

Housing

Housing الْمَسْكَن

Spacious Housing

سَعَةُ الْمَسْكَنِ وَضِيقُهُ

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ): مِنْ سَعَادَةِ الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ الْمَسْكَنُ الْوَاسِعُ¹

1— The Prophet (S) said, 'Part of a Muslim's prosperity is living in spacious housing.' [al-Kafi, v. 6, p. 526, no. 7]

.. الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مِنْ شَقَاءِ الْعَيْشِ ضِيقُ الْمَنْزِلِ²

2— Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'A misfortunate way of life entails living in a cramped house.' [al-Kafi, no. 6]

Caution Against Building More Housing Than Necessary for One's Living

التَّحْذِيرُ مِنَ الْبِنَاءِ فَوْقَ الْكَفَافِ

- الإمامُ عليُّ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مِنَ الْعَنَاءِ أَنْ الْمَرْءَ يَجْمَعُ مَا لَا يَأْكُلُ وَيَبْنِي مَا لَا يَسْكُنُ ، ثُمَّ يَخْرُجُ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى لَا مَالًا³ .
حَمَلَ ، وَلَا بِنَاءً نَقَلَ .

3— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'It is a distressful situation that man amasses what he does not eat and builds

wherein he does not live, then he goes to Allah, most High, neither carrying the wealth with him, nor shifting the building!'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 114]

.. الإمامُ الصادقُ (عليه السّلام): كُلُّ بِنَاءٍ لَيْسَ بِكَفَافٍ فَهُوَ وَبَالَ عَلَى صَاحِبِهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ4

4– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Every building exceeding the bounds of sufficiency will be a dire curse on its owner on the Day of Resurrection.'[al-Kafi, v. 6, p. 531, no. 7]

.. الإمامُ الصادقُ (عليه السّلام): مَنْ بَنَى فَوْقَ مَسْكَنِهِ كُفِّ حَمْلُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ5

5– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who builds in addition to his own house [unnecessarily] will be made to bear its burden on the Day of Resurrection.'[al-Mahasin, v. 2, p. 446, no. 2531]

Selling a House

بَيْعُ الدَّارِ

.. رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ): مَنْ بَاعَ دَاراً ثُمَّ لَمْ يَجْعَلْ ثَمَنَهَا فِي مِثْلِهَا لَمْ يُبَارَكَ لَهُ فِيهَا6

6– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever sells a house and does not invest the money in something of similar value will not be blessed in it [his money].'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5440]

.. رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ): مَنْ بَاعَ مِنْكُمْ دَاراً أَوْ عَقَاراً ، فَلْيَعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ مَالٌ قَمَنْ أَنْ لَا يُبَارَكَ لَهُ فِيهِ إِلَّا أَنْ يَجْعَلَهُ فِي مِثْلِهِ.

7– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever from among you sells a house or some real estate, then let him bear in mind that the money acquired is not worthy of being blessed unless he invests it in something of similar value.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5441]