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19. The Safety of the Sanctuary (Haram)

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ سِنَانٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع) قَالَ قُلْتُ: أَ رَأَيْتَ قَوْلَهُ وَ مَنْ دَخَلَهُ كَانَ آمِناً أَلْبَيْتُ عَنى أَوِ الْحَرَمُ؟ قَالَ: مَنْ دَخَلَ الْحَرَمَ مِنَ النَّاسِ مَسْتَجِيراً بِهِ فَهُوَ آمِنٌ وَ مَنْ دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُسْتَجِيراً بِهِ فَهُوَ آمِنٌ مِنْ سَخَطِ اللَّهِ وَ مَنْ دَخَلَ الْحَرَمَ مِنَ الْوُحُشِ وَ السِّبَاعِ وَ الطَّيْرِ فَهُوَ آمِنٌ مِنْ أَنْ يُهَاجَ أَوْ يُؤْذَى حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ مِنَ الْحَرَمِ.

It has been narrated from ‘Abdullah Ibn Sanan from Abi ‘Abdillah [Imam Ja’far Ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) that he asked, “What is the meaning of His words:

وَ مَنْ دَخَلَهُ كَانَ أَمِناً

{***And whosoever enters into it*** (***the Haram***)***, does so in safety.***}

Does this refer to the Ka’bah or the entire Sanctuary (Haram)?”

The Imam (peace be upon him) replied, “A person who enters into the Sanctuary (Haram) seeking protection, shall remain protected; whoever from amongst the true believers enters into the Sanctuary (Haram) seeking protection from the wrath of Allah shall be protected from it; and whichever wild and domestic animal or bird enters into the Sanctuary (Haram) will be protected from being disturbed and bothered until it leaves the Sanctuary (Haram).”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 96, Page 74

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