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Topic: Imam Ali's Successorship in the Traditions

The Tradition of Manzilah

When going to the battle of Tabuk, the Prophet (PBUH&HP) put Ali (PBUH) in his place, saying, “Are you not satisfied to be to me as Aaron was to Moses except that there will be no prophet after me?” and this implies that Ali was the successor to the Prophet and as long as he was present, no one else could take this position.

The Manzilah tradition was repeated on many other occasions such as the day of Mu'akhaat (in which some were announced as brothers) and the sadd al-abwab (closing the houses) when the Prophet closed all doors to the Mosque except Ali and Fatima's.

The Tradition of Yawm al-Daar

In the first days of prophethood, when the Prophet invited his own relatives to Islam, no one showed any interest in his proposal other than 'Ali and the Prophet said, “He is my brother, successor and inheritor. Listen to him and obey his orders.”

The Tradition of *Thaqalain*

In this popular and authentic *hadith*, narrated by Shi'a and Sunni, the Prophet (PBUH&HP) says, "I leave two valuable things among you: the Quran and my family. If you follow them (both) you will never go astray and these two will never separate from each other ..."

The Tradition of Noah's Ark

In this authentic hadith, Abu Dharr says, “The Prophet said, 'My family is like Noah's ark. Whoever uses it will be saved and whoever separates from it will drown.'”