

Introduction

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Fourfold Characteristics Of The Prophets

عَنِ الصَّادِقِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ: إِنَّ الصَّبْرَ وَالصِّدْقَ وَالْحِلْمَ وَحُسْنَ الْخُلُقِ مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ.

It has been narrated on the authority of Imam Sadeq peace be upon him: Patience, truthfulness, forbearance and good temper are some of the characteristics of the Prophets.

Visitation

It has been reported on the authority of the holy Prophet of Islam : The best habit of Prophets and the righteous ones is visitation of one another for the sake of God.

Cheerfulness And Shaking Hand

Jaber Ibn Abdollah Anseri has quoted the holy Prophet as saying: A sign of Prophets and the righteous ones was that when they met, cheerfulness was seen from their faces and they shook hands.

عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْأَنْصَارِيِّ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ: الْبُشَاشَةُ إِذَا تَرَاءَوْا، وَالْمُصَافَحَةُ إِذَا تَلَاقَوْا.

The Prophets' Dislike Of Affectation And Undue Trouble

The holy Prophet has said: "We Prophets, the Trustworthy and the pious ones do not like affectation and undue trouble".

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ : نَحْنُ مَعَاشِرَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْأُمَمَاءِ وَالْأَتَقِيَاءِ بُرَاءٌ مِنَ التَّكَلُّفِ

Prophets And Moral Virtues

Imam Sadeq has said: God Almighty has made Prophets distinguished for their moral virtues. whoever has such virtues must be thankful to God and whoever lacks them has to beseech God for them. Imam Sadeq was asked: What are moral virtues? The Imam said: Piety, moderation in spending patience, thankfulness, forbearance, modesty, generosity, courage, zeal, truthfulness, benefaction, trustworthiness, certainty, good temper, and fairness".

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَصَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ بِمَكَارِمِ الْأَخْلَاقِ فَمَنْ كَانَتْ فِيهِ فَلْيَحْمَدِ اللَّهَ عَلَى ذَلِكَ وَمَنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ فِيهِ فَلْيَتَضَرَّعْ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَلْيَسْأَلْهُ إِيَّاهَا، قِيلَ لَهُ: وَمَا هِيَ؟ قَالَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: الْوَرَعُ وَالْقَنَاعَةُ وَالصَّبْرُ وَالشُّكْرُ وَالْحِلْمُ وَالْحَيَاءُ وَالسَّخَاءُ وَالشَّجَاعَةُ وَالْغَيْرَةُ وَصِدْقُ الْحَدِيثِ وَالْبِرُّ وَأَدَاءُ الْأَمَانَةِ وَالْيَقِينُ وَحُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ وَالْمُرُوءَةُ

Prophet's Salient Characteristics

Imam Sadeq has said: The Prophets, four salient characteristics are: 1– Benefaction:2– Generosity:3– Patience during disaster and unpleasant events:4– Act in relation to a believer's right.

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: أَرْبَعَةٌ مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ: الْبِرُّ وَالسَّخَاءُ وَالصَّبْرُ عَلَى النَّائِبَةِ وَالْقِيَامُ بِحَقِّ الْمُؤْمِنِ.

To Perfume The Whisker

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq : "To perfume the whisker is the habit of Prophets and respect for the honorable recorders."

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ: الطِّيبُ فِي الشَّارِبِ مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَكَرَامَةِ الْكَاتِبِينَ

Cleanliness

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Reza : "Cleanliness is one of the characteristics of the Prophets."

عَنِ الرَّضَا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ التَّنَظُّفُ.

To Have Walking Stick

The holy Prophet has said to have a walking stick is a sign of a believer and the habit of the Prophets. In another hadith, we read: "Leaning against a walking stick is a habit of the Prophets."

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: حَمْلُ الْعَصَا عَلَامَةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ وَسُنَّةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَ فِي رِوَايَةٍ أُخْرَى: التَّوَكُّلُ عَلَى الْعَصَا مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.

The Fivefold Characteristics Of The Prophets

Imam Reza has said: "Roosters have five characteristics of the Prophets: 1- Knowing the prayer timing 2- Zeal 3- Generosity 4- courage 5- Love of one's wife

قَالَ الرَّضَا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: فِي الدِّيكِ الْأَبْيَضِ خَمْسُ خِصَالٍ مِنَ خِصَالِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ مَعْرِفَتُهُ بِأَوْقَاتِ الصَّلَاةِ، وَالْغَيْرَةُ وَالسَّخَاءُ وَالشُّجَاعَةُ وَكَثْرَةُ الطَّرِيقَةِ.

Being Kind To Ladies

Imam Sadeq has said: "Being Kind to ladies is among the Prophets habits."

قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ حُبُّ النِّسَاءِ.

The Way The Prophets Slept

Imam Ali said: "Prophets sleep on their back, their eyes do not sleep, for they are looking forward for receiving revelation."

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: الْأَنْبِيَاءُ تَنَامُ عَلَى أَفْئِدَتِهَا، مُسْتَلْقِيَةً وَأَعْيُنُهُمْ لَا تَنَامُ مُتَوَقِّعَةً لَوْحِي اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ.

The Prophet's Vigil

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Ali : "Staying awake to pray leads to physical health, God's pleasure and Mercy as well as restoration to the Prophet's moral virtues."

عَنْ عَلِيٍّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: قَالَ: قِيَامُ اللَّيْلِ مُصِحَّةٌ لِلْبَدَنِ وَمَرْضَاةٌ لِلرَّبِّ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَتَعَرُّضٌ لِلرَّحْمَةِ وَتَمَسُّكٌ بِأَخْلَاقِ النَّبِيِّينَ .

Keeping Away From A Sinful Look

Imam Sadeq quoting Prophet Moses in the story of Prophet Shuaib's daughter as saying: "Walk behind me and lead the way, for we — the Prophets — do not look at women's rumps."

عَنْ جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ: وَقَالَ مُوسَى: كُونِي خَلْفِي وَعَرِّفِينِي الطَّرِيقَ فَإِنَّا [الْأَنْبِيَاءُ] قَوْمٌ لَا نَنْظُرُ إِلَى أَذْيَارِ النِّسَاءِ .

The Prophet's Forgiveness

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq : To be powerful and to forgive is one of the habits of the Prophets and the pious ones."

عَنِ الصَّادِقِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: الْعَفْوُ عِنْدَ الْقُدْرَةِ مِنْ سُنَنِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَالْمُتَّقِينَ .

Avoiding Flattery

Imam Ali has said: "Flattery is not the habit of the Prophets."

قال أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: لَيْسَ الْمَلَقُ مِنْ خُلُقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ .

The Prophets' Way Of Speaking

The holy Prophet has said: "We — the Prophets — have been commissioned to speak to people to the extent of their understanding."

قال رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: إِنَّا مَعَاشِرَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ أُمِرْنَا أَنْ نُكَلِّمَ النَّاسَ عَلَى قَدْرِ عُقُولِهِمْ .

The Prophet's Heritage

The holy Prophet has said: "Surely the Prophets have bequeathed neither Dirham nor Dinar but they have left a bequest of Knowledge."

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ : إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَمْ يُورَثُوا دِينَارًا وَلَا دِرْهَمًا وَلَكِنْ وَرَثُوا الْعِلْمَ .

The Prophet's Supper

Imam Ali has said: "the Prophets would have dinner after performing their night prayer. Therefore, do not forsake dinner, for forsaking it will affect your health."

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : عِشَاءُ النَّبِيِّينَ بَعْدَ الْعَتَمَةِ فَلَا تَدَعُوهُ فَإِنَّ تَرْكَ الْعِشَاءِ خَرَابُ الْبَدَنِ .

Farming And Shepherdism

Muhammad Ibn Attiah has reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq : "God Almighty likes farming and shepherdism for His messengers so that they will not dislike rainfall."

عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَطِيَّةٍ قَالَ : سَمِعْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ يَقُولُ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ أَحَبُّ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْحَرَثِ وَالرَّعْيِ لِثَلَا يَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا مِنْ قَطْرِ السَّمَاءِ .

Brushing One's Teeth

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq: "To brush one's teeth is the habit of the Prophets."

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ : السِّوَاكُ مِنْ سُنَنِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ .

Truthfulness And Trustworthiness

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq : "God Almighty has not ordained a messenger save with truthfulness and trustworthiness towards both benefactor and wrongdoer."

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَمْ يَبْعَثْ نَبِيًّا إِلَّا بِصِدْقِ الْحَدِيثِ وَإِدَاءِ الْأَمَانَةِ إِلَى الْبَرِّ وَالْفَاجِرِ .

Where The Prophets Cannot Endure

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq : "God Almighty afflicted Prophet Job (Ayyub) without having committed any sin to the extent that people reproached him and surely the Prophets cannot endure reproach."

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى ابْتَلَى أَيُّوبَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ بِلَا ذَنْبٍ . فَصَبَرَ حَتَّى عُيرَ وَإِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَا يَصْبِرُونَ عَلَى التَّعْيِيرِ .

The Prophets And Perfume

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Reza: "Wearing perfume is the habit of the Prophets."

قَالَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُوسَى الرِّضَا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : الطَّيِّبُ مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ .

The Prophets And Tribulation

It has been reported on the authority of Prophet Jacob (Yaqoob) : "Tribulation afflicts the Prophets and those who resemble us more immediately than any one else."

عَنْ يَعْقُوبَ النَّبِيِّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : إِنَّا مَعْشَرَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ أَسْرَعُ شَيْءٍ الْبَلَاءُ إِلَيْنَا ، ثُمَّ الْأَمْثَلُ فَالْأَمْثَلُ النَّاسَ .

Prophets And Immaculacy

Imam Sadeq has reported on the authority of his father, Imam Baqer : The Prophets are immaculate; they are innocent and pure; they do not commit any sin nor are unjust. They do not even commit mortal or venial sin."

عَنْ جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَا يَذْنُبُونَ ، لِأَنَّهُمْ مَعْصُومُونَ مُطَهَّرُونَ لَا يُذْنِبُونَ وَلَا يَزِيغُونَ وَلَا يَرْتَكِبُونَ ذَنْبًا صَغِيرًا وَلَا كَبِيرًا .

Longevity In The Light Of Obedience To God

Imam Ali has said: "Longevity in the light of obedience to God is one of the characteristics of Prophets."

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : طُولُ الْعُمُرِ مَعَ الطَّاعَةِ مِنَ خُلُقِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ .

Perfume, Espouse, And Toothbrush

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Sadeq : "Prophets are endowed with three virtues: Wearing Perfume, love of espouse, and brushing their teeth."

. عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ : ثَلَاثٌ أُعْطِيَهُنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ : الْعِطْرُ ، وَالْأَزْوَاجُ ، وَالسَّوَالِكُ

Prophets' Generosity

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Moosa Ibn Ja'afar : "All Prophets and their successors were generous."

. عَنْ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ : مَا بَعَثَ اللَّهُ نَبِيًّا وَلَا وَصِيًّا إِلَّا سَخِيًّا

Prophets' Weapon

It has been reported on the authority of Imam Reza who said to his disciples: Resort to the Prophets' weapon. They asked: What is the weapon of Prophets? The Imam answered: Doa.

. عَنْ الرِّضَا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَقُولُ لِأَصْحَابِهِ : عَلَيْكُمْ بِسِلَاحِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ ، فَقِيلَ : وَمَا سِلَاحُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ ؟ قَالَ : الدُّعَاءُ

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