

Introduction

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ الْعَصْرِ (عج) أَذْرِكُنَا

Among all the creatures in this world, man has been created in such a way that he cannot fulfill all his needs without the cooperation from others. Man is dependent upon others in his daily life. Imam Ja'far Sadiq (a.s.) says:

إِنَّ أَحَدًا لَا يَسْتَغْنِي عَنِ النَّاسِ حَيَاتَهُ وَ النَّاسُ لَا بُدَّ لِبَعْضِهِمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ

“Surely no one is needless of other people in his life and people are dependent on each other.”¹

A person was praying, “O Lord! Do not make me dependent upon Your creation.”

Imam Ja'far Sadiq (a.s.) said:

“Allah has not ordained in this manner. Allah has ordained one person’s sustenance through another. Pray to Allah in this manner: O Allah! Bestow me my sustenance through those who are fortunate and pious. Do not bestow me my sustenance through ill-mannered people.”²

¹. Wasaael al-Shiah, v. 8, p. 399

². Tuhaf al-Uqool, p. 379