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.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن دَقَّ في الدِّينِ نَظَرُهُ جَلَّ يومَ القِيامَةِ خَطَرُهُ1

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever gives acute attention to their religion will have a lofty station on the Day of Resurrection.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8807]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الدِّينُ نورٌ2

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Religion is light.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 213]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): لا حياةَ إلّا بالدِّينِ ، ولا مَوتَ إلّا بجُحُودِ اليقينِ3

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Verily the best of religion is love for the sake of Allah and hate for the sake of Allah.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3540]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الدِّينُ يَعصِمُ4

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Religion immunizes.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1]

5ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الدِّينُ أقوَى عِمادٍ . .

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Religion is the strongest support.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 489]

6ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): كانَ أميرُالمؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) كثيراً مّا يقولُ في خُطبتِهِ: يا أيّها الناسُ ، دِينَكُم دِينَكم !! فإنّ السيّئةَ فيهِ خيرٌ مِن الحَسَنةِ في غَيرِهِ ، والسيّئةَ فيهِ تُغفَرُ ، والحَسَنةَ في غيرِهِ لا تُقبَلُ .

6– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The Commander of the Faithful (a.s.) would frequently say in his sermons, ‘O people! Preserve your religion, for the bad deed of a religious person is better than the good deed of a religion-less person, because the bad deed of a religious person can be forgiven but the good deed of a religion-less person is not even accepted.’[Nahj al-Sa’ada, v. 3, no. 368]

The Bane of Religion

آفاتُ الدِّينِ

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): آفَةُ الدِّينِ سُوءُ الظنِّ . .

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The bane of religion is suspiciousness.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3924]

8ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): فسادُ الدِّينِ الدنيا ..

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The corruption of religion lies in [the vanities of] this world.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6554]

9ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): آفَةُ الدِّينِ: الحَسَدُ والعُجبُ والفَخرُ ..

9– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The bane of religion is in jealousy, self-conceit and pride.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 307, no. 5]

Encouragement to Preserve Religion

الحَثُّ عَلَى الحِفاظِ عَلَى الدِّينِ

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا حَضَرَت بَلِيَّةٌ فاجعَلُوا أموالَكُم دونَ أنفسِكُم ، وإذا نَزَلَت نازلةٌ فاجعَلُوا أنفسَكُم دونَ دِينِكُم ، واعلَمُوا أنَّ الهالِكَ مَن هَلَكَ دِينُهُ ، والحَريبَ مَن حُرِبَ دِينُهُ.

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'If you are faced with a tribulation, shield your life with your wealth. If you are faced with a calamity, then shield your religion with your life, and know that the ruined man is he who destroys his religion himself and that the corrupted one is he who spoils his religion himself.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 216, no. 2]

11ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ كانَ يقولُ عندَ المُصيبةِ ـ: الحمدُ للّهِ الذي لم يَجعَلْ مُصِيبَتِي في دِينِي.

11– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) would say when struck with an affliction, 'All praise be to Allah who did not allow my religion to be afflicted.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 268, no. 183]

Those Who Have No Religion

لا دين لِهؤلاء

12ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا دِينَ لِمَن دانَ بطاعةِ مَن عَصَى اللّهَ ، ولا دِينَ لِمَن دانَ بِفِريَةٍ باطلٍ على اللّهِ ، ولا دِينَ لِمَن دانَ بجُحُودِ شَيءٍ مِن آياتِ اللّهِ .

12– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'One who subjects himself to the obedience of someone who disobeys Allah has no religion, and the one who subjects himself to attributing a lie or falsity to Allah has no religion, and the one who subjects himself to denying any of Allah's signs has no religion.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 373, no. 4]

13ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا دِينَ لِمَن دانَ بولايةِ إمامٍ جائرٍ لَيسَ مِنَ اللّهِ .

13– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who subjects himself to following an oppressive leader unendorsed by Allah has no religi0n.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 72, p. 135, no. 19]

14ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لادِينَ لِمَن لاعَهدَ لَه .

14– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The one who has no covenant has no religion.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 84, p. 252, no. 48]

15ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): كُلُّ مَن لم يُحِبَّ على الدّينِ ولم يُبغِضْ على الدّينِ فلا دينَ لَهُ.

15– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Anyone whose love and hate is not based on religion, has no religion.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 127, no. 16]

16ـ الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا دينَ لِمَنلامُرُوَّةَ لَهُ.

16– Imam al-Kazim (a.s.) said, 'He who has no valorous qualities has no religion.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 389]

17ـ الإمامُ الرِّضا (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لادينَ لِمَنلاوَرَعَ لَهُ.

17– Imam Ar-Ridha' (a.s.) said, 'He who has no piety has no religion.'[Kamal al-Din, p. 371, no. 5]

The Simplicity of Religion

يَسارُ الدّينِ

18ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): يا أيّها الناسُ ، إنَّ دينَ اللّهِ يُسرٌ.

18– The Prophet (S) said, 'O people, verily the religion of Allah is easy.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5418]

19ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): بُعِثتُ بِالحَنِيفِيَّةِ السَّمْحَةِ ، ومَن خالَفَ سُنَّتِي فلَيسَ مِنّي.

19– The Prophet (S) said, 'I have been sent [to you] with the upright and liberal religion and whoever defies my prophetic practice is not from me.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 900]

20ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنّ اللّهَ لم يَبعَثْنِي بالرَّهبانِيَّةِ ، وإنّ خيرَ الدينِ عندَ اللّهِ الحنيفيّةُ السَّمْحَةُ.

20– The Prophet (S) said, 'Verily Allah has not sent me with monasticism, rather the best religion with Allah is the upright and liberal one.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5422]

The Only Religion Through Which Deeds are Accepted

الدِّينُ الَّذي لا تُقبَلُ الأعمالُ إلّا بِهِ

21ـ عن عليّ بنِ أبي حمزَةَ عن أبي بصيرٍ، قال: سمعتُهُ يسألُ أبا عبدِاللّهِ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) فقالَ له: جُعِلتُ فِداكَ أخبِرْني عنِ الدِّينِ الذي افتَرَضَ اللّهُ عزّوجلّ عَلى العبادِ ما لا يَسَعُهُم جَهلُهُ ، ولا يُقبَلُ مِنهُم غيرُهُ ماهو ؟ فقالَ: شهادةُ أن لا إلهَ إلّا اللّهُ ، وأنّ محمّداً رسولُاللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) ، وإقامُ الصلاةِ ، وإيتاءُ الزكاةِ ، وحجُّ البيتِ مَنِ استَطاعَ إلَيهِ سبيلاً ، وصومُ شَهرِ رمضانَ . ثُمّ سَكَتَ قليلاً ثُمّ قالَ: والوَلايةُ ـ مَرّتَينِ ـ .

21– Abu Basir asked Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.), ‘May I be your ransom! Please inform me about the religion that Allah has obligated upon his servants, [the religion] that they cannot afford to be ignorant of and the only religion that will be accepted from them. What is it?’ The Imam (a.s.) replied, ‘Bearing witness that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad (S) is the messenger of Allah, establishing the prayer, paying the alms-tax, pilgrimage to the House for those who are able to do so, fasting the month of Ramadhan.’ Then the Imam momentarily paused and then repeated twice, ‘and divine guardianship [of the divinely appointed Imams] (al-walaya).’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 22, no. 11]

The Correct Way to Understanding Religion

المَنهَجُ في مَعرِفَةِ الدِّينِ

22ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن عَرَفَ دينَهُ مِن كتابِ اللّهِ عزّوجلّ زالَتِ الجِبالُ قبلَ أن يَزُولَ ، ومَندَخَلَفيأمرٍ بِجَهلٍخَرَجَ منهُ بِجَهلٍ.

22– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The one who understands his religion from the Book of Allah, mountains will move before he does [in his faith], and the one who enters a matter with ignorance [i.e. accepts religion ignorantly] will leave it in ignorance.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 23, p. 103, no. 11]

23ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن دَخَلَ في هذا الدِّينِ بالرِّجالِ أخرَجَهُ مِنهُ الرِّجالُ كما أدخَلُوهُ فيهِ ، ومَن دَخَلَفيهِ بِالكِتابِ والسُّنَّةِ زالَتِ الجبالُ قَبلَ أن يَزولَ.

23– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The one who enters this religion through men will exit it through men just as they caused him to enter it. And whoever enters this religion through the Book and the prophetic practice, mountains will move before he does [in his faith].’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 2, p. 105, no. 67]

Protecting the Religion By Means of the World

صِيانَةُ الدّين بِالدُّنيا

24ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): صُن دِينَكَ بدُنياكَ تَربَحْهُما ، ولا تَصُنْ دنياكَ بِدِينِكَ فَتَخسَرَهُما

24– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Protect your religion by means of your worldly affairs and you will profit in both, but do not use your religion to protect your worldly affairs as you will lose them both.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5861]

25ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا يَترُكُ الناسُ شيئاً مِن دِينِهِم لِإصلاحِ دُنياهُم إلّا فَتَحَ اللّهُ عَليهِم ما هُوَ أضَرُّ مِنهُ

25– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘No sooner do people omit any aspect of their religion for the sake of improving their worldly affairs than Allah will open for them something that will be more detrimental to them [than the improvement of their worldly affairs].’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 10831]

Supplication for Affirming the Heart towards Religion

الدُّعاءُ لِتَثبيتِ القَلبِ عَلَى الدّينِ

26ـ عن عبد اللّه بن سنان: قال أبو عبد اللّه (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): سَتُصيبُكُم شُبهَةٌ فَتَبقَونَ بِلا عَلَمٍ يُرى ولا إمامٍ هدى ، ولا يَنجُو مِنها إلّا مَن دَعا بدُعاءِ الغَريقِ. قلتُ: كيفَ دعاءُ الغَريقِ ؟ قالَ: يقولُ: «يا اللّهُ يا رحمنُ يا رحيمُ يا مُقَلِّبَ القُلوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلبِي على دِينِكَ» .

26– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘You will be afflicted with an obscure matter that will leave you with no sign to indicate to the solution, nor a leader to guide the way. None shall be saved from it except the one who recites the ‘Supplication of the Drowning Person’. [The narrator says] I asked the Imam, ‘What is the Supplication of the Drowning Person?’ The Imam replied, ‘O Allah, O the Beneficent, O the Merciful, O He who causes the hearts to fluctuate, affirm my heart upon Your religion.’[Kamal al-Din, p. 352, no. 49]

Characteristics of the Preservers of Allah’s Religion

صِفَةُ المُستَحفِظينَ لِدينِ اللّهِ

27ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّما المُستَحفِظُونَ لِدينِ اللّهِ هُمُ الذينَ أقامُوا الدّينَ ونَصَرُوهُ ، وحاطُوهُ مِن جميعِ جَوانِبِهِ ، وحَفِظُوهُ على عِبادِ اللّهِ ورَعَوهُ .

27– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Verily the preservers of Allah’s religion are the same people who established the religion and helped it, they guarded it from all sides, they preserved it for the servants of Allah and carefully watched over it.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 3912]

The Strengthening of Religion through a Disgraceful People

تَأييدُ الدّينِ بِأقوامٍ لا خَلاقَ لَهُم

28ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنَّ اللّهَ لَيُؤَيِّدُ هذا الدّينَ بالرَّجُلِ الفاجِرِ

28– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Verily Allah strengthens this religion through an oppressive man.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 115]

29ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنّ اللّهَ تَبارَكَ وَتَعالى يُؤَيِّدُ هذا الدّينَ بِأقوامٍ لا خَلاَقَ لَهُم

29– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Verily Allah, Blessed and most High, strengthens this religion through a disgraceful people.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 28956]

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