

في مدح الشيخ شريف يعقوبي قدس الله سره

In praise of Shaykh Sharīf Al-Ya'qoubī

From the poem *Ma'āthir al-Shām* by Shaykh Muḥammad Al-Ya'qoubi

وَمِنْهُمْ لَنَا عَمُّ شَرِيفٍ مُبَجَّلٌ وَصَاحِبُ بَيْتٍ كَانَ لِلْعِلْمِ مُنْتَدَى

Among them we have a noble uncle, hailed
From a house which was a beacon of learning.

إِمَامٌ عَظِيمٌ الشَّانِ قُطْبٌ مُعَظَّمٌ وَنُورٌ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَجْهِهِ بَدَا

An Imam of great standing, a senior saint,
From whose face prophetic light would emanate.

وَكَانَ لِأَهْلِ الْعَصْرِ فِي الْفِقْهِ مَرْجِعًا وَلِلنَّاسِ فِي وَقْتِ الْمُلِمَاتِ مَقْصِدًا

For learned folk he was the authority,
For people, the refuge in times of calamity.

بِهِ قَدْ أُغِيثَ النَّاسُ فِي الْقَحْطِ مَرَّةً عَلَيْهِ بَكَوْا إِذْ مَاتَ دُرًّا مُنْضَدًا

By him, people were relieved once from a drought
And they cried when he passed, tears like strong pearls

وَأَخْبَارُهُ قَدْ عَطَّرَتْ كُلَّ مَجْلِسٍ وَأَحْوَالُهُ صَارَتْ مِثَالًا تَفَرَّدَا

His stories have perfumed gatherings;
His affairs have become unique examples.