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Remembrance

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The Virtue of the Remembrance of Allah

فَضلُ ذِكرِ اللّهِ

1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لا تَختارَنَّ عَلى ذِكرِ اللّهِ شَيئاً فإنّهُ يقولُ: «وَلَذِكْرُ اللّهِ أكْبَرُ».

1– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Never prefer anything above the remembrance of Allah for verily He says, “and the remembrance of Allah is surely greater.”’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 107, no. 1]

2ـ عن معاذ عنه (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لَيسَ عَمَلٌ أحَبَّ إلى اللّهِ تعالى ولا أنجى لِعَبدٍ مِن كُلِّ سيّئةٍ في الدنيا والآخِرَةِ مِن ذِكرِ اللّهِ . قيلَ: ولا القتالُ في سبيلِ اللّهِ ؟ قالَ: لولا ذِكرُ اللّهِ لم يُؤمَرْ بالقِتالِ.

2– The Prophet (S) said, ‘There is no action more beloved to Allah Almighty, or more successful as a means of salvation for a servant of Allah from all the evil of this world and the next than the remembrance of Allah.’ Someone then asked, ‘Not even fighting in the way of Allah?’ The Prophet (S) replied, ‘If it was not for the remembrance of Allah, there would be no command to fight in the way of Allah.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 3931]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الذِّكرُ لَذَّةُ المُحِبِّينَ.

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Remembrance is a source of great pleasure for the lovers [of Allah].’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 670]

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الذِّكرُ مُجالَسَةُ المَحبوبِ.

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Remembrance is sitting in the company of the Beloved One.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 322]

5ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ذِكرُ اللّهِ سَجِيَّةُ كُلِّ مُحسِنٍ وشِيمَةُ كُلِّ مُؤمنٍ.

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Remembrance of Allah is the natural disposition of every good-doer and the distinguishing mark of every believer.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5173]

Enjoinment of Frequent Remembrance [of Allah]

الحَثُّ عَلى كَثرَةِ الذِّكرِ

6ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): عَليكَ بتِلاوَةِ القرآنِ وذِكرِ اللّهِ كثيراً ، فإنّهُ ذِكرٌ لكَ في السماءِ ونورٌ لكَ في الأرضِ.

6– The Prophet (S) said, ‘I urge you to recite the Qur’an and remember Allah frequently, for verily it [will result in] a remembrance for you in the heavens and a light for you in the earth.’ [al-Khisal, p. 525, no. 13]

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن ذَكَرَ اللّهَ في السِرِّ فقد ذَكَرَ اللّهَ كثيراً.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Whoever remembers Allah in private, has surely remembered Allah much.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 93, p. 342, no. 11]

8ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أكثِرُوا ذِكرَ اللّهِ ما استَطَعتُم في كُلِّ ساعةٍ مِن ساعاتِ الليلِ والنهارِ ، فإنَّ اللّهَ أمَرَ بكَثرَةِ الذِكرِ لَهُ.

8– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Remember Allah frequently as much as you can every hour of the day and night, for verily Allah has commanded [us] to remember Him abundantly.’[al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 7, no. 1]

9ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): تَسبيحُ فاطمةَ الزهراءِ (عَلَيهَا السّلامُ) مِنَ الذِكرِ الكثيرِ الذي قالَ اللّهُ عزّوجلّ: «اُذْكُرُوا اللّهَ ذِكْراً كثيراً» .

9– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The glorification of Fatima al-Zahra’ [The glorification of Fatima al-Zahra’ (a.s.), otherwise known as Tasbih al-Zahra’ is composed of reciting Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greater) 34 times, Alhamdulillah (Praise be to Allah) 33 times and Subhanallah (Glory be to Allah) 33 times. Usually it is recommended to recite it after every obligatory prayer (ed.)] (a.s.) is from the frequent remembrance which Allah mentions, “Remember Allah with a frequent remembrance.”[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 500, no. 4]

Enjoinment of Engaging in Continuous Remembrance

الحَثُّ عَلى دَوامِ الذِّكرِ

10- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ما مِن ساعةٍ تَمُرُّ بابنِ آدَمَ لَم يَذكُرِ اللّهَ فيها إلّا حَسِرَ علَيها يَومَ القيامَةِ.

10– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Every single hour that passes by the son of Adam, that was devoid of the remembrance of Allah will be grieved for on the Day of Resurrection.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 1819]

11- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) ـ في المُناجاةِ الشَّعبانيّةِ ـ: إلهي، وألْهِمني وَلَهاً بِذِكرِكَ إلى ذِكرِكَ وهِمَّتي إلى روحِ نَجاحِ أسمائكَ ومَحَلِّ قُدسِكَ.

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said in the intimate supplication of the month of Sha’ban [al-Munajat al-Sha’abaniyya: the intimate supplication of the month of Sha’aban recited by Imam ‘Ali (a.s.) and the Im?ms from his progeny (a.s.) during the sacred month of Sha’aban.], ‘My God! Inspire me with fervour for Your remembrance until I have become inspired with Your remembrance, and a spiritual zeal for the refreshing salvation of Your Names and the place of Your sanctity.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 94, p. 98, no. 13]

12- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أسأَلُكَ أن تُصَلِّيَ على محمّدٍ وآلِ محمّدٍ ، وأن تَجعَلَني مِمَّن يُديمُ ذِكرَكَ ، ولا يَنقُضُ عَهدَكَ.

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘I ask You to send blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, and to make me of those who are continuous in Your remembrance and who do not breach Your covenant.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 94, p. 99, no. 13]

The Remembrance of Allah is Good at All Times

ذِكرُ اللّهِ حَسَنٌ عَلى كُلِّ حالٍ

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ مِن وَصاياهُ لِابنِهِ الحسنِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) عِندَ الوَفاةِ ـ: وكُن للّهِ ذاكِراً على كلِّ حالٍ13

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said in counsel to his son ?asan at the time of his death (a.s.), ‘and be one to remember Allah at all times.’[Amali al–Tusi, p. 8, no. 8]

ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): قالَ موسى (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): يا ربِّ ، إنّي أكونُ في حالٍ أُجِلُّكَ أن أذكُرَكَ فيها 14.
قالَ: يا موسى ، أُذكُرْني على كُلِّ حالٍ .

14– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) narrated, ‘Prophet Moses (a.s.) said, ‘My Lord, I am in a [base] state wherin I esteem You too highly to remember You therein’, He said, ‘O Moses, remember Me at all times.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 80, p. 176, no. 21]

The Ones Who Remember

الذّاكِرونَ

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): الذاكِرُ في الغافِلينَ كالمُقاتِلِ في الفارّينَ15 . .

15– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The one who remembers [Allah] in the midst of the neglectful ones is as one who fights [in the way of Allah] in the midst of others who flee [from the battle].’[Makarim al–Akhlaq, v. 2, p. 373, no. 2661]

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): كُلُّ أحَدٍ يَموتُ عَطْشانَ إلّا ذاكِرَ اللّهِ16 . .

16– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Everyone will die thirsty except the one who remembers Allah.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 81, p. 240, no. 26]

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنّ موسى بنَ عِمرانَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) لَمّا ناجى رَبَّهُ عزّوجلّ قالَ: يا ربِّ ، أبَعيدٌ17
أنتَ مِنّي فَأُناديَكَ أمْ قَريبٌ فَأُناجيَكَ ؟ فأَوحَى اللّهُ جلّجلالُهُ: أنا جَليسُ مَن ذَكَرَني.

17– The Prophet (S) narrated, ‘Verily when Moses, son of Amran (a.s.) would engage in intimate supplication with his Lord, he said, ‘My Lord, are you so far from me that I should call You, or are You so near to me that I should whisper?’ so Allah then revealed to Moses, ‘I sit in close proximity with the one who remembers Me.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 93, p. 153, no. 11]

18ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَنِ اشتَغَلَ بذِكرِ اللّهِ طَيَّبَ اللّهُ ذِكرَهُ.

18– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The one who occupies himself with the remembrance of Allah, Allah beautifies his remembrance [among people].’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5235]

19ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ذاكِرُ اللّهِ سبحانَهُ مُجالِسُهُ.

19– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The one who remembers Allah, glory be to Him, is sitting closely with Him.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5159]

20ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا يَزالُ المُؤمنُ في صلاةٍ ما كانَ في ذِكرِ اللّهِ ، قائماً كانَ أو جالِساً أو مُضطَجِعاً ، إنّ اللّهَ تعالى يقولُ «اَلَّذينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللّهَ قِياماً وقُعُوداً وعَلَى جُنوبِهِم ...» .

20– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘The believer remains in a state of prayer as long as he is remembering Allah, whether he is standing, sitting or lying down, for verily Allah says, “Those who remember Allah standing, sitting and lying on their sides”.[Amali al-Tusi, p. 79, no. 116]

21ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّ الصاعِقَةَ لا تُصيبُ ذاكِراً للّهِ عزّوجلّ .

21– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Verily the one who remembers Allah will never be struck by lightning.’[Amali al-Saduq, p. 375, no. 3]

Remember Me and I Will Remember You

اُذكُرُوني اَذكُركُم

22ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): قالَ اللّهُ تعالى: ابنَ آدمَ ، اُذكُرْني في نَفسِكَ أذكُركَ في نَفسي . ابنَ آدمَ اُذكُرني في الخَلاءِ أذكُركَ في خَلاءٍ . ابنَ آدمَ اُذكُرني في مَلاَءٍ أذكُرْكَ في مَلاَءٍ خَيرٍ مِن مَلَئِكَ .

22– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Allah Almighty said, ‘O son of Adam, remember Me within yourself and I will remember you within Myself. O son of Adam, remember Me in secret and I will remember you when [you are] in secret. O son of Adam, remember Me when in an assembly and I will remember you in an assembly which is better than your assembly.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 93, p. 158, no. 31]

The Fruits of Remembrance

ثَمَراتُ الذِّكرِ

23ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): ذِكرُ اللّهِ شِفاءُ القُلوبِ

23– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The remembrance of Allah is a healing for the hearts.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 1751]

24ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن أكثَرَ مِن ذِكرِ اللّهِ فقد بَرِئَ مِنَ النِّفاقِ

24– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The one who remembers Allah abundantly has freed himself from hypocrisy.’[al–Firdaws, v. 3, p. 564, no. 5768]

25ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن أكثَرَ ذِكرَ اللّهِ أحَبَّهُ

25– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The one who remembers Allah abundantly loves Him.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 93, p. 160, no. 39]

26ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن عَمَرَ قَلبَهُ بدَوامِ الذِكرِ حَسُنَت أفعالُهُ في السِّرِّ والجَهرِ . .

26– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The one whose heart thrives with the continuous remembrance of Allah, his actions will always be good whether done in secret or openly.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 8872]

27ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أصلُ صلاحِ القلبِ اشتِغالُهُ بذِكرِ اللّهِ . .

27– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The root of reforming the heart is in occupying it with the remembrance of Allah.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 3083]

28ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن ذَكَرَ اللّهَ سبحانَهُ أحيا اللّهُ قَلبَهُ ونَوَّرَ عَقلَهُ ولُبَّهُ . .

28– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Whoever remembers Allah, glory be to Him, Allah enlivens his heart and illuminates his intellect and the innermost core of his heart.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 8876]

29ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ذِكرُ اللّهِ قُوتُ النُّفوسِ ومُجالَسَةُ المَحبوبِ .

29– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The remembrance of Allah is a provision for the souls and a close sitting in the company of the Beloved.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5166]

30ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): عَليكَ بِذِكرِ اللّهِ ، فإنّهُ نورُ القلوبِ .

30– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘I urge you to keep up the remembrance of Allah for verily it is the light of the hearts.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6103]

31ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): دَوامُ الذِكرِ يُنيرُ القلبَ والفِكرَ .

31– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Continuous remembrance [of Allah] enlightens the heart and the mind.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5144]

32ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنَّ اللّهَ سبحانَهُ جَعَلَ الذِّكَر جَلاءً للقُلوبِ ، تَسمَعُ بِهِ بَعدَ الوَقْرَةِ ، و تُبصِرُ بِهِ بَعدَ العَشْوَةِ ، وتَنقادُ بِهِ بَعدَ المُعانَدَةِ .

32– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Verily Allah, Glory be to Him, has made [His] remembrance a polish for the hearts through which they hear after deafness, see after blindness and yield after resistance.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 222]

33ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في الدُّعاءِ ـ: يا مَن اسمُهُ دواءٌ وذِكرُهُ شِفاءٌ .

33– Imam Ali (a.s.) said in supplication, ‘O He whose name is a remedy and whose remembrance is a healing.’[Iqbal al-A’amal, v. 3, p. 337]

34ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الذِّكرُ مِفتاحُ الأُنسِ .

34– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Remembrance [of Allah] is the key to intimacy (with Him).’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 541]

35ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا رَأيتَ اللّهَ سُبحانَهُ يُؤنِسُكَ بِذِكرِهِ فقد أحَبَّكَ ، إذا رَأيتَ اللّهَ يُؤنِسُكَ بِخَلقِهِ ويوحِشُكَ مِن ذِكرِهِ فقد أبغَضَكَ.

35– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘If you see that Allah, Glory be to Him, has made you intimate with His remembrance, then He loves you. If you see that Allah has made you intimate with His creation and banished you from His remembrance, then He has despised you.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4040-4041]

36ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ذِكرُ اللّهِ مَطرَدَةُ الشيطانِ

36– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The remembrance of Allah is a repellent of Satan.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5162]

37ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ذِكرُ اللّهِ جَلاءُ الصُّدورِ وطُمأنِينَةُ القُلوبِ

37– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The remembrance of Allah is a polish for the breasts and a soothing for the hearts.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5165]

38ـ رسولُ اللهِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الذِّكرُ يَشرَحُ الصَّدرَ.

38– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Remembrance [of Allah] expands the breasts.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 835]

Enjoinment of Remembrance of Allah in Certain Situations

الحَثُّ عَلى ذِكرِ اللّهِ في مَواقِفَ

1. When Facing an Enemy

أ ـ عِندَ لِقاءِ العَدُوِّ

39ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا لَقِيتُم عَدُوَّكُم في الحَربِ فَأَقِلُّوا الكلامَ وأكثِرُوا ذِكرَ اللّهِ عزّوجلّ.

39– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘When you face your enemy in battle, then lessen your speech and increase in the remembrance of Allah.’[al-Khisal, p. 617, no. 10]

2. When Entering the Market Place

ب ـ عِند دُخولِ الأَسواقِ

40ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أكثِرُوا ذِكرَ اللّهِ عزّوجلّ إذا دَخَلتُمُ الأسواقَ عِندَ اشتِغالِ الناسِ، فإنّهُ كَفّارةٌ لِلذُّنوبِ وزِيادَةٌ في الحَسَناتِ ، ولاتُكتَبُوا في الغافِلينَ .

40– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Increase in the remembrance of Allah when you enter the market while people are busy, for verily it will be an expiation of your sins and an increase in good deeds, and you will not be recorded down as being amongst the neglectful ones.’[al-Khisal, p. 614, no. 10]

3. During Distress, When Giving Judgment and When Distributing

ج ـ عند الهَمِّ والحُكمِ والقِسمَةِ

41ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أُذكُرِ اللّهَ عِندَ هَمِّكَ إذا هَمَمتَ، وعِندَ لِسانِكَ إذا حَكَمتَ ، وعِندَ يَدِكَ إذا قَسَمتَ.

41– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Remember Allah during your distress when you are distressed, with your tongue when you give judgment and with your hand when distributing anything.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 171, no. 7]

4. When in Anger

د ـ عند الغَضَبِ

42ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أوحَى اللّهُ إلى نبيٍّ مِن أنبيائِهِ: ابنَ آدَمَ ، اذكُرني عِندَ غَضَبِكَ أذكُرْكَ عِندَ غَضَبِي ، فلا أمحَقُكَ فيمَن أمحَقُ.

42– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Allah revealed to a prophet from among His prophets, ‘O son of Adam, remember Me during your anger and I will remember you during My anger, and I will not destroy you as a result with those whom I destroy.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 321, no. 50]

5. When Alone and During Pleasures

ه ـ في الخَلَواتِ وعند اللَذّاتِ

43ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): في التَّوراةِ مَكتوبٌ: ... يا موسى ... أُذكُرْني في خَلَواتِكَ وعِندَ سُرورِ لَذَّتِكَ أذكُرْكَ عِندَ غَفَلاتِكَ.

43– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘It is written in the Torah: ‘…O Moses… remember Me in times of loneliness and when enjoying your pleasures and I will remember you in your times of negligence.’[Amali al-Saduq, p. 210, no. 6]

The Reality of the Remembrance [of Allah]

حَقيقَةُ الذِّكرِ

44ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن أطاعَ اللّهَ عزّوجلّ فَقَد ذَكَرَ اللّهَ وإن قَلَّتْ صلاتُهُ وصِيامُهُ وتلاوَتُهُ لِلقرآنِ

44– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Whoever obeys Allah has remembered Him, even if his prayers, his fasts and his recitation of the Qur’an are few.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 86, no. 3]

45ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في قولِهِ تعالى: «ولَذِكْرُ اللّهِ أَكبَرُ»ـ: ذِكرُ اللّهِ تَعالى عِندَ ما أحَلَّ وحَرَّمَ .

45– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, with regard to the verse of Allah: “and the remembrance of Allah is greater”, ‘[It means] Remembering Allah with regards to what He has made lawful and unlawful.’[Nur al-Thaqalayn, v. 4, p. 162, no. 61]

46ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الذِّكرُ ذِكرانِ: ذِكرٌ خالِصٌ يُوافِقُهُ القَلبُ ، وذِكرٌ صارِفٌ يَنفِي ذِكرَ غَيرِهِ .

46– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘There are two types of remembrance, a sincere remembrance which is harmonious with the heart, and a mere remembrance which negates the remembrance of anyone other than Allah.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 93, p. 159, no. 33]

47ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): اِجعَلْ ذِكرَ اللّهِ مِن أجلِ ذِكرِهِ لكَ ، فإنّهُ ذَكَرَكَ وهُو غَنِيٌّ عنكَ فَذِكرُهُ لكَ أجَلُّ وأشهى وأَتَمُّ مِن ذِكرِكَ لَهُ وأسبَقُ ... فَمَن أرادَ أن يَذكرَ اللّهَ تعالى فَلْيَعلَمْ أ نَّهُ ما لَم يَذكُرِ اللّهُ العَبدَ بالتوفيقِ لِذِكرِهِ لا يَقدِرُ العَبدُ عَلى ذِكرِهِ .

47– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Make your remembrance of Allah for the sake of the fact that He remembers you, for verily He remembers you even though He is needless of you, so His remembrance of you is loftier, more desirable and more complete than your remembrance of Him and it supersedes it…so whoever wishes to remember Allah, most High, should know that as long as Allah does not remember His servant in the context of granting him divine succour to remember Him [in the first place], the servant will not be capable of remembering Him.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 93, p. 158, no. 33]

48ـ الإمامُ الرِّضا (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن ذَكَرَ اللّهَ ولم يَستَبِقْ إلى لِقائهِ فَقدِ استَهزَأ بنَفسِهِ

48– Imam Ar-Ridha' (a.s.) said, 'Whoever remembers Allah but does not vie to meet Him has mocked himself.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 357, no. 11]

That Which Brings About Continuous Remembrance [of Allah]

ما يوجِبُ دَوامَ الذِّكرِ

49ـ في حديثِ المعراجِ: يا أحمَدُ ... دُمْ على ذِكرِي ، فقالَ: يا ربِّ ، وكيفَ أدُومُ على ذِكرِكَ ؟ فقالَ: بالخَلوَةِ عنِ الناسِ ، وبُغضِكَ الحُلوَ والحامِضَ ، وفَراغِ بَطنِكَ وبَيتِكَ مِنَ الدنيا.

49– In the tradition recounting the Prophet (S)'s Ascension to the Heavens (al-mi'araj): 'O Ahmad... be continuous in My remembrance.' The Prophet (S) asked, 'O My Lord, how can I be continuous in Your remembrance?' He replied, 'Through seclusion from people, despising the sweet and the sour [of the world], and clearing your stomach and your house of the world.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 22, no. 6]

50ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن أحَبَّ شيئاً لَهِجَ بِذِكرِهِ

50– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever loves something is engaged in remembrance of it.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 7851]

Factors that Prevent the Remembrance [of Allah]

مَوانِعُ الذِّكرِ

51ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): لَيسَ في المعاصِي أشَدُّ مِن اتِّباعِ الشَّهوَةِ ، فلا تُطِيعُوها فَتَشغَلَكُم عَنِ اللّهِ .

51– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'There is nothing worse from amongst the transgressions than submitting to one's base desires, so do not obey them as they will preoccupy you from [remembering] Allah.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 7520]

52ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): كُلُّ ما ألهى عن ذِكرِ اللّهِ فهو مِن المَيسِرِ .

52– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Anything that distracts you from the remembrance of Allah is classified as gambling.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 73, p. 157, no. 2]

53ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): كُلُّ ما ألهى عن ذِكرِ اللّهِ فهو مِن إبليسَ.

53– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Anything that distracts you from the remembrance of Allah is from Iblis [Satan].’[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 170]

54ـ الإمامُ زينُ العابدينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنَّ قَسوَةَ البِطنَةِ وفَترَةَ المَيلَةِ وسُكرَ الشِّبَعِ وغِرَّةَ المُلكِ مِمّا يُثَبِّطُ ويُبطِئُ عَنِ العَمَلِ ويُنسِي الذِّكرَ.

54– Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, ‘Verily filling the stomach, weakness of will, the intoxication of being fully satiated and the delusion of power, all hinder and delay one from the performance [of good deeds] and cause one to forget Allah.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 129, no. 1]

The Effects of Disregarding the Remembrance [of Allah]

آثارُ الإعراضِ عَنِ الذِّكرِ

55ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن نَسِيَ اللّهَ سبحانَهُ أنساهُ اللّهُ نفسَهُ وأعمى قَلبَهُ.

55– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Whoever forgets Allah, Glory be to Him, Allah makes him forget himself and blinds his heart.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8875]

Silent Remembrance

الذِّكرُ الخَفِيُّ

56ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): خيرُ الذِّكرِ الخَفِيُّ.

56– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The best remembrance is the silent type.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 1771]

57ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ أو الإمامُ الصّادقُ(: لايَكتُبُ المَلَكُ إلّا ما يَسمَعُ ، قالَ اللّهُ عزّوجلّ: «وَاذْكُرْ رَبَّكَ في نَفسِكَ»: لا يَعلمُ ثوابَ ذلكَ الذِّكرِ في نَفسِ العَبدِ غيرُ اللّهِ تعالى.

57– Imam al-Baqir or Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The angel only writes down what he hears, but when Allah, Mighty and Exalted, has said, “And remember your Lord within your heart…”, no one knows the reward of that remembrance in the heart of the servant except Allah, most High.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 5, p. 322, no. 7]

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