

A rooster whose neck is under the throne of Allaah

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَدْنَىٰ لِي أَنْ أَحَدَّثَ عَنْ دِيكَ قَدْ مَرَقَتْ رِجْلَاهُ الْأَرْضَ، وَعُنُقُهُ مُنْتَنٌ تَحْتَ

سُبْحَاتِكَ مَا أَعْظَمَكَ رَبُّنَا، فَيَرُدُّ عَلَيْهِ: الْعَرْشُ وَهُوَ يَقُولُ

مَا يَعْلَمُ ذَلِكَ مَنْ حَلَفَ بِي كَاذِبًا

From Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه)¹ in marfoo² form:

“Indeed Allaah has given me permission to inform you about a rooster whose legs have penetrated the earth and whose neck is bent under the Throne and he says, ‘Glory be to You! How great You are, Our Lord!’ So He answers him [saying], ‘The one who takes a false oath in My Name does not know that.’”³

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)⁴ said in Silsilah:

“Reported by al-Tabaraanee in *Al-Awsat* (1/156/1), and Aboo Shaikh in *Al-Udhmah* (3/1003-1004) who both said, ‘Muhammad ibn al-Abbaas ibn al-Akhram reported to us [saying]: Al-Fadl ibn Sahl al-A’raj reported to us [saying]: Ishaaq ibn Mansoor reported to us [saying]: Israaeel reported to us from Mu’aaweeyah ibn Ishaaq from Sa’eed ibn Abee Sa’eed from Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) in marfoo form, and he said, ‘No one reported it from Mu’aaweeyah except Israaeel, Ishaaq being alone in narrating it.’

I [al-Albaanee] say: And he is trustworthy [thiqah] from the men who the two Shaykhs [Bukhaaree and Muslim] narrated from, and the same goes for all of the narrators, they are all trustworthy from the men of Bukhaaree except for Ibn al-Akhram, who is from the precise preservers of hadeeth, and *Fuqaha*, as is mentioned in *Lisaanul-Meezaan*.

So the chain of narration of the hadeeth is authentic.

And al-Haithamee said in *al-Majma* (4/180-181), “Reported by al-Tabaraanee in *al-Awsat* and its men are those of the Saheeh.” And in this declaration there is a mistake as will not be hidden, especially when in another place he said, (8/134), “Reported by al-Tabaraanee in *al-Awsat*, and its men are those of the Saheeh except that I do not know the Shaykh of al-Tabaraanee, Muhammad ibn al-Abbaas from Fadl ibn Sahl al-A’raj.”

I [al-Albaanee] say: And we know him, and all praise is due to Allaah, and he is trustworthy, so the hadeeth is authentic, and Allaah is the One Who grants success.

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² Marfoo is a hadeeth which is traced back to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) directly.

³ Silsilah, vol. 1, pp. 281-282.

⁴ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

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And in *al-Majma'* there occurs, "Suhail," and this is a printing error, 'Sahl,' is correct, as has preceded in the chain of narration, and as occurs in the books of narrators.

Bearing in mind that he was not the only one to narrate it, for Aboo Ya'laa (1/309) reported it through another chain of narration from Mu'aaweeyah from Ishaq with a wording similar to it, **"And the Throne is on his shoulders, and he is saying, 'Glory be to You! Where were You? And where will You be?'"**

Thereafter, there is a point to be had in al-Tabaraanee's saying that, 'Ishaq is the only one who reported it.' For Ubaidullaah ibn Moosaa narrated it [saying] that Israaeel informed us of it. Reported by al-Haakim (4/297) and he said, 'its chain of narration is authentic,' and adh-Dhahabee agreed with him.

And al-Mundhree said (3/48), 'Reported by al-Tabaraanee with an authentic chain of narration, and al-Haakim said, 'Its chain of narration is authentic.'"' End of Shaykh al-Albaanee's (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) words.