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## Fourth: The Right Of The Bestower Of Favor On Whom He Bestows And The Right Of Being The Medium Of Favor

It has come in the traditions of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.s.) that he said:

"You must reward the one who does good to you. If you are not able to do that you must at least pray for that person till you are sure you have recompensed that person for the good he has done."

These two rights are there from our master, His Eminence, the Master of the Time (aj) because all the favors and benefits that reach human beings are due to the blessings of the being of the Imam of that time. We read in Ziarat Jamia regarding the Imams (as) that: "And the patron of the favors..."

Also in Kafi it is mentioned that he said: "The Almighty Allah created us and made our creation good. And he shaped us in a goodly shape. And he made us His eyes among His servants (so that we can witness their deeds and behavior) and He made us His speaking tongue and He made us His hand of mercy and beneficence spread over the head of His servants and He made us His face (so that through us attention may be called to Him). And He made us a gate (so that it may be a proof for the people for His knowledge, faith and obedience). And a treasure (of His knowledge, recognition and mercy) in His heavens and the earth.

The trees fructify and fruits grow by our Barakat and the streams flow and the rain descends and plants grow from the earth. And through our worship is Allah worshipped. And if we had not been there, the Almighty Allah would not have been worshipped."1

And in Kharaij it is narrated from His Eminence, Sadiq (as) that he said:

"O Dawood, if we had not been there, neither the streams would have issued forth nor the fruits have

grown, no the trees would have become green."2

And in Kafi there is a famous tradition of His Eminence, Abu Ja'far Imam Muhammad Baqir (as) that he said:

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.s.) said: "The Almighty Allah created Adam (as) and left the earth for him. Thus whatever from it is was for Adam it is for the Messenger of Allah. And whatever is for the Messenger of Allah it is for the Imams of the Progeny of Muhammad."3

In another tradition it has come that, "the earth and whatever is in it belongs to Allah, the Almighty, His Messenger and us. Thus whoever gets anything from it, must practice piety and pay the share of Almighty Allah, (Khums, Zakat and religious tax) and must do good towards his brothers in faith and if he doesn't do it he has dissociated from Allah, His Messenger and us (family of the Prophet)."4

And Darus Salam has quoted Basairud Darajaat from Abu Hamza that: The fourth Imam, 'Ali bin al-Husain (as) said to Abu Hamza:

"O Abu Hamza, do not sleep before the rising of the Sun, as it is not good for you. Indeed, at that time the Almighty Allah distributes the sustenance of the people and He distributes it through our hands."

- 1. Usul al-Kafi; Muhammad bin Yaqoob Kulaini; Vol. 1/144
- 2. Al-Kharaij; Saeed bin Hibtullah Rawandi
- 3. Usul al-Kafi; Muhammad bin Yaqoob Kulaini; Vol. 1/409
- 4. Usul al-Kafi; Muhammad bin Yaqoob Kulaini; Vol. 1/408

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