

# PART TWO

IN THE NAME OF GOD,  
THE ALL-COMPASSIONATE, THE MOST MERCIFUL

O my Lord! Make this easy through the blessing of Your  
Prophet, upon him be blessings and peace!

## FIRST KHABAR (41)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, said to His Prophet and Intimate Friend Abraham, upon him be peace: “What is this terrible fear you have?”

Abraham replied: “O my Lord, how should I not suffer fear and dread when my father Adam, may God bless him and give him peace, was in closeness with You; You created him with Your own Hand, and breathed into him of Your own Spirit; You commanded the angels to prostrate themselves before him; and yet, for a single act of disobedience, You cast him from Your Proximity?”

Then God inspired him thus: “O Abraham, do you not know how hard disobedience against the Beloved is for the Beloved?”

*This tradition which I have transmitted goes back to Ibrāhīm ibn ‘Abdallāh, and appears in the book “The Degrees of Those Who Repent” (Kitāb Darajāt al-Tā’ibīn) by Ismā‘īl ibn Ibrāhīm al-Harawī, may God be pleased with him.*

## SECOND KHABAR (42)

God, ever exalted is He, said: “O David, caution the children of Israel against eating out of desire, for when the heart is attached to desire, the mind is veiled from Me.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted goes back to Abū Ja‘far al-Jazarī and appears in the Darajāt al-Tā’ibīn by Ismā‘īl ibn Ibrāhīm al-Harawī.*



## THIRD KHABAR (43)

God, ever exalted is He, said to Moses, upon him peace, when he asked Him: “O Lord, are You distant that I should call out to You? Or are You near that I should confide in You?”:

“I keep company with him who remembers Me, and I am with him.”

Moses asked: “What is the work You love most, O Lord?”

He replied: “That you propagate My Remembrance in every state.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted goes back to al-Maqburī and appears in the above-mentioned book.*

#### FOURTH KHABAR (44)

God, ever exalted is He, says:

“He who pretends to love Me and neglects Me is a liar. Does not every lover seek to be secluded with his beloved?”

“I am He who is completely aware of My lovers when they picture Me before them, address Me in contemplation and speak to Me in My Presence.

“Tomorrow I shall make their eyes delight in My Gardens.”<sup>1</sup>

*This tradition which I have transmitted goes back to al-Fuḍayl and appears in the above-mentioned book.*



#### FIFTH KHABAR (45)

God, ever exalted is He, says concerning one who kills himself: “My servant has hastened to Me by his own doing; I have forbidden him Paradise.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted has an isnād going back to the Prophet, God’s blessing and peace be upon him, which Muslim gives in his Ṣaḥīḥ.*

### SIXTH KHABAR (46)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, says: “My true servant is the one who is in remembrance of Me when he faces his enemy.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted has an isnād going back to the Prophet, God’s blessing and peace be upon him, in the collection of al-Tirmidhī.*



### SEVENTH KHABAR (47)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, says:

“Indeed My Mercy and Compassion prevail over My Anger.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted has an isnād going back to the Prophet, God’s blessing and peace be upon him, which al-Tirmidhī reported, commenting “With His own Hand He has prescribed [this Mercy] for Himself.”<sup>2</sup>*

## EIGHTH KHABAR (48)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, says:

“O child of Adam, if you are content with what I have apportioned you, you give ease to your heart and your body, and you will be praiseworthy.

“But if you are not content with what I have apportioned you, I shall subjugate you to this lower world to such a degree that you will gallop around like a wild animal in the open desert. By My Might and My Majesty, you will only obtain from the world what I have decreed for you, and you will be blameworthy.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted goes back to Ka‘b al-Aḥbār<sup>3</sup> from the collection of al-Raba‘ī,<sup>4</sup> who says it was taken from the Torah.*



## NINTH KHABAR (49)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, says He will address the people of Paradise when they enter it: “Peace be upon you, My servants! Welcome. May God vivify you. Peace be upon you.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted has an isnād going back to the Prophet, God’s blessing and peace be upon him, and comes from the ḥadīth of the “Abodes of the Resurrection” (Mawāqif al-qiyāma), reported by al-Naqqāsh.<sup>5</sup>*

### TENTH KHABAR (50)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, says: “O child of Adam, each one wants you for himself, and I want you for yourself, yet you flee from Me. O child of Adam, how you wrong Me!”

*This tradition which I have transmitted goes back to Ka‘b al-Aḥbār, and appears in the collection of al-Raba‘ī, who says it was taken from the Torah.*



### ELEVENTH KHABAR (51)

God, ever mighty and majestic is He, will say to one who was most well-off among the people of this world, when He immerses him in the Fire: “O child of Adam, have you ever seen any good? Have you ever experienced any pleasure?”

He will reply: “By God, no, my Lord!”

And then He, glory to Him, will say to one who was in the most wretched circumstances among the people of this world, when He immerses him in Paradise: “O child of Adam, have you ever seen any wretchedness? Have you ever suffered any hardship?”

He will reply: “By God, no, my Lord. I have never suffered any wretchedness, nor seen any hardship.”

*This tradition which I have transmitted has an isnād and appears in the collection of Muslim.*