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التّحذِيرُ عَنِ البُخلِ

1ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخْلُ جامعٌ لِمَساوئِ العُيوبِ، وهُو زِمامٌ يُقادُ بهِ إلى كلّ سُوءٍ

1- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Miserliness encompasses all vices, and it is a rein with which one is led to every defect.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 73, p. 307, no. 36]

2ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخلُ عارٌ

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Miserliness is [a source of] shame.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 3]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخلُ جِلْبابُ المَسْكَنَةِ

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Miserliness is the garment of wretchedness.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 238, no. 1]

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخلُ بالموجودِ سُوءُ الظَّنّ بالمَعبودِ

4- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Miserliness in giving [to others] what is at hand is a mistrust in God.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1258]

5- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَن بَخِلَ بمالِهِ ذَلَّ، مَن بَخِلَ بِدينِهِ جَلَّ. .

5- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'A man who is miserly with his money will face humiliation, but a man who is miserly with his faith [i.e. he does not readily give it up] will be dignified.'[Ibid. nos. 7921-7922]

6- الإمامُ الحسنُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) لَمّا سَأَلَهُ أبوهُ عنِ الشُّحِّ : أن تَرى ما في يَدَيكَ شَرَفا وما أنفَقتَ تَلَفا .

6- Imam al-Hasan (a.s.), when his father asked him about greed, said, '[It is] when you count what is in your hands as a source of honour, while you count what you have given away as a waste.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 73, p. 305, no. 23]

7- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنّما الشَّحِيحُ مَن مَنَعَ حَقَّ اللّه ، وأنفَقَ في غَيرِ حَقِّ اللّه عز و جل.

7- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The miser is he who denies what is Allah's right, and spends instead for a purpose other than Allah's sake.'[Ibid. no. 25]

8- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : الشُّحُّ أشَدُّ مِنَ البُخلِ ، إنَّ البَخِيلَ يَبخَلُ بما في يَدِهِ ، والشَّحِيحَ يَشُحُّ عَلى ما في أيدِي الناسِ وعلى ما في يَدِهِ ، حتّى لا يَرَى في أيدِي الناسِ شَيئا إلاّ تَمَنّى أن يكونَ لَهُ بالحِلِّ والحَرامِ ، لا يَشبَعُ ولا يَنتَفِعُ بما رَزَقَهُ اللّه.

8- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Greed is worse than miserliness because a miser is parsimonious in spending what he has, whilst a greedy man covets that which others possess in addition to what he himself possesses, such that whatever he sees in the hands of others he wishes to be his – lawfully or unlawfully. He cannot be satiated, and nor does he derive any benefit from what Allah has granted him.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 371, 372]

9- الإمامُ الرِّضا (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخلُ يُمَزِّقُ العِرْضَ.

9- Imam al-Ridha (a.s.) said, 'Miserliness rips one's honour apart.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 357, no. 12]

10- الإمامُ الهادي (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخلُ أذَمُّ الأخلاقِ.

10- Imam al-Hadi (a.s.) said, 'Miserliness is the most blameworthy vice.'[Ibid. v. 72, p. 199, no. 27]

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11– رسولُ اللّه صلى الله عليه وآله : أقلُّ النّاسِ راحةً البخيلُ.

11– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The least comfortable one among people is the miser.’[Ibid. v. 73, p. 300, no. 2]

12– الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البَخيلُ خازِنٌ لِوَرَثتِهِ.

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The miser stores [wealth] for his inheritors.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 464]

13– الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البُخلُ يُذِلُّ مُصاحِبَهُ ، ويُعِزُّ مُجانِبَهُ.

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Miserliness humiliates its companion and honours the one who abandons it.’[Ibid. no. 1409]

14– الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : ليسَ لِبخيلٍ حبيبٌ.

14– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘A miser can have no friend.’[Ibid. no. 7473]

15– الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : عَجِبتُ للبخيلِ يَستعجِلُ الفَقرَ الّذي مِنه هَرَبَ ، ويَفُوتُهُ الغِنى الّذي إيّاهُ طَلَبَ ، فيعيشُ في الدُّنيا عَيْشَ الفُقراءِ ، ويُحاسَبُ في الآخِرةِ حسابَ الأغنياءِ..

15– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘I wonder at the miser – he expedites the same poverty from which he escapes, and misses the same richness for which he yearns! So he leads a life of deprivation in this world like the poor, yet he will be judged with the rich in the Hereafter.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 72, p. 199, no. 28]

16– الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : حاجَتُكَ إلى البخيلِ أبْرَدُ مِن الزَّمْهَريرِ.

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Your need to a miser is colder than the cold wind.’[Ibid. v. 78, p. 31, no. 99]

17– الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنّ أحقَّ النّاسِ بأن يَتمنّى للنّاسِ الغِنى البُخَلاءُ ؛ لأنَّ النّاسَ إذا استَغْنَوا كَفُّوا

عن أموالِهِم.

17– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘No one should love for others to be rich as much as the misers; for when others become rich, they would subsequently keep away from their wealth.’[Amali al–Saduq, p. 316, no. 8]

18– الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : حَسْبُ البخيلِ مِن بُخلِهِ سُوءُ الظَّنِّ بربِّهِ ، مَن أيقَنَ بالخَلَفِ جادَ بالعَطيّةِ .

18– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The miser’s parsimony suffices as mistrust of his Lord, for a man who is certain of [God’s] compensation would give generously.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 73, p. 306, no. 28]

The Real Miser

البخيلُ حقَّ البَخيلِ

19– رسولُ اللّه صلى الله عليه وآله : إنّما البَخيلُ حَقُّ البَخيلِ الّذي يَمنعُ الزَّكاةَ المَفروضةَ في مالِهِ ، ويَمنعُ البائِنَةَ في قومِهِ ، وهُو فيما سِوى ذلكَ يُبَذِّرُ.

19– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The real miser is the one who refuses to pay the mandatory alms–tax from his wealth, and refuses to spend on the necessities of his people, yet he squanders it on other things.’[Ma’ani al–Akhbar, p. 245, no. 4]

20– رسولُ اللّه صلى الله عليه وآله : البخيلُ حقّا مَن ذُكِرْتُ عِندَهُ فَلَم يُصَلِّ عليَّ.

20– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The real miser is he before whom my name is mentioned and he does not say ‘peace be upon him’.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 73, p. 306, no. 28]

The Most Miserly Of People

أبخلُ النّاسِ

21– رسولُ اللّه اللّه صلى الله عليه وآله : أبْخَلُ النّاسِ مَن بَخِلَ بما افترَضَ اللّهُ علَيهِ.

21– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The most miserly person is he who refuses to give what Allah has made

obligatory [i.e. the alms-tax].'[Ibid. p. 300, no. 2]

22- رسولُ اللّه اللّه صلى الله عليه وآله : إنّ أبخَلَ النّاسِ مَن بَخِلَ بالسَّلام.

22- The Prophet (S) said, 'The most miserly person is he who is miserly with his greeting [i.e. he does not greet others].'[Ibid. v. 76, p. 4, no. 11]

23- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : أبخَلُ النّاسِ مَن بَخِلَ على نفسِهِ بمالِهِ وخلّفَهُ لِوُرّاثِهِ.

23- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The most miserly person is he who does not spend his money on himself and stores it away for his inheritors.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3253]

24- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنّ سَخاءَ النّفْسِ عمّا في أيدي النّاسِ لَأفضَلُ مِن سَخاءِ البَذلِ.

24- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'A person's freedom from [coveting] what others possess is better than the liberality in giving.'[Ibid. no. 3537]

25- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنّ أميرَ المؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) بَعثَ إلى رجُلٍ بخَمسةِ أوْساقٍ مِن تَمرٍ ... فقالَ رجُلٌ لأميرِ المؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : واللّه ما سألَكَ فُلانٌ ، ولَقد كانَ يُجْزيهِ مِنالخَمسةِ أوْساقٍ وَسَقٌ واحدٌ ! فقالَ لَه أميرُالمؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : لا كَثّرَ اللّهُ في المؤمنينَ ضَرْبَكَ ! أُعطي أنا وتَبخَلُ أنتَ ؟.

25- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The Commander of the Faithful (a.s.) sent someone five camel-loads of dates ... at which a man said to him, 'By Allah, he did not even ask you for anything. Indeed, one camel-load would have been enough to recompense him!' The Commander of the Faithful (a.s.) replied, 'May Allah increase not the people of your type! I am giving and you are the one being miserly?!'[Wasa'il al-Shi'ah, v. 6, p. 318, no. 1]

The Sign of Miserliness

آيةُ البُخلِ

26- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : كَثرَةُ العِلَلِ آيةُ البُخلِ.

26- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Abundance of excuses [for not giving] is a sign of miserliness.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 209, no. 1]

27- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : البخيلُ مُتَحَجِّجٌ بالمَعاذِيرِ والتَّعالِيلِ.

27- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The miser justifies himself by presenting [many] excuses and justifications.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1275]

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