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2) Fulfilment of God's Commands

“لزوم أمره”

No doubt, God's commands are issued for the benefit of individuals and societies. A pious man, in order to gain these benefits, should always obey God's commands. It is narrated from Imam Baqir(as):

"اَحَبُّ الاعْمَالِ اِلی الله عَزَّوَجَلَّ مَا دَامَ عَلَيهِ العَبْدُ وَاِن قَلَّت"

"The deeds most loved by God are those which the servant performs continually, although they may be few."[1]

Of course, man, through his exercise and continuity of performing his tasks, attains growth; or else, he would remain in one condition, which is a complete loss. Regarding this, Imam Sadiq (as) has stated:

"مَن اَستَوی يَومَاهُ فَهُو مَغْبُون وَمَن كَانَ آخِرُ يَومِهِ شَرُّهُمَا فَهُوَ مَلعُون وَمَن لَم يَعرِف الزِّيَادَة في نَفسِهِ كَانَ اِلی النُّقصَانِ اَقرَبُ وَمَن كَانَ اِلی النُّقصَانِ اَقرَب فَالمَوتُ خَيرٌ لَهُ مِنَ الحَيَاةِ"

"He whose two days are the same, has suffered loss. He whose second day is the worse of the two days, is cursed. He who does not see any increase (in good) in himself is nearer to loss, and death is better than life for one who is nearer to loss."[2]

It is on the basis of this fact that the Imam (as) orders his son and his other spiritual sons to obey God's commands so that the spirit of development and attaining genuine benefits and the obedience of God’s commands are kept alive in children.

1. . Bihar al-Anwar, vol.71, p.219.
2. . Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 17, p. 173.

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