

Jihad

الجهاد Jihad

Striving To Obey Allah

الاجتهاد في طاعة الله

.. الإمام علي (عليه السلام) : عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْجِدِّ وَالْاجْتِهَادِ ، وَالتَّاهُبِ وَالِاسْتِعْدَادِ¹

1— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘You must adopt earnestness, diligence, preparedness and willingness.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 230]

.. الإمام علي (عليه السلام) : طَاعَةُ اللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ لَا يَحُوزُهَا إِلَّا مَنْ بَذَلَ الْجِدَّ ، وَاسْتَفْرَعَ الْجُهْدَ²

2— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Obedience to Allah cannot be attained except by one who possesses earnestness and exerts himself to the utmost.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6009]

.. الإمام الصادق (عليه السلام) : اَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَبَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ مَلَكٌ مُقَرَّبٌ وَلَا نَبِيٌّ مُرْسَلٌ وَلَا مَنْ دُونَ ذَلِكَ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ كُلِّهِمْ إِلَّا طَاعَتُهُمْ لَهُ، فَاجْتَهِدُوا فِي طَاعَةِ اللَّهِ

3— Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said ‘Know that between Allah and His creation there is no proximal angel, nor prophet, nor anything else [to intervene], except for their obedience to Him. So strive to obey Allah!’[al-Kafi, v. 8 p. 7, no. 11]

The Most Diligent of People

أَشَدُّ النَّاسِ اجْتِهَاداً

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : أَشَدُّ النَّاسِ اجْتِهَاداً مَنْ تَرَكَ الذُّنُوبَ4

4— The Prophet (S) said, ‘The most diligent of people is he who abandons sins.’[Amali al-Saduq, p. 28, no. 4]

.. رسولُ الله (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) : أَفْضَلُ الْجِهَادِ مَنْ أَصْبَحَ لَا يَهُمُّ بِظُلْمِ أَحَدٍ5

5— The Prophet (S) said, ‘The best jihad is performed by one who awakes in the morning with no intention to wrong anyone.’[al-Mahasin, v. 1, p. 456, no. 1053]

- الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) - لَمَّا قَالَ لَهُ رَجُلٌ : إِنِّي ضَعِيفُ الْعَمَلِ قَلِيلُ الصَّلَاةِ قَلِيلُ الصَّوْمِ ، وَلَكِنْ أَرْجُو أَنْ لَا أَكُلَ إِلَّا حَلَالاً ، وَلَا أَنْكِحَ إِلَّا حَلَالاً - : وَأَيُّ جِهَادٍ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ عِقْفِ بَطْنٍ وَفَرْجٍ ؟

6— When someone addressed Imam al-Baqir (a.s.), saying, ‘I am weak in my worship, praying and fasting but a little, though I strive to eat only that which is permissible, and be sexually intimate with only those whom it is permissible’, the Imam replied, ‘What jihad is there better than restraint of the stomach and the private parts?!’[Ibid. v. 1, p. 455, no. 1052]

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