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1الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الإخْلاصُ غايَةُ الدِّينِ ..

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Sincerity is the peak of religion.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 727]

2الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الإخْلاصُ عِبادَةُ المُقَرَّبينَ ..

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Sincerity is the worship of those brought near [to Allah].'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 667]

3الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الإخْلاصُ مِلاكُ العِبادَةِ . . ـ

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Sincerity is the criterion for worship.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 859]

4الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الإخْلاصُ أعْلى الإيمانِ ..

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Sincerity is the summit of faith.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 860]

5الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : في الإخْلاصِ يَكونُ الخَلاصُ ..

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Salvation is found in sincerity.’[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 118]

6ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : طُوبى لِمَن أخْلَصَ للّهِ عَمَلَهُ وعِلْمَهُ ، وحُبَّهُ وبُغْضَهُ ، وأخْذَهُ وتَرْكَهُ ، وكَلامَهُ وصَمْتَهُ وفِعْلَهُ وقَولَهُ ،.

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Blessed is he whose knowledge and practice, love and hate, acceptance and refusal, speech and silence, and words and actions are sincerely for the sake of Allah.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 100]

The Difficulty of Sincerity

صُعوبَةُ الإخلاصِ

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : تَصْفِيَةُ العَمَلِ أشَدُّ مِن العَمَلِ، وتَخْليصُ النِّيّةِ عنِ الفَسادِ أشَدُّ على العامِلِينَ مِن طُولِ الجِهادِ.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Perfecting an action is more difficult than [performing] the action itself, and purifying an intention from corruption is tougher for the striving ones than engaging in lengthy jihad.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 288, no. 1]

8ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : الإبْقاءُ على العَمَلِ حتّى يَخْلُصَ أشَدُّ مِن العَمَلِ . .

8– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Persevering with an action until its end is harder than [performing] the action itself.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 16, no. 4]

The Sufficiency of Few Actions Coupled with Sincerity

كِفايَةُ القَليلِ مِنَ العَملِ مَعَ الإخلاصِ

9ـ فيما ناجى اللّهُ تباركَ وتعالى موسى (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : يا موسى ، ما أُريدَ بِهِ وَجْهي فكَثيرٌ قَليلُهُ ، وما أُريدَ بِهِ غَيري فقَليلٌ كَثيرُهُ .

9– It is narrated in al-Kafi that Allah – Blessed and most High – addressed Prophet Moses (a.s.) in intimate conversation saying, ‘O Moses, whatever is done for My sake, a little of it is a lot and whatever

is done for the sake of others, a lot of it is little.'[al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 46, no. 8]

10ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : أخْلِصْ قَلبَكَ يَكْفِكَ القَليلُ مِن العَمَلِ.

10– The Prophet (S) said, 'Purify your heart and few actions will suffice you.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 73, p. 175, no. 15]

The Sincere One

المُخلِص

11ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : العُلَماءُ كُلُّهُم هَلْكى إلّا العامِلينَ ، والعامِلونَ كُلُّهُم هَلْكى إلّا المُخْلِصينَ، والمُخْلِصونَ على خَطَرٍ.

11– The Prophet (S) said, 'The men of knowledge will all be ruined except those who acted [upon their knowledge], and those who act will all be ruined except for the sincere ones from among them, and the sincere ones are significant indeed.'[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 118]

12ـ عن المُفَضّلِ بن صالح : قالُ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنَّ للّهِ عِبادا عامَلوهُ بخالِصٍ مِن سِرِّهِ ، فعامَلَهُم بخالِصٍ مِن بِرِّهِ ، فهُمُ الّذينَ تَمُرُّ صُحُفُهُم يَومَ القِيامَةِ فُرَّغاً ، وَإذا وَقَفوا بَينَ يدَيهِ تعالى مَلأها مِن سِرِّ ما أسَرُّوا إلَيهِ . فقلتُ : يا مَولاي ، ولِمَ ذلكَ؟ فقالَ : أجَلَّهُم أنْ تَطَّلِعَ الحَفَظَةُ على ما بَينَهُ وبَينَهُم.

12– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said to Mufadhaal b. Salih, 'Verily Allah has servants who sincerely engage in transaction with Him in secrecy, so Allah gives them from His pure reward and goodness, for they are the ones who will come on the Day of Resurrection with their book of deeds empty, and when they stand in front of Allah, their books will be filled with the secrets that they had with Him'. [Mufadhal narrates], I asked, 'O my master, why will their books be empty?' The Imam replied, 'Allah holds them in such high regard that He does not even want the guardian angels to be aware of what is between Him and them.'['Uddat al-Da'ai, p. 194]

13ـ عَن جَبرئيلَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ لَمّا سألَهُ النّبيُّ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) عن تَفسيرِ الإخْلاصِ ـ : المُخْلِصُ الّذي لا يَسألُ النّاسَ شَيئاً حتّى يَجِدَ، و إذا وَجدَ رَضِيَ، و إذا بَقِيَ عِندَهُ شيء أعْطاهُ فِي اللّهِ ، فإنَّ مَن لَم يَسألِ المَخلوقَ فَقَد أقَرَّ للّهِ عزّوجلّ بالعُبوديَّةِ ، و إذا وَجَدَ فرَضِيَ فهُو عنِ اللّهِ راضٍ ، واللّهُ تباركَ وتعالى عنهُ راضٍ، و إذا أعطى للّهِ عزّوجلّ فهُو على حَدِّ الثِّقَةِ برَبِّهِ عزّوجلّ.

13– The archangel Gabriel (a.s.), when he was asked by the Prophet (S) about the meaning of sincerity,

replied, ‘The sincere one is he who does ask the people anything until he himself finds it, and when he finds it he is pleased. Whenever he has a remainder of a thing, he gives it to others, because if a person does not ask anything from creation, he has established that his servitude is solely for Allah, Mighty and Exalted, and if he finds and he is pleased then he is pleased with Allah and Allah – Blessed and most High – is pleased with him, and if he gives for the sake of Allah then he has reached the station of reliance on his Lord, Mighty and Exalted.’[Nur al-Thaqalayn, v. 3, p. 15, no. 50]

The Role of Sincerity in the Acceptance of Actions

دَورُ الإخلاصِ في قَبولِ الأعمالِ

14ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : إذا عَمِلْتَ عَمَلاً فاعْمَلْ للّهِ خالِصاً ؛ لأ نَّهُ لا يَقْبَلُ مِن عِبادِهِ الأعْمالَ إلّا ما كانَ خالِصاً.

14– The Prophet (S) said, ‘If you perform an action, do it sincerely for the sake of Allah because He only accepts from His servants those actions that have been performed sincerely.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 103, no. 1]

15ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : قالَ اللّهُ تَبارَك وتعالى : أنا خَيرُ شَريكٍ ، مَن أشْرَكَ بِي في عَمَلِهِ لَن أقْبَلَهُ، إلّا ما كانَ لي خالِصاً.

15– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Allah – most High –has said, ‘I am the best partner, so whoever associates a partner with Me in his actions I will never accept them, except those actions that have been performed [sincerely for Me].’[Mustadrak al-Wasa’il, v. 1, p. 203, no. 1]

The Pure Religion

الدّينُ الخالِصُ

16ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : تَمامُ الإخْلاصِ اجْتِنابُ المَحارِمِ.

16– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Complete sincerity is abstaining from the prohibited things.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 44399]

17ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَن قالَ: «لا إلهَ إلّا اللّهُ» مُخْلِصاً دَخَلَ الجَنّةَ ، و إخْلاصُهُ أنْ يَحْجِزَهُ «لا إلهَ إلّا

اللّهُ» عَمّا حَرّمَ اللّهُ .

17– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said. ‘Whoever sincerely says “There is no god but Allah” will enter Paradise and his sincerity should be such that his testimony of “There is no god but Allah” becomes a barrier for him against whatever Allah has forbidden.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 8, p. 359, no. 24]

The Reality of Sincerity

حَقيقَةُ الإخلاصِ

18ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : إنَّ لِكُلِّ حَقٍّ حَقيقةً ، وما بَلغَ عَبدٌ حقيقةَ الإخْلاصِ حتّى لا يُحِبَّ أنْ يُحْمَدَ على شيءٍ مِن عَمَلٍ للّهِ.

18– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Verily for every essential truth is a reality and a servant has not reached the reality of sincerity until he dislikes to be praised [by others] for any act that he does for the sake of Allah.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 72, p. 304, no. 51]

19ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : العِبادَةُ الخالِصَةُ أنْ لا يَرجوَ الرّجُلُ إلّا رَبَّهُ ، ولا يَخافَ إلّا ذَنْبَهُ.

19– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Pure worship is that a man does not hope for anything except his Lord and does not fear anything except [the outcome of] his sin.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2128]

20ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : العَمَلُ الخالِصُ : الّذي لا تُريدُ أنْ يَحْمَدَكَ علَيهِ أحَدٌ إلّا اللّهُ عزّوجلّ.

20– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The pure action [done out of sincerity], is that which the servant does not wish to be praised for by anyone except Allah – Mighty and Exalted.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 16, no. 4]

What Brings About Sincerity

ما يورِثُ الإخلاصَ

21ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : سَبَبُ الإخلاصِ اليَقينُ . .

21– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The [root] cause of sincerity is conviction.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5538]

22ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : ثَمَرةُ العِلمِ إخْلاصُ العَمَلِ.

22– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The fruit of knowledge is sincerity of action.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 4642]

23ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : قَلِّلِ الآمالَ تَخْلُصْ لَكَ الأعمالُ.

23– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Reduce your expectations and your actions will become sincere.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 6793]

24ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : أصْلُ الإخْلاصِ اليَأسُ مِمّا في أيْدي النّاسِ.

24– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The root of sincerity is despairing of obtaining what is in the hands of men.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 3088]

The Effects of Sincerity

آثارُ الإخلاصِ

25ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : ما أخْلَصَ عَبدٌ للّهِ عزّوجلّ أربَعينَ صباحاً إلّا جَرَتْ يَنابيعُ الحِكمَةِ مِن قَلبِهِ على لِسانِهِ.

25– The Prophet (S) said, ‘No sooner does a servant spend his mornings in a state of sincere devotion for forty days than the springs of wisdom will flow from his heart onto his tongue.’[‘Uyun Akhbar ar–Ridha, v. 2, p. 69, no. 321]

26ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : قالَ اللّهُ عزّوجلّ : لا أطَّلِعُ على قَلبِ عَبدٍ فأعْلَمُ مِنهُ حُبَّ الإخْلاصِ لِطاعَتي لِوَجْهي وابْتِغاءَ مَرْضاتي إلّا تَولّيتُ تَقويمَهُ وسياسَتَهُ.

26–The Prophet (S) said, ‘Allah said, ‘No sooner do I look into a servant’s heart and find that he has sincere love for My sole obedience and he seeks My pleasure than I take charge of his plans and affairs.’[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 85, p. 136, no. 16]

27ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَن أخْلَصَ النِّيَّةَ تَنَزّهَ عنِ الدَّنِيَّةِ.

27– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The one who purifies his intention distances himself from base

qualities.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8447]

28ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنَّ المؤمنَ لَيَخشَعُ لَهُ كُلُّ شيءٍ ويَهابُهُ كُلُّ شيءٍ . إذا كانَ مُخلِصاً للّهِ أخافَ اللّهُ مِنهُ كُلَّ شيءٍ ، حتّى هَوامَّ الأرضِ وسِباعَها وطَيرَ السَّماءِ .

28– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Verily everything is humbled and awed before the believer’, and then he said, ‘If he is sincere for Allah, Allah will make everything fear him including the wild and poisonous animals of the land and the birds of the sky.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p. 238, no. 21]

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