

Sermon 45: Praise belongs to God, Whose mercy ...

About Allah's greatness and lowliness of this world

(ومن خطبة له (عليه السلام

وهو بعض خطبة طويلة خطبها يوم الفطر

:وفيها يحمد الله ويذم الدنيا

Praise is due to Allah from Whose mercy no one loses hope, from Whose bounty no one is deprived, from Whose forgiveness no one is disappointed and for Whose worship no one is too high. His mercy never ceases and His bounty is never missed.

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ غَيْرَ مَقْنُوطٍ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ، وَلَا مَخْلُوفٍ مِنْ نِعْمَتِهِ، وَلَا مَأْيُوسٍ مِنْ مَغْفِرَتِهِ، وَلَا مُسْتَنْكَفٍ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ، الَّذِي لَا تَبْرَحُ مِنْهُ رَحْمَةٌ، وَلَا تُفْقَدُ لَهُ نِعْمَةٌ.

This world is a place for which destruction is ordained and for its inhabitants departure from here is destined. It is sweet and green. It hastens towards its seeker and attaches to the heart of the viewer. So depart from here with the best of provision available with you and do not ask herein more than what is enough and do not demand from it more than subsistence.

وَالدُّنْيَا دَارٌ مُنِي لَهَا الْفَنَاءُ، وَلَاهِلُهَا مِنْهَا الْجَلَاءُ، وَهِيَ حُلُوءَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ، قَدْ عَجَلَتْ لِلطَّالِبِ، وَالتَّبَسَّتْ بِقَلْبِ النَّاطِرِ؛ فَارْتَحِلُوا مِنْهَا بِأَحْسَنِ مَا بَحَضَرَتْكُمْ مِنَ الزَّادِ، وَلَا تَسْأَلُوا فِيهَا فَوْقَ الْكَفَافِ، وَلَا تَطْلُبُوا مِنْهَا أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الْبَلَاغِ.

Alternative Sources for Sermon 45

- (1) Al-Saduq, *Man la yahduruh*, I, 327;
- (2) al-Tusi, *Misbah*, 458; parts of it recorded by (3)
- (3) al-Mufid, *al-'Irshad*;
- (4) al-Jahiz, *al-Bayan*, I, 171;
- (5) Ibn Qutaybah, *'Uyun*, II, 235;
- (6) al-Harrani, *Tuhaf*;
- (7) al-Baqillani, *I'jaz*, 222.

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