abu al-‘Ays, who said: I mentioned the oils in the presence of Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, until I came to mention the oil of the ben tree (*al-ban*). Al-Baqir, peace be upon him, said: “A male oil (*duhn dhakar*) and an excellent oil, the oil of ben.” Then he said: “*Al-khaluq* [a perfume] appeals to me.”

From Yahya b. al-Husayb from Hamza b. ‘Isa from Hariz b. ‘Abd Allah al-Sijistani from Zarara from Abu Ja’far, peace be upon him, who said: ‘The Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on him and his family, said: “Whoever anoints himself with the oil of ben,” then he said: “Before Satan he will not be harmed, Allah, the Exalted, willing.”’

Amir al-Mu’minin, peace be upon him, said: “The best oil is the oil of ben. It is a protection and it is masculine, a security from every affliction. So anoint yourselves with it, for the Prophets, blessings of Allah be on them, used to use it.”

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