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Negligence & Carelessness towards the Prayers

26. Regarding the Prayers as Insignificant

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): لَيْسَ مِنِّي مَنِ اسْتَخَفَّ بِصَلَاتِهِ لاَ يَرِدُ عَلَيَّ الْحَوْضَ لاَ وَ اللَّهِ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: “One who considers the prayers to be insignificant and trivial is not from me. By Allah! He shall never come close to me at the pool of Kauthar.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 82, Page 224

27. Debasement of Prayers

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ (ع): شَفَاعَتُنَا لاَ تَنَالُ مُسْتَخِفًّا بِصَلَاتِهِ.

Imam As-Sadiq (peace be upon him) said: “Our intercession shall never reach one who considers his prayers to be inconsequential and unimportant.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 82, Page 227

28. Destroying Prayers

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): لاَ تُضَيِّعُوا صَلَاتَكُمْ فَإِنَّ مَنْ ضَيَّعَ صَلَاتَهُ حُشِرَ مَعَ قَارُونَ وَ هَامَانَ وَ فِرْعَوْنَ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: “Do not destroy your prayers for verily one who destroys his prayers shall be resurrected in the company of Qarun, Haman and Fir`awn.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 82, Page 202

29. The Incorrect Prayers

عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (ع) قَالَ بَيْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص) جَالِسٌ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ إِذْ دَخَلَ رَجُلٌ فَقَامَ يُصَلِّي فَلَمْ يُتِمَّ رُكُوعَهُ وَ لاَ سُجُودَهُ فَقَالَ (ص) نَقَرَ كَنَقْرِ الْغُرَابِ لَئِنْ مَاتَ هَذَا وَ هَكَذَا صَلاَتُهُ لَيَمُوتَنَّ عَلى غَيْرِ دِينِي.

Imam Al-Baqir (peace be upon him) narrates: One day the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his progeny) was seated in the mosque when a person entered and began praying, but in a manner such that neither did he perform his ruku' (bowing), nor his sujood (prostration) in a correct manner. Observing this, the Messenger of Allah commented: "(This person) pecks as a crow pecks. Should he die and the state of his prayers be as they are now, he shall surely not die upon my religion."

Al-Mahajjatul Baidha, Volume 1, Page 34

30. Carelessness Towards Prayers

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): أَلصَّلاَةُ عِمَادُ الدِّينِ فَمَنْ تَرَكَ صَلاَتَهُ مُتَعَمِّداً فَقَدْ هَدَمَ دِينَهُ وَ مَنْ تَرَكَ أَوْقَاتَهَا يَدْخُلُ الْوَيْلَ وَ الْوَيْلُ وَادٍ فِي جَهَنَّمَ كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلاَتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: "Prayer is the pillar of your religion and one who intentionally forsakes his prayer has destroyed his religion. And one who does not guard the times of the prayers, shall be made to enter 'Wayl', which is a valley in Hell, as Allah, the Exalted, has said:

"So woe to the praying ones, who are unmindful of their prayers."[1]

Biharul Anwar, Volume 82, Page 202

31. The Consequence of Abandoning Prayers

...قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): لاَ تَتْرُكَنَّ الصَّلاَةَ مُتَعَمِّداً فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ تَرَكَ الصَّلاَةَ مُتَعَمِّداً فَقَدْ بَرِئَتْ مِنْهُ ذِمَّةُ اللَّهِ وَ رَسُولِهِ

The Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: "Do not abandon your prayers intentionally for surely the obligations of Allah and His Messenger cease to cover one who forsakes his prayers intentionally."

Kanzul `Ummal, Volume 7, Tradition 19096

32. A Death of Disbelief

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ (ص): مَنْ تَرَكَ صَلاَةً لاَ يَرْجُو ثَوَابَهَا وَ لاَ يَخَافُ عِقَابَهَا فَلاَ أُبَالِي أَيَمُوتُ يَهُودِيًّا أَوْ نَصْرَانِيًّا أَوْ مَجُوسِيًّا.

The Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: “If a person abandons his prayer such that he neither desires its rewards nor fears its chastisement, for such a person I do not care if he dies a Jew, a Christian or a Magian.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 82, Page 202

33. Chastisement

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ (ص): مَنْ تَرَكَ صَلاَتَهُ حَتَّى تَفُوتَهُ مِنْ غَيْرِ عُذْرٍ فَقَدْ حَبِطَ عَمَلُهُ، ثُمَّ قَالَ: بَيْنَ العَبْدِ وَ بَيْنَ الكُفْرِ تَرْكُ الصَّلاَةِ.

The Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: “The good deeds of one who, without any appropriate excuse does not offer his prayer until its time passes away, are annulled.” He then said: “The divide between a believer and disbelief is the abandonment of prayers.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 82, Page 202

34. Door of Hell

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللّٰهِ (ص): مَنْ تَرَكَ الصَّلاَةَ مُتَعَمِّداً كُتِبَ إِسْمُهُ عَلى بَابِ النَّارِ مِمَّنْ يَدْخُلُهَا.

The Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said: “The name of one who forsakes his prayer intentionally is written upon The door of Hell from which he shall (eventually) enter.”

Kanzul `Ummal, Volume 7, Tradition 19090

1. The Noble Qur’an, Suratul Ma’un, Verse 4 and 5.

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