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.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : لَا يَحْتَكِرُ إِلَّا الْخَوَّانُونَ¹

1- The Prophet (S) said, ‘Only the perfidious ones hoard.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 9738]

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : لَا يَحْتَكِرُ إِلَّا خَاطِئٌ²

2- The Prophet (S) said, ‘Only an offender hoards.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 9723]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) : الْاِحْتِكَارُ دَاعِيَةُ الْحِرْمَانِ³

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Hoarding is the cause of deprivation.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 256]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) : الْاِحْتِكَارُ شِيْمَةُ الْفُجَّارِ⁴

4- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Hoarding is the habit of the dissolute.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 607]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) : الْاِحْتِكَارُ رَذِيْلَةٌ⁵

5- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Hoarding is a vice.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 112]

.. الإمام عليّ (عليه السلام) : الاحتكار مطية النصب⁶

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Hoarding is the mount of hardship.'[al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 19, no. 4]

.. الإمام عليّ (عليه السلام) : من طبائع الأغمار إتعاب النفوس في الاحتكار⁷

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'One of the characteristics of the idiots is exhausting themselves by hoarding.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9349]

.. الإمام عليّ (عليه السلام) - فيما كتبه للأشتر حين ولّاه مصر - : ... واعلم - مع ذلك - أن في كثير منهم ضعفاً فاجشاً ، وشحاً قبيحاً ، واحتكاراً للمنافع ، وتحكماً في البياعات ، وذلك باب مضرّة للعامة ، وعيب على الولاة ، فامنع من الاحتكار ؛ فإن رسول الله (صلي الله عليه وآله) منع منه .

8- Imam Ali (a.s.) said in a letter he wrote to al-Ashtar when he appointed him governor of Egypt, 'Know – along with this – that most of the merchants and traders are very narrow-minded, and awfully avaricious. They hoard goods for profiteering and fix high prices for goods. This is a source of harm to the people, and a source of shame for the governors in charge. So stop people from hoarding, because verily the Messenger of Allah (S) has prohibited it.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Letter 53]

.. الإمام عليّ (عليه السلام) : كلُّ حكرة تضرُّ بالناس وتغلي السعر عليهم فلا خير فيها⁹

9- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'There is no good in any act of hoarding that brings loss to the people and inflates the prices for them.'[Mustadrak al-Wasa'il, v. 13, p. 274, no. 15337]

.. الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام) : إن الله عز وجل تطول على عباده بالحبّة فسلب عليها القمّة ، ولولا ذلك لخزنتها¹⁰ الملوك كما يخزنون الذهب والفضّة .

10- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Truly Allah, Mighty and Exalted, showed His bounty to His servants in the seed, but He also plagued them with lice; otherwise the kings would have hoarded it as they hoard gold and silver.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 87, no. 3]

The Hoarder

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : الْمُحْتَكِرُ مَلْعُونٌ¹¹

11- The Prophet (S) said, 'The hoarder is damned.'[Ibid. v. 62, p. 292, Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 9716]

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : الْمُحْتَكِرُ فِي سُوقِنَا كَالْمُلْحِدِ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ¹²

12- The Prophet (S) said, 'The hoarder in our market is like the apostate in the Book of Allah.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 9717]

- رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : بئسَ العبدُ المحتكرُ ، إن أرخصَ الله تعالى الأسعارَ حَزَنَ ، وإن أغلأها الله¹³ . فَرِحَ .

13- The Prophet (S) said, 'What a wretched servant the hoarder is, for if Allah, most High, lowers the prices he is saddened but if He raises them he rejoices.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 9715]

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : يُحْشَرُ الْحَكَارُونَ وَقَتْلَةُ الْأَنْفُسِ إِلَى جَهَنَّمَ فِي دَرَجَةٍ¹⁴

14- The Prophet (S) said, 'The hoarders and the murderers will be resurrected to occupy the same position in Hell.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 9739]

- رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : مَنْ جَمَعَ طَعَاماً يَتَرَبَّصُ بِهِ الْغَلَاءَ أَرْبَعِينَ يَوْماً فَقَدْ بَرِئَ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَبَرِئَ اللَّهُ مِنْهُ¹⁵ .

15- The Prophet (S) said, 'He who hoards food for forty days waiting for the rise of its price, he indeed disassociates himself from Allah and Allah disassociates Himself from him.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 62, p. 292]

- رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : أَيُّمَا رَجُلٍ اشْتَرَى طَعَاماً فَكَبَسَهُ أَرْبَعِينَ صَبَاحاً يُرِيدُ بِهِ غَلَاءَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ، ثُمَّ¹⁶ بَاعَهُ فَتَصَدَّقَ بِثَمَنِهِ لَمْ يَكُنْ كَفَّارَةً لِمَا صَنَعَ .

16- The Prophet (S) said, 'Any man who buys food and hoards it for forty days waiting for its demand to rise among the Muslims and then sells it, even if he were to donate its value in charity, it would not atone for what he did.'[Amali al-Tusi, p. 676, no. 1427]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) : الْمُحْتَكِرُ مَحْرُومٌ نِعْمَتُهُ¹⁷

17- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The hoarder is deprived of his bounty.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 465]

.. عنه (عليه السلام) : الْمُحْتَكِرُ الْبَخِيلُ جَامِعٌ لِمَنْ لَا يَشْكُرُهُ ، وَقَادِمٌ عَلَى مَنْ لَا يَعْذِرُهُ 18

18- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The miserly hoarder gathers for those who will not thank him, and will come to Him who will not excuse him.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1842]

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