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The Virtue of Martyrdom

فَضلُ الشَّهادَةِ

1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): فَوقَ كُلِّ ذِي بِرٍّ بِرٌّ حتّى يُقتَلَ الرجُلُ في سبيلِ اللّهِ، فإذا قُتِلَ في سبيلِ اللّهِ فليسَ فَوقَهُ بِرٌّ.

1– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Above every act of piety is yet a greater act of piety until a man is killed in the way of Allah, and when he is killed in the way of Allah, there is no act of piety greater.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 348, no. 4]

2ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أشرَفُ المَوتِ قَتلُ الشهادَةِ.

2– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The most dignified way to die is to be martyred.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 100, p. 8, no. 4]

3ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لَوَدِدتُ أ نّي أغزُو في سَبيلِ اللّهِ فَأُقتَلُ ، ثُمّ أغزُو فَأُقتَلُ ، ثُمّ أغزُو فَأُقتَلُ.

3– The Prophet (S) said, ‘I wish that I may fight in the way of Allah and be killed in the way of Allah, then fight again and be killed again many times over.’[Sahih Muslim, no. 1876]

4ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): يُغفَرُ للشَّهيدِ كُلُّ ذَنبٍ إلّا الدَّينَ.

4– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The martyred one is forgiven every sin except his debt [to others].’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 11110]

5ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن لَقِيَ العَدُوَّ فَصَبَرَ حتّى يُقتَلَ أو يَغلِبَ لَم يُفتَنْ في قَبرِهِ.

5– The Prophet (S) said, ‘He who faces his enemy and resists until either he is killed or he vanquishes him will not be tormented in the grave.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 10662]

6ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ما مِن نفسٍ تَموتُ لها عندَ اللّهِ خَيرٌ يَسُرُّها أ نّها تَرجِعُ إلَى الدنيا ، ولا أنَّ لَهَا الدنيا وما فيها ، إلّا الشهيدَ ؛ فإنّهُ يَتَمَنّى أن يَرجِعَ فَيُقتَلَ فِي الدنيا ؛ لِما يَرى مِن فَضلِ الشهادَةِ .

6– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Nobody who dies and who has a good position with Allah that pleases him ever wishes to return back to this world, not even to be given the world and all that is in it, except the martyr, for he wishes to return to it in order that he may be martyred again because of the virtue that he has seen in martyrdom.’[Sahih Muslim, no. 1877]

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّكُم إن لا تُقتَلُوا تَمُوتُوا ، والذي نَفسُ عَلِيٍّ بيدِهِ ، لألفُ ضَربَةٍ بالسَّيفِ عَلَى الرَّأسِ أيسَرُ مِن مَوتٍ على فِراشٍ.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Verily if you are not killed then you are going to die anyway, and I swear by the One Who holds Ali’s soul in His Hand, a thousand strikes of the sword on one’s head is easier to bear than to die in one’s bed.’[al–Irshad, v. 1, p. 238]

The Reward Of Seeking Martyrdom

ثَوابُ طَلَبِ الشَّهادَةِ

8ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن سَألَ اللّهَ الشهادَةَ بصِدقٍ بَلَّغَهُ اللّهُ مَنازِلَ الشُّهَداءِ وإن ماتَ على فِراشِهِ.

8– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Whoever sincerely asks Allah to grant him martyrdom, Allah makes him attain the station of the martyrs, even if he dies in his own bed.’[Sahih Muslim, no. 1909]

Honorary Martyrdom

الشَّهادَةُ الحُكمِيَّةُ

9ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن قُتِلَ دُونَ مَظلِمَتِهِ فهُو شَهيدٌ

9– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Whoever is unjustly killed is a martyr.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, 11205]

10ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن عَشِقَ فَكَتَمَ وعَفَّ فَماتَ فهُو شَهيدٌ

10– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Whoever loves someone passionately, then suppresses his love in order to remain chaste and dies in the process, is a martyr.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 11203]

11ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن ماتَ على حُبِّ آلِ محمّدٍ ماتَ شَهيداً . .

11– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Whoever dies loving the household of Muhammad dies a martyr.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 68, p. 137, no. 76]

12ـ الإمامُ زينُالعابدينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن ماتَ على مُوالاتِنا في غَيبةِ قائمِنا أعطاهُ اللّهُ أجرَ ألفِ شَهيدٍ مِثلِ شُهَداءِ بَدرٍ وأُحُدٍ .

12– Imam Zayn al–Abidin (a.s.) said, ‘Whoever dies accepting our guardianship during the occultation of the one who will rise up [the awaited twelfth Imam, al–Mahdi], Allah will grant him the reward of a thousand such martyrs as died in the battles of Badr and Uhud.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 82, p. 173, no. 6]

The Reward of One Who is Wounded in the Way of Allah

ثَوابُ الجَريحِ في سَبيلِ اللّهِ

13ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن جُرِحَ في سَبيلِ اللّهِ جاءَ يَومَ القِيامَةِ ريحُهُ كَريحِ المِسكِ ولَونُهُ لَونُ الزَّعفَرانِ ، عليهِ طابَعُ الشُّهَداءِ ، ومَن سَألَ اللّهَ الشهادَةَ مُخلِصاً أعطاهُ اللّهُ أجرَ شَهيدٍ وإن ماتَ على فِراشِهِ .

13– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Whoever is wounded in the way of Allah will rise up on the Day of Resurrection, his fragrance as sweet as musk and his colour as vibrant as saffron, and he will have the stamp of a martyr on him. And whoever sincerely asks Allah to grant him martyrdom, Allah grants him the reward of a martyr, even if he dies in his own bed.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 11144]

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