

The Presence of Angel Jibrīl 24,000 Times in the Prophetic Court

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Question

What do the scholars of Islam say regarding the following matter: We have heard that Angel Jibrīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was present in the sacred Court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 24,000 times. Is this statement correct or not?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

Yes, this statement is correct, and the scholars have mentioned in their books that the angel Jibrīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appeared before the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 24,000 times. This has been narrated by Imam Aḥmad b. Muhammad b. Abū Bakr al-Qaṣṭalānī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ in his Irshād al-Sārī Sharḥ Sahih Bukhari and Mawāhib al-Ladunniyyah bil Minaḥ al-Muḥammadiyyah, and by Abū ‘Abdullāh Muhammad b. ‘Abd al-Bāqī al-Zurqānī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ in his Sharḥ al-Zurqānī ‘alā al-Mawāhib al-Ladunniyyah, and by ‘Allāmah Shams al-Din Muhammad b. Aḥmad al-Khaṭīb رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ in Al-Sirāj al-Munīr, that Jibrīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appeared before the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 24,000 times, before Prophet Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 12 times, before Prophet Idrīs عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 4 times, before Prophet Nūḥ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 50 times, before Prophet Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 42 times, before Prophet Mūsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 400 times, and before Prophet ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 10 times.

It is mentioned in Irshād al-Sārī Sharḥ Sahih Bukhārī:

”ان جبريل نزل على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم اربعة وعشرين الف مرة، وعلى آدم اثنتي عشرة مرة، وعلى ادريس اربعاً، وعلى نوح خمسين، وعلى ابراهيم اثنتين واربعين مرة، وعلى موسى اربعمائة، وعلى عيسى عشراً“

Meaning, Jibrīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام appeared before the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ 24000 times, and before Prophet Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 12 times, before Prophet Idrīs عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 4 times, before Prophet Nūḥ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 50 times, before Prophet Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 42 times, before Prophet Mūsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 400 times, and before Prophet ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 10 times. (Irshād al-Sārī, vol. 1, p. 60; Nuzhat al-Qārī, vol. 1, p. 247)

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ knows best.)

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