

Honor

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The Explanation of Honor

تَفْسِيرُ الْعِزِّ

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): الْعَزِيزُ بِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ ذَلِيلٌ¹

1— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Anyone honored by other than Allah is actually disgraced.’ [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 10, no. 67]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): إَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا عِزَّ لِمَنْ لَا يَتَذَلَّلُ لِلَّهِ ، وَلَا رِفْعَةَ لِمَنْ لَا يَتَوَاضَعُ لِلَّهِ²

2— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Know that the one who does not abase himself in front of Allah has no honor, and that the one who does not humble himself before Allah has no elevation.’ [Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 366]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): وَلَا عِزَّ كَالْحِلْمِ³

3— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘There is no honor like clemency.’ [Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 113]

.. الإمامُ زينُ العابدينُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): طَاعَةُ وُلاَةِ الْأَمْرِ تَمَامُ الْعِزِّ⁴

4— Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, ‘Obedience to the [divinely appointed] authorities of command is a completion of one’s Honor.’ [Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 283]

.. الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام): العِزُّ أَنْ تَذِلَّ لِلْحَقِّ إِذَا لَزِمَكَ5

5— Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Honor is to submit oneself to the truth when it comes to you.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 228, no. 105]

Factors that Elicit Honor

موجباتُ العِزِّ

.. أوحى الله تعالى إلى داوودَ (عليه السلام): يا داوودُ ، إِنِّي ... وَضَعْتُ العِزَّ فِي طَاعَتِي ، وَهُمْ يَطْلُبُونَهُ فِي خِدْمَةِ السُّلْطَانِ فَلَا يَجِدُونَهُ.

6— It is narrated in Bihar al-Anwar: Allah, most High, revealed to Prophet David (a.s.) said, ‘O David, verily ... I have placed Honor in My obedience whilst they seek it in servitude to the ruler and do not find it therefore.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 453, no. 21]

.. لقمانُ (عليه السلام) - لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ :- إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَجْمَعَ عِزَّ الدُّنْيَا فَاقْطَعْ طَمَعَكَ مِمَّا فِي أَيْدِي النَّاسِ؛ فَإِنَّمَا بَلَغَ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ وَالصِّدِّيقُونَ مَا بَلَغُوا بِقَطْعِ طَمَعِهِمْ.

7— Luqman (a.s.) said to his son, exhorting him, ‘If you want to attract Honor in this world, then cut off your greed of drawing advantage from what other people have in their possession; for verily the prophets and the veracious ones achieved what they did by cutting off their greed.’[Qasas al-Anbiya’, p. 195, p. 244]

.. الإمامُ عليّ (عليه السلام): لَا عِزَّ أَعَزُّ مِنَ التَّقْوَى

8— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘There is no Honor higher than piety.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 371]

.. الإمامُ عليّ (عليه السلام) - فِي الْمُنَاجَاةِ :- إِلَهِي كَفَى لِي عِزًّا أَنْ أَكُونَ لَكَ عَبْدًا ، وَكَفَى بِي فَخْرًا أَنْ تَكُونَ لِي رَبًّا9

9— Imam Ali (a.s.) said in his intimate supplication, ‘My God, it is Honor enough for me that I am Your servant, and it is a source of pride for me that You are my Lord.’[al-Khisal, p. 420, no. 14]

.. الإمامُ عليّ (عليه السلام): أَلَا إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُنْصِفُ النَّاسَ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ لَمْ يَزِدْهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا عِزًّا10

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Know that verily the one who treats people fairly in spite of himself is only increased by Allah in Honor.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 144, no. 4]

.. الإمام علي (عليه السلام): اقنع تعزاً 11

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Be content and you will attain Honor.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 53, no. 90]

.. الإمام الباقر (عليه السلام): اليأس مما في أيدي الناس عز للمؤمن في دينه 12

12– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘Giving up all hope of benefit from what people possess is an Honor for a believer in his religion.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 149, no. 6]

.. الإمام الباقر (عليه السلام): ثلاث لا يزيد الله بهن المرء المسلم إلا عزاً: الصفح عمن ظلمه ، وإعطاء من حرمه 13
، والصلة لمن قطعته .

13– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘There are three things through which Allah only increases the Muslim in Honor: his pardon of one who has wronged him, his giving one who has deprived him, and his reconciliation with one who has cut him off.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 109, no. 10]

.. الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام): من أراد عزاً بلا عشيرة ، وغنى بلا مال ، وهيبة بلا سلطان ، فلينقل من ذل 14
معية الله إلى عز طاعته .

14– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘He who wishes for Honor without noble lineage, wealth without riches and dignity without rulership should remove himself from the disgrace of Allah’s disobedience to the Honor of His obedience.’[al-Khisal, p. 169, no. 222]

.. الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام): ما من عبد كظم غيظاً إلا زاده الله عزوَجلاً عزاً في الدنيا والآخرة 15

15– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Every single servant who swallows his anger is increased in Honor by Allah, Mighty and Exalted, in this world and in the Hereafter.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 110, no. 5]

.. الإمام العسكري (عليه السلام): ما ترك الحق عزيزاً إلا ذل ، ولا أخذ به ذليل إلا عز 16

16– Imam al-’Aaskari (a.s.) said, ‘No sooner does an Honorable man abandon the truth than he is abased, and no sooner does a disgraced man adopt it than he is Honored.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p.

That Which Causes Honor To Last

ما يوجبُ بقاءَ العِزِّ

.. الإمامُ الباقرُ (عليه السَّلامُ): أُطْلُبْ بقاءَ العِزِّ بِإِمَاتَةِ الطَّمَعِ 17

17– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘Seek for everlasting Honor through killing greed.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 286]

.. الإمامُ الصَّادقُ (عليه السَّلامُ): حِشْمَةُ الانْتِقِاضِ أَبْقَى لِلْعِزِّ مِنْ أُنْسِ التَّلَاقِ 18

18– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The modesty in one’s reservation preserves one’s Honor longer than the intimacy of encounter [when interacting with people].’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 74, p. 180, p. 28]

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