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الحَياءِ

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الحياءُ سَبَبٌ إلى كُلِّ جَميلٍ1

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Modesty is the means to all beauty.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 211, no. 1]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الحياءُ مِفْتاحُ كُلِّ الخَيرِ2

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Modesty is the key to all goodness.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 340]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : أعقَلُ النّاسِ أحْياهُم3

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The most intelligent person is the most modest one.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2900]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الحياءُ يَصُدُّ عنْ فِعْلِ القَبيحِ4

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Modesty prevents ugly actions.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1393]

. . الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : سَبَبُ العِفَّةِ الحياءُ5

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The means to chastity is modesty.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5527]

Modesty and Faith

الحَياءُ وَالإيمانُ

7. ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : إنّ لِكُلِّ دينٍ خُلُقا ، وإنّ خُلُقَ الإسلامِ الحياءُ.

6– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Verily every religion has a natural disposition and the natural disposition of Islam is modesty.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 5757]

8. ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : لا إيمانَ لِمَن لا حياءَ لَهُ.

7– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘There is no faith for the one who has no modesty.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 106, no. 5]

Reprehensible Modesty [Shame]

الحَياءُ المَذمومُ

9. ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : الحياءُ حياءانِ : حياءُ عَقْلٍ وحياءُ حُمْقٍ ، فحَياءُ العَقلِ العِلْمُ ، وحَياءُ الحُمْقِ الجَهْلُ.

8– The Prophet (S) said, ‘There are two types of modesty, modesty springing from the intellect, and a sense of shame arising from foolishness. As for the modesty of the intellect, it is knowledge, and as for the shame from foolishness, it is ignorance.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 149, no. 75]

10. ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : قُرِنَ الحياءُ بالحِرْمانِ.

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Shame has been associated with deprivation.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6714]

11. ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : الحياءُ يَمْنَعُ الرِّزْقَ.

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Shame prevents sustenance.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 274]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَنِ استَحيى مِن قَولِ الحَقِّ فهُو أحمَقُ12

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘One who is ashamed of speaking the truth is a fool.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8650]

The Consequences of Lack of Modesty

ما يَتَرَتَّبُ عَلى عَدَمِ الحَياءِ

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : لمِيَبْقَ مِن أمْثالِ الأنْبياءِ (عَلَيهِم السّلامُ) إلّا قَولُ النّاسِ : إذا لَم تَسْتَحيِ فاصْنَعْ ما شِئْتَ .13

12– The Prophet (S) said, ‘From the proverbs of the prophets (a.s.) only the following saying of the people has remained, “If you do not have modesty then do as you wish”.’[‘Uyun Akhbar ar-Ridha, v. 2, p. 56, no. 207]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَن لَم يَسْتَحيِ مِن النّاسِ لَم يَسْتَحيِ مِن اللّهِ سبحانَهُ . .14

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘One who is not ashamed in front of people is not ashamed in front of Allah, Glory be to Him.[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9081]

Having Modesty with Allah

الاستِحياءُ مِنَ اللّهِ

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : اسْتَحْيِ مِن اللّهِ اسْتِحياءَكَ مِن صالِحي جيرانِكَ ؛ فإنّ فيها زِيادَةَ اليَقينِ . .15

14– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Be modest in front of Allah just like your modesty with your righteous neighbours, for verily modesty with Allah increases one’s conviction.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 200, no. 28]

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : لِيَسْتَحيِ أحَدُكُم مِن مَلَكَيهِ اللَّذَينِ معَهُ ، كما يَسْتَحْيِي مِن رجُلَينِ صالِحَينِ مِن جيرانِهِ، وهُما مَعهُ باللّيلِ والنّهارِ .16

15– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Every one of you should be modest in front of his two angels that are with him, just as you would be modest with two righteous neighbours that are with you day and night.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 5751]

.. الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) : اسْتَحْيوا مِن اللّهِ في سَرائرِكُم كما تَسْتَحْيونَ مِن النّاسِ في عَلانِيَتِكُم17

16– Imam al–Kazim (a.s.) said, ‘Be modest with Allah when in private just as you are modest with people in public.’[Tuhaf al–’Uqul, no. 394]

The Peak of Modesty

غايَةُ الحَياءِ

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) : غايَةُ الحياءِ أنْ يَسْتَحيِيَ المَرءُ مِن نَفْسِهِ18

17– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The peak of modesty is for a man to be modest in the presence of his own self.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 6369]

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