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8) His Supplication in Seeking Refuge

وَ كَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الِاسْتِعَاذَةِ مِنَ الْمَكَارِهِ وَ سَيِّئِ الْأَخْلَاقِ وَ مَذَامِّ الْأَفْعَالِ (8)

His Supplication in Seeking Refuge from Hateful Things, Bad Moral Qualities, and Blameworthy Acts

1– O God, I seek refuge in Thee from
the agitation of craving,
the violence of wrath, the domination of envy,
the frailty of patience,
the lack of contentment, surliness of character,
urgency of passion, the disposition to vehemence,

2– following caprice,[1]
opposing guidance,
the sleep of heedlessness,
undertaking the toilsome,
preferring falsehood over truth,
persisting in sin,
making little of disobedience,
making much of obedience,

3– vying with the wealthy,
disparaging the poor,
guarding badly over those in our hands,
failing to thank those who have done good to us,

4– aiding a wrongdoer,
abandoning someone troubled,
wanting what is not rightfully ours,
and speaking about knowledge without knowing.

5– We seek refuge in Thee from
harbouring dishonesty toward anyone,
being pleased with our works,
and stretching out our expectations.

6– We seek refuge in Thee from
ill–mindedness,
looking down on the small,
Satan's gaining mastery over us,
time's afflicting us,
and the sovereign's oppressing us.

7– We seek refuge in Thee from
acting with prodigality
and not having sufficiency.

8– We seek refuge in Thee from
the gloating of enemies,
indigent need for equals,
living in hardship,
and dying without readiness.

9– We seek refuge in Thee from
the most dreadful remorse,
the greatest affliction, the most wretched wretchedness, the evil end to the journey,
the deprivation of reward,
and the advent of punishment.

10– O God,
bless Muhammad and his Household
and through Thy mercy, give to me refuge from all of that,
and to all the faithful, both men and women!
O Most Merciful of the merciful!

1. اللَّهُمَّ إِنيِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ هَيَجَانِ الْحِرْصِ ،

، وَ سَوْرَةِ الْغَضَبِ ، وَ غَلَبَةِ الْحَسَدِ

، وَ ضَعْفِ الصَّبْرِ

، وَ قِلَّةِ الْقَنَاعَةِ ، وَ شَكَاسَةِ الْخُلُقِ

وَ إِلْحَاحِ الشَّهْوَةِ ، وَ مَلَكَةِ الْحَمِيَّةِ

2. ، وَ مُتَابَعَةِ الْهَوَى ، وَ مُخَالَفَةِ الْهُدَى

، وَ سِنَةِ الْغَفْلَةِ ، وَ تَعَاطِي الْكُلْفَةِ

، وَ إِيثَارِ الْبَاطِلِ عَلَى الْحَقِّ

، وَ الْإِصْرَارِ عَلَى الْمَأْثَمِ

. وَ اسْتِصْغَارِ الْمَعْصِيَةِ ، وَ اسْتِكْبَارِ الطَّاعَةِ

3. ، وَ مُبَاهَاةِ الْمُكْثِرِينَ ، وَ الْإِزْرَاءِ بِالْمُقِلِّينَ

، وَ سُوءِ الْوِلَايَةِ لِمَنْ تَحْتَ أَيْدِينَا

وَ تَرْكِ الشُّكْرِ لِمَنِ اصْطَنَعَ الْعَارِفَةَ عِنْدَنَا

4. ، أَوْ أَنْ نَعْضُدَ ظَالِماً ، أَوْ نَخْذُلَ مَلْهُوفاً

، أَوْ نَرُومَ مَا لَيْسَ لَنَا بِحَقٍّ

. أَوْ نَقُولَ فِي الْعِلْمِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ

5. ، وَ نَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ نَنْطَوِيَ عَلَى غِشِّ أَحَدٍ

. وَ أَنْ نُعْجِبَ بِأَعْمَالِنَا ، وَ نَمُدَّ فِي آمَالِنَا

6. وَ نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ سُوءِ السَّرِيرَةِ ،

، وَ احْتِقَارِ الصَّغِيرَةِ

، وَ أَنْ يَسْتَحْوِذَ عَلَيْنَا الشَّيْطَانُ

أَوْ يَنْكُبَنَا الزَّمَانُ ، أَوْ يَتَهَضَّمَنَا السُّلْطَانُ

7. وَ نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ تَنَاوُلِ الْإِسرَافِ ، وَ مِنْ فِقْدَانِ الْكَفَافِ .

8. وَ نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَمَاتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ ،

، وَ مِنَ الْفَقْرِ إِلَى الْأَكْفَاءِ

. وَ مِنْ مَعِيشَةٍ فِي شِدَّةٍ ، وَ مِيتَةٍ عَلَى غَيْرِ عُدَّةٍ

9. وَ نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْحَسْرَةِ الْعُظْمَى ،

، وَ الْمُصِيبَةِ الْكُبْرَى ، وَ أَشْقَى الشَّقَاءِ

، وَ سُوءِ الْمَآبِ

. وَ حِرْمَانِ الثَّوَابِ ، وَ حُلُولِ الْعِقَابِ

10. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ ،

وَ أَعِذْنِي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَلِكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ

، وَ جَمِيعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

. يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

1. The term 'caprice' denotes any desire that is opposed to the truth or turns man away from the divine guidance.

Who is further astray than he who follows his own caprice without guidance from God? (28:50) Obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance, so that he follows his own caprice (18:28).

God addresses David with the command:

Judge among men by the truth, and follow not caprice (38:26).

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