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1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : لا تَخُنْ مَن خانَكَ فتكونَ مِثلَهُ

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Do not betray the one who betrays you lest you be like him.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 175, no. 3]

2ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : لَيسَ مِنّا مَن خَانَ بالأمانَةِ

2– The Prophet (S) said, 'The one who betrays his trust is not from us.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 172, no. 14]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : الخِيانَةُ رأسُ النِّفاقِ

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Betrayal is the fountainhead of hypocrisy.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 969]

4ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : يُجبَلُ المؤمنُ على كُلِّ طَبيعةٍ إلّا الخِيانَةَ والكَذِبَ

4– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The believer is naturally disposed to all the traits except betrayal and lying.'[al-Ikhtisas, p. 231]

5ـ عن مُعاويةَ بنِ عمّارٍ : قلت لأبي عبدالله (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) : الرّجُلُ يكونُ لِي علَيهِ الحقُّ فيَجْحَدُنِيهِ ثُمَّ يَسْتَودِعُني مالاً، أَلِيَ أنْ آخُذَ مالِي عِندَهُ ؟ قال : لا ، هذهِ خِيانَةٌ .

5– Mu’awiyah b. ‘Ammar narrated, ‘I asked Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.), ‘If I entrust some money with a man and he denies that I entrusted him with anything, and then he [in the future] entrusts me with money, can I keep that money [to make up for the money that he took from me]? Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) replied, ‘No, that is betrayal.’[Nur al–Thaqalayn, v. 2, p. 144, no. 68]

6ـ عن أبي ثُمامَةَ : دخَلْتُ على أبي جعفر (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) وقلتُ لَه : جُعِلتُ فِداكَ ، إنّي رجُلٌ أُريدُ أنْ أُلازِمَ مكّةَ وعلَيَّ دَينٌ للمُرجِئةِ ، فمَا تقولُ ؟ قالَ : ارجِعْ إلى مُؤدّى دَينِكَ وانظُرْ أنْ تَلقى اللّهَ تَعالى ولَيسَ علَيكَ دَينٌ ، فإنّ المؤمنَ لا يَخونُ .

6– AbU Thumama narrated: ‘I came to Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) and said to him, ‘May I be your ransom! I am a man who wishes to go to Makkah but I have an overdue debt so can you please advise me?’ The Imam (a.s.) replied, ‘Pay your debt and focus on meeting your Lord without any debt on your shoulders, for verily a believer does not betray [his trust].’[‘Allal al–Sharai’a, p. 528, no. 7]

Explanation of Betrayal and the Betrayer

تَفسيرُ الخِيانَةِ وَالخائِنِ

7ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : إفْشاءُ سِرِّ أخيكَ خِيانَةٌ ، فاجتَنِبْ ذلكَ

7– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Disclosing the secret of your brother is betrayal, so keep away from that.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 77, p. 89, no. 3]

8ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : أمّا علاَمَةُ الخائنِ فأربَعةٌ: عِصْيانُ الرّحمانِ ، وأذى الجِيرانِ ، وبُغْضُ الأقْرانِ ، والقُرْبُ إلى الطُّغْيانِ.

8– The Prophet (S) said, ‘As for the signs of the betrayer, there are four: disobedience to the All–Beneficent, disturbance to neighbours, loathing his associates, and being close to tyranny and oppression.’[Tuhaf al–’Uqul]

9ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) : الخائنُ مَن شَغَلَ نفسَهُ بغَيرِ نَفْسِهِ ، وكانَ يَومُهُ شَرّاً مِن أمْسِهِ

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The betrayer is the one who busies himself with [the affairs of] others and his today is worse than his yesterday.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2013]

10ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : أيُّما رجُلٍ مِن أصْحابِنا اسْتَعانَ بِهِ رجُلٌ من إخْوانِهِ في حاجَةٍ ، فلَم يُبالِغْ فيها بكُلِّ جُهْدِه ، فقد خانَ اللّهَ ورسولَهُ والمؤمنينَ.

10– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Whoever from among our companions seeks assistance from one of his brothers, who does not exercise his full efforts [in trying to help him], then he has betrayed Allah and His messenger and the believers.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 175, no. 7]

11ـ . . الإمامُ الجوادُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : كَفى بالمَرءِ خِيانَةً أنْ يكونَ أميناً للخَوَنَةِ

11– Imam al-Jawad (a.s.) said, ‘It is sufficient for someone to be classified as a betrayer if he is the trustee of a disloyal person.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 364, no. 4]

The Peak of Betrayal

غايَةُ الخِيانَةِ

12ـ . . الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : غايَةُ الخِيانَةِ خِيانَةُ الخِلِّ الوَدودِ ، ونَقْضُ الْعُهُودِ

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The peak of betrayal is disloyalty to a beloved friend and the breaking of vows.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6374]

13ـ . . الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : من أفْحَشِ الخِيانَةِ خِيانَةُ الوَدائعِ

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘One of the worst forms of betrayal is being disloyal with things entrusted in one’s possession.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 931]

14ـ . . الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنّ أعْظَمَ الخِيانَةِ خيانَةُ الأُمّةِ (الأمَنةِ) ، وأفْظَعَ الغِشِّ غِشُّ الأئمّةِ

14– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Verily the worst betrayal is the betrayal of the [religious] community, and the most repulsive deceit is that of the leaders.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Letter 26]

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