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Obedience

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Obedience to Allah and Its Effects

طاعَةُ اللّهِ وآثارُها

1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنّهُ لا يُدرَكُ ما عِندَ اللّهِ إلّا بطاعَتِهِ

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Verily what is with Allah can only ever be attained through His obedience.'[Wasa'il al-Shi'ah, v. 11, p. 184, no. 2]

2ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): طاعَةُ اللّهِ مِفتاحُ كُلِّ سَدادٍ، وصَلاحُ كُلِّ فَسادٍ

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Obedience to Allah is the key to every efficient matter and the redressing of every immoral act.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6012]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): أجدَرُ الناسِ برَحمَةِ اللّهِ أقوَمُهُم بالطّاعَةِ

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The person most worthy of Allah's mercy is the one most diligent in Allah's obedience.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3192]

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): علَيكُم بطاعَةِ مَن لا تُعذَرُونَ بجَهالَتِهِ.

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'It is incumbent upon you to obey the One whom you hold no excuse to remain ignorant of.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p. 95, no. 1]

5ـ الإمامُ الهاديُّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن أطاعَ الخالِقَ لَم يُبالِ بسَخَطِ المَخلوقِ.

5– Imam al-Hadi (a.s.) said, ‘He who obeys the Creator is not bothered by the displeasure of the creation [i.e. other people].’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 366, no. 2]

People Who are Entitled to be Obeyed

مَن يَنبَغي طاعَتُهُم

6ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أطِعِ العاقِلَ تَغنَمْ، اِعْصِ الجاهِلَ تَسلَمْ.

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Obey the intelligent man and you will gain, and disobey the ignorant man and you will remain safe.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2263-2264]

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أطِعِ العِلمَ واعْصِ الجَهلَ تُفلِحْ.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Obey knowledge and disobey ignorance and you will prosper.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2309]

8ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): لا دِينَ لمَن دانَ بطاعَةِ المَخلوقِ ومَعصيَةِ الخالِقِ.

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The religion of one who adheres to obeying creatures and disobeying the Creator does not count.’[‘Uyun Akhbar ar-Ridha, v. 2, p. 69, no. 318]

9ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أطِعْ مَن فَوقَكَ يُطِعْكَ مَن دُونَكَ.

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Obey one who is above you [in authority] and the one below you will obey you.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2475]

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن تَواضَعَ قَلبُهُ للّهِ لَم يَسأمْ بَدَنُهُ مِن طاعَةِ اللّهِ.

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘He whose heart submits to Allah, his body never tires of Allah’s obedience.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 90, no. 95]

. ـ الإمامُ الهاديُّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن جَمَعَ لَكَ وُدَّهُ ورَأيَهُ فَاجمَعْ لَهُ طاعَتَكَ11

11– Imam al-Hadi (a.s.) said, 'He who gives you both his affection and his good opinion is entitled to your giving him your obedience.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 365, no. 4]

People Who Must Not Be Obeyed

مَن لا يَنبَغي طاعَتُهُم

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن أرضى سُلطاناً بما يُسخِطُ اللّهَ خَرَجَ عن دِينِ اللّهِ عَزَّوجلَّ12

12– The Prophet (S) said, 'He who pleases a ruler with regard to something that displeases Allah excludes himself from the religion of Allah, Mighty and Exalted.'['Uyoun Akhbar al-Ridha, v. 2, p. 69, no. 318]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ألا فَالحَذَرَ الحَذَرَ مِن طاعَةِ ساداتِكم وكُبَرائكُمُ الَّذينَ تَكَبَّرُوا عن حَسَبِهِم، وتَرَفَّعُوا فَوقَ13 نَسَبِهِم ... ولا تُطِيعُوا الأدعِياءَ الذينَ شَرِبتُم بِصَفوِكُم كَدَرَهُم، وخَلَطتُم بِصِحَّتِكُم مَرَضَهُم، وأدخَلتُم في حَقِّكُم باطِلَهُم، وهُم أساسُ الفُسوقِ .

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Beware O beware of obeying your leaders and your elders who felt proud of their achievements and boasted about their lineage … and do not obey those who claim to be Muslims [but are hypocrites] whose filth you imbibe alongside your propriety, whose ailments you mix with your healthiness, and whose wrongs you have allowed to infiltrate your rightful matters, while they are the very foundation of vice.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 192]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أطاعَ التَّوانِيَ ضَيَّعَ الحُقوقَ، ومَن أطاعَ الواشِيَ ضَيَّعَ الصَّدِيقَ14

14– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who obeys an indifferent person ends up losing his rights and he who obeys a traitor ends up losing his friends.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 239]

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