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The Prosperous One

عَلامَةُ السَّعيدِ

.. رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) ـ لأميرِ المُؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) ـ: إنَّ السَّعِيدَ حَقَّ السَّعيدِ مَن أحَبَّكَ وأطاعَكَ1

1– The Prophet (S) said to the Commander of the Faithful, Ali (a.s.), 'Verily the truly prosperous person is the one who loves you and obeys you.'[Amali al-Tusi, p. 426, no. 953]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): السَّعيدُ مَن أخلَصَ الطّاعَةَ2

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Prosperous is he who is sincere in his acts of obedience.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1293]

.. الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): لا يَنبَغي لِمَن لم يَكُن عالِما أن يُعَدَّ سَعيداً3

3– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'One who is not knowledgeable must not be deemed prosperous.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 364]

That Which Brings About Prosperity

ما يوجِبُ السَّعادَةَ

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): اِعمَلُوا بِالعِلمِ تَسعَدُوا

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Act in accordance with knowledge and you will prosper.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2479]

5ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): جالِسِ العُلماءَ تَسعَدْ.

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Sit in the company of scholars and you will prosper.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4717]

6ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): في لُزومِ الحَقِّ تَكونُ السَّعادَةُ.

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Prosperity lies in adhering to the truth.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6489]

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن حاسَبَ نَفسَهُ سَعِدَ.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever takes account of himself prospers.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 7887]

8ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أجهَدَ نَفسَهُ في إصلاحِها سَعِدَ، مَن أهمَلَ نفسَهُ في لَذّاتِها شَقِيَ وبَعُدَ

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever exerts his soul in a bid to improve himself prospers, and whoever neglects and abandons his soul to its pleasures attracts misfortune and becomes distant [from Allah].'[Ghurar al-Hikam, 8246-8247]

Things That Constitute Prosperity

ما يُعَدُّ مِنَ السَّعادَةِ

9ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أربَعةٌ مِن سَعادَةِ المَرءِ: الخُلَطاءُالصّالِحُونَ، والوَلَدُ البارُّ، والمَرأةُ المُؤاتِيَةُ، وأن تَكونَ مَعِيشَتُهُ في بَلَدِهِ.

9– The Prophet (S) said, 'Four things make up a man's prosperity: virtuous friends, a dutiful child, a compatible wife, and having the source of his livelihood in his own town.'[Nawadir al-Rawandi, no. 11]

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): خُلُوُّ الصَّدرِ مِنَ الغِلِّ والحَسَدِ مِن سَعادَةِ العَبدِ

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Having a heart free from rancour and jealousy is part of a man's prosperity.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5803]

11ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مِنَ السَّعادَةِ ، التَّوفيقُ لِصالِحِ الأعمالِ.

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Accomplishment of good deeds constitutes prosperity.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9296]

The Reality of Prosperity

حَقيقَةُ السَّعادَةِ

12ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّ حَقيقَةَ السَّعادةِ أن يُختَمَ لِلمَرءِ عَمَلُهُ بِالسَّعادَةِ ، وإنّ حَقيقَةَ الشَّقاءِ أن يُختَمَ للمَرءِ عَمَلُهُ بِالشَّقاءِ.

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The reality of prosperity is that a man's tasks conclude with success, and the reality of misfortune is that a man's tasks conclude with failure.'[Ma'ani al-Akhbar, p. 345, no. 1]

13ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): عِندَ العَرضِ عَلَى اللّهِ سبحانَهُ تَتَحَقَّقُ السَّعادَةُ مِنَ الشَّقاءِ.

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'At the time of the Great Exposure [of our deeds] in front of Allah [on the Day of Resurrection], prosperity and misfortune will materialize in their distinct realities.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6223]

The Most Properous of People

أسعَدُ النّاسِ

14ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أسعَدُ الناسِ مَن خالَطَ كِرامَ الناسِ.

14– The Prophet (S) said, 'The most prosperous of people is the one who mingles with honourable people.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 74, p. 185, no. 2]

15ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أسعَدُ الناسِ مَن تَرَكَ لَذَّةً فانِيَةً لِلَذَّةٍ باقِيَةٍ.

15– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The most prosperous of people is the one who has abandoned an ephemeral pleasure in exchange for a lasting one.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3218]

16ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنَّ أسعَدَ الناسِ في الدنيا مَن عَدَلَ عَمّا يَعرِفُ ضُرَّهُ ، وإنَّ أشقاهُم مَنِ اتَّبَعَ هَواهُ.

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Verily the most prosperous of people in this world is the one who turns away from all that which he knows is detrimental to him, and verily the most unfortunate person is he who follows his whims.'[Waq'aat Siffin, p. 108]

17ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أسعَدُ الناسِ مَن عَرَفَ فَضلَنا ، وتَقَرَّبَ إلى اللّهِ بِنا ، وأخلَصَ حُبَّنا ، وعَمِلَ بما إلَيهِ نَدَبنا ، وانتَهى عَمّا عَنهُ نَهَينا ، فذاكَ مِنّا وهُو في دارِ المُقامَةِ مَعَنا.

17– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The most prosperous person is he who acknowledges our virtue, draws near to Allah through us, is sincere in his love for us, acts upon whatever we have recommended, and refrains from all that we have prohibited. He is indeed of us and will be with us in the place of everlasting abode.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3297]

18ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أعظَمُ الناسِ سَعادَةً أكثَرُهُم زَهادَةً.

18– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The person with the greatest prosperity is the one with the greatest level of abstemiousness.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3100]

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