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## Satisfaction with Allah's Divine Decree

Satisfaction with Allah's Divine Decree الرِّضَاءُ بِالْقَضَاءِ

### Satisfaction

الرِّضَا

- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): نِعَمَ الْقَرِينُ الرِّضَا1

1- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'What an excellent companion satisfaction is.' [Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 4]

- الإمامُ الحسنُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مَنْ أَتَكَلَّ عَلَى حُسْنِ الْإِخْتِيَارِ مِنَ اللَّهِ ، لَمْ يَتَمَنَّ أَنْهُ فِي غَيْرِ الْحَالِ الَّتِي اخْتَارَهَا اللَّهُ لَهُ.

2- Imam al-Hasan (a.s.) said, 'He who trusts whatever Allah has chosen for him to be good, will never wish to be in any situation other than what Allah has chosen for him to be in.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 106, no. 6]

!- الإمامُ الحسنُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): كَيْفَ يَكُونُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مُؤْمِنًا وَهُوَ يَسْخَطُ قِسْمَهُ وَيُحَقِّرُ مَنْزِلَتَهُ وَالْحَاكِمُ عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُ؟3

3- Imam al-Hasan (a.s.) said, 'How can a believer call himself a believer if he is dissatisfied with his lot in life and despises his current circumstances when Allah is the authority above him.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 43, p. 351, no. 25]

- الإمامُ زينُ العابدينَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): أَعْلَى دَرَجَةِ الزُّهْدِ أَدْنَى دَرَجَةِ الْوَرَعِ ، وَأَعْلَى دَرَجَةِ الْوَرَعِ أَدْنَى دَرَجَةِ الْيَقِينِ 4،

وَأَعْلَى دَرَجَةِ الْيَقِينِ أَدْنَى دَرَجَةِ الرِّضَا.

4— Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, 'The highest degree of asceticism is equivalent to the lowest degree of piety. And the highest degree of piety is equivalent to the lowest degree of certainty. And the highest degrees of certainty are equivalent to the lowest degrees of ultimate satisfaction (with Allah).'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 128, no. 4]

..الإمام زين العابدين (عليه السلام): الرضا بمكروه القضاء من أعلى درجات اليقين<sup>5</sup>

5— Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, 'Satisfaction with adversities is one of the highest stages of certainty.'[al-Tamhis, p. 60, no. 131]

! الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام): لم يكن رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) يقول لشيء قد مضى: لو كان غير<sup>6</sup>

6— Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The Prophet (S) never used to utter the words 'if only...' with regards to something that had happened in the past.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 71, p. 157, no. 75]

..الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام): رأس طاعة الله الرضا بما صنع الله فيما أحبَّ العبدُ وفيما كره<sup>7</sup>

7— Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The basis of obedience to Allah is to be satisfied with everything that Allah has designed whether he himself likes it or not.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 139, no. 28]

## **Things that Incite Satisfaction [With Allah's Decree]**

ما يورث الرضا

..الإمام علي (عليه السلام): أصل الرضا حسن الثقة بالله<sup>8</sup>

8— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The origin of satisfaction is trust in Allah.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3805]

..الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام): إن أعلم الناس بالله أرضاهم بقضاء الله<sup>9</sup>

9— Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Verily those who have the greatest knowledge of Allah are the most satisfied with His decree.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 71, p. 158, no. 75]

## The Benefits of Satisfaction

### ثَمَرَاتُ الرِّضَا

.. رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ): إِذَا أَحَبَّ اللهُ عَبْدًا ابْتَلَاهُ، فَإِنْ صَبَرَ اجْتَبَاهُ ، وَإِنْ رَضِيَ اصْطَفَاهُ<sup>10</sup>

10– The Prophet (S) said, 'When Allah loves a servant He tests him with tribulations, and if he endures these He selects him [for His proximity], and if he bears them with satisfaction, He distinguishes him.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 82, p. 142, no. 26]

.. رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ): إِرْضَ بِقَسَمِ اللهِ تَكُنْ أَغْنَى النَّاسِ<sup>11</sup>

11– The Prophet (S) said, 'Satisfy yourself with Allah's share [for you] and you will be the richest of people.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 69, p. 368, no. 4]

.. الإمامُ عليُّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): الرِّضَا يَنْفِي الْحُزْنَ<sup>12</sup>

12– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Satisfaction expels sorrow.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 410]

.. رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): إِنَّ أَهْنَأَ النَّاسِ عِيشًا مَنْ كَانَ بِمَا قَسَمَ اللهُ لَهُ رَاضِيًا<sup>13</sup>

13– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Verily the one who enjoys the best standards of living is he who is satisfied with what Allah has apportioned for him.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3397]

.. الإمامُ الحسنُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): أَنَا الضَّامِنُ لِمَنْ لَا يَهْجِسُ فِي قَلْبِهِ إِلَّا الرِّضَا أَنْ يَدْعُوَ اللَّهَ فَيُسْتَجَابَ لَهُ<sup>14</sup>

14– Imam al-Hasan (a.s.) said, 'I guarantee you that the one who entertains nothing save satisfaction with Allah in his heart, has only to ask Allah and He will answer him.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, v. 71, p. 159, no. 75]

.. الإمامُ الصادقُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): الرُّوحُ وَالرَّاحَةُ فِي الرِّضَا وَالْيَقِينِ ، وَالْهَمُّ وَالْحُزْنُ فِي الشَّكِّ وَالسُّخْطِ<sup>15</sup>

15– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Tranquility and comfort lie in satisfaction and certainty, whereas worry and sorrow lie in doubt and dissatisfaction.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, p. 159, no. 75]

## The Outcomes of Dissatisfaction

ثَمَرَةُ عَدَمِ الرِّضَا

.. الإمامُ الصَّادِقُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مَنْ لَمْ يَرْضَ بِمَا قَسَمَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ ، اتَّهَمَ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِي قَضَائِهِ 16

16– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who is dissatisfied with what Allah has apportioned him accuses Allah with regards to His decree.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 202, no. 33]

- الإمامُ الصَّادِقُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مَنْ رَضِيَ الْقَضَاءَ أَتَى عَلَيْهِ الْقَضَاءُ وَهُوَ مَأْجُورٌ وَمَنْ سَخِطَ الْقَضَاءَ أَتَى عَلَيْهِ 17  
الْقَضَاءُ وَأَحْبَطَ اللَّهُ أَجْرَهُ.

17– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The one who is satisfied with Allah's decree will experience His decree and be rewarded [on account of his satisfaction], whereas the one who is displeased with the decree, not only will he continue to experience the same decree, but Allah will do away with his reward too.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 71, p. 139, no. 26]

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