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The Lesson to Be Learned From How Allah Dealt With Satan

الاعتِبارُ بِما فَعَلَ اللّهُ بِإبليسَ

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): فاعتَبِرُوا بما كانَ مِن فِعلِ اللّهِ بِإبليسَ ؛ إذ أحبَطَ عَمَلَهُ الطَّويلَ وجَهدَهُ الجَهيدَ1 (الجميلَ) وكانَ قد عَبَدَ اللّهَ سِتَّةَ آلافِ سَنَةٍ ، لايُدرى أمِن سِني الدُّنيا أم مِن سِني الآخِرَةِ عن كِبْرِ ساعَةٍ واحِدَةٍ.

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'So take a lesson from how Allah dealt with Iblis [Satan], when He thwarted his great works and his extensive efforts [because of the vanity of a single moment] even though he had been worshipping Allah for six thousand years, each hour of which was so long that it is not known whether they were years by the reckoning of this world or the next.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 192]

الاستِعاذَةُ بِاللّهِ مِنَ الشَّيطانِ

Seeking Refuge in Allah from Satan

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أحمَدُ اللّهَ وأستَعِينُهُ على مَداحِرِ الشَّيطانِ ومَزاجِرِهِ (مَزاحِرِهِ) ، والاعتِصامِ مِن حَبائِلِهِ2 ومَخاتِلِهِ.

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'I praise Allah and seek His aid against the acts that led to Satan's banishment and his eviction, and [I seek] His protection from his snares and his deceitful ways.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 151]

Satan's Enmity Towards Man

عَداوَةُ الشَّيطانِ لِلإنسانِ

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): اِحذَرُوا عَدوّاً نَفَذَ في الصُّدورِ خَفِيّاً ، ونَفَثَ في الآذانِ نَجِيّاً3

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Be on your guard against the enemy who covertly penetrates into your hearts and secretly whispers into your ears.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2633]

ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): لقد نَصَبَ إبليسُ حَبائلَهُ في دارِ الغُرورِ ، فما يَقصِدُ فيها إلّا أولِياءَنا4

4– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Iblis [Satan] lays out his traps in the Abode of Delusion, intending to ensnare none but our friends [i.e. lovers of the ahl al-bayt].'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 301]

ـ الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) ـ لمّا سُئلَ عن أوجَبِ الأعداءِ مُجاهَدةً ـ: أقرَبُهم إلَيكَ وأعداهُم لَكَ... ومَن يُحَرِّضُ5 أعداءَكَ علَيكَ ، وهُو إبليسُ.

5– Imam al-Kazim (a.s.) was once asked who one's archenemy is that one must fight, to which he replied, 'It is he who is closest to you and yet harbours the most enmity towards you … and he who provokes all your enemies against you, and he is Iblis [Satan].'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 399]

Caution Against Satan's Temptations

التَّحذيرُ مِن فِتَنِ الشَّيطانِ

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الفِتَنُ ثلاثٌ: حُبُّ النِّساءِ وهُو سَيفُ الشَّيطانِ ، وشُربُ الخَمرِ وهُو فَخُّ الشَّيطانِ ،6 وحُبُّ الدِّينارِ والدِّرهَمِ وهُو سَهمُ الشَّيطانِ .

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'There are three types of temptation: the love of women, which Satan uses as his sword; drinking wine, which Satan uses as his snare; and love of the dinar and the dirham [symbols of wealth], which Satan uses as his arrow.'[al-Khisal, p. 113, no. 91]

Satan Worshippers

عَبَدَةُ الشَّيطانِ

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في ذَمّ أتباعِ الشَّيطانِ ـ: اِتَّخَذُوا الشَّيطانَ لِأمرِهِم مِلاكاً، واتَّخَذَهُم لَهُ أشراكاً، فَباضَ وفَرَّخَ في صُدُورِهِم ، وَدَبَّ ودَرَجَ في حُجُورِهم ، فَنَظَرَ بِأعيُنِهِم ، ونَطَقَ بِألسِنَتِهِم ، فَرَكِبَ بِهِمُ الزَّلَلَ ، وزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الخَطَلَ ، فِعلَ مَن قد شَرِكَهُ الشَّيطانُ في سُلطانِهِ ، ونَطَقَ بالباطِلِ عَلى لِسانِهِ.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, condemning those who follow Satan, 'They have taken Satan as the controller of their affairs, and he has in turn adopted them as his partners. He has laid eggs and hatched them in their bosoms, and creeps and crawls onto their laps, until he sees through their eyes and speaks with their tongues. Thus does he lead them to commit errors and glamorizes their own foolish deeds to them, like the act of one whom Satan has made partner in his domain, speaking lies through his tongue.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 7]

Satan's Allurements

غَواياتُ الشَّيطانِ

8ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ لكميل بن زياد ـ: يا كُمَيلُ ، إنَّ إبليسَ لا يَعِدُ عن نفسِهِ ، وإنّما يَعِدُ عن رَبِّهِ لِيَحمِلَهُم على مَعصِيَتِهِ فَيُوَرِّطَهُم .

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'O Kumayl! Verily Iblis [Satan] does not threaten them in his own name, rather he threatens them in Allah's name in order to cause them to disobey Him, and thus does he entangle them in difficulties.'[Basharat al-Mustafa, p. 27]

9ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الشَّيطانُ مُوَكَّلٌ به [أي بالعَبدِ]يُزَيِّنُ لَهُ المَعصيَةَ لِيَركَبَها ، ويُمَنّيهِ التَّوبَةَ لِيُسَوِّفَها . .

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Satan takes charge of him [the servant] and glamorizes the sin to him in order that he commit it, and makes him indulge false hopes of forgiveness in order that he delay it.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 64]

10ـ الإمامُ زينُ العابدينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في دعائِهِ ـ: فلَولا أنَّ الشَّيطانَ يَختَدِعُهُم عَن طاعَتِكَ ما عَصاكَ عاصٍ ، ولَولا أ نّهُ صَوَّرَ لَهُمُ الباطِلَ في مِثالِ الحَقِّ ما ضَلَّ عَن طَريقِكَ ضالٌّ.

10– Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said in one of his supplications, 'Were it not for the fact that Satan misleads them from Your obedience, no disobeyer would have ever disobeyed You, and were it not for the fact that he portrays falsehood to them in the likeness of truth, no strayer would have ever strayed from Your path.'[al-Sahifat al-Sajjadiyya, supplication 37, line 144]

11ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): يقولُ إبليسُ لِجُنُودِهِ: ألقُوا بَينَهُمُ الحَسَدَ والبَغيَ ؛ فإنّهُما يَعدِلانِ عِندَ اللّهِ الشِّركَ

11– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Iblis [Satan] addresses his troops saying, 'Sow jealousy and dissention between them, for verily these are tantamount to polytheism in the sight of Allah.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 327, no. 2]

That Which Renders One Immune From Satan

ما يَعصِمُ مِنَ الشَّيطانِ

12ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أكثِرِ الدُّعاءَ تَسلَمْ مِن سَورَةِ الشَّيطانِ .

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Increase in your supplication and you will be secure from Satan's force.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 9, no. 64]

13ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): تَحَرَّزْ مِن إبليسَ بالخَوفِ الصادِقِ .

13– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'Guard yourself against Iblis [Satan] with true dread.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 164, no. 1]

14ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): قالَ إبليسُ: خَمسَةٌ ليسَ لي فيهِنَّ حِيلَةٌ وسائرُ الناسِ في قَبضَتي: مَن اعتَصَمَ بِاللّهِ عن نيّةٍ صادِقَةٍ واتَّكَلَ علَيهِ في جَميعِ أُمُورِهِ ، ومَن كَثُرَ تَسبيحُهُ في لَيلِهِ ونَهارِهِ ، ومَن رَضِيَ لأخِيهِ المؤمِنِ بما يَرضاهُ لنفسِهِ ، ومَن لَم يَجزَعْ على المُصيبةِ حينَ تُصيبُهُ ، ومَن رَضِيَ بما قَسَمَ اللّهُ لَهُ ولَم يَهتَمَّ لِرِزقِهِ .

14– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Iblis [Satan] said, 'There are five types of people against whom I have no stratagem, whilst I have the rest of people firmly in my grasp: he who clings fast to Allah with a true intention and relies solely on Him in all his affairs, he who is in constant and abundant glorification of Allah day and night, he who pleases for his brother in faith whatever he pleases for himself, he who does not feel anxious about an affliction when it befalls him, and he who is satisfied with whatever Allah has allotted to him and does not worry about his sustenance.'[al-Khisal, p. 285, no. 37]

That Which Brings One Under Satan's Authority

ما يُسَلِّطُ الشَّيطانَ

15ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): بَينَما موسى (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) جالِساً إذ أقبَلَ إبليسُ... قالَ موسى: فَأخبِرْني بِالذَّنبِ الذي إذا أذنَبَهُ ابنُ آدَمَ استَحوَذتَ علَيهِ . قالَ: إذا أعجَبَتهُ نَفسُهُ ، واستَكثَرَ عَمَلَهُ ، وصَغُرَ في عَينِهِ ذَنبُهُ.

15– The Prophet (S) narrated, ‘Moses (a.s.) was once sitting down when Iblis [Satan] approached him … Moses asked him, 'So inform me about the sin which if the son of Adam were to commit would give you mastery over him.’ He replied, 'When he feels proud of himself [for a particular action], and continues to perform that action, deeming his sin insignificant.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 314, no. 8]

16ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مُجالَسَةُ أهلِ الهَوى مَنساةٌ للإيمانِ ومَحضَرَةٌ للشَّيطانِ.

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Sitting in the company of people who are driven by their base desires is the key to obliviousness of one's faith and is the very seat of Satan's presence.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 86]

18ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): ليسَ لإبليسَ جُندٌ أشَدَّ مِنَ النِّساءِ والغَضَبِ.

17– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Satan's strongest forces are [mobilized through] women and anger.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 363]

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