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The State [i.e. Governance] of Noble People

دَولَةُ الأكارِم

1ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): دَولةُ الأكابِرِ مِن أفضَلِ المَغانِمِ ، دَولةُ اللِئامِ مَذَلَّةُ الكِرامِ.

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The governance of senior people [of greater expertise] is one of the greatest advantages whereas the governance of wicked people humiliates noble people.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5112-5113]

2ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): يُستدَلُّ على إدبارِ الدُّوَلِ بأربَعٍ: تَضييعِ الأُصولِ ، والتمسُّكِ بالفروعِ ، وتَقديمِ الأراذِلِ ، وتأخيرِ الأفاضِلِ.

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The fall of states can be discerned by four things: neglect of the fundamentals, embracing peripheral matters, bringing contemptible ones to the forefront and relegating the virtuous ones.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 10965]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): وأعظَمُ ما افتَرَضَ سبحانَهُ مِن تِلكَ الحُقوقِ حَقُّ الوالِي على الرَّعِيَّةِ ، وحقُّ الرعيّةِ على الوالِي ... فإذا أدَّتِ الرعيّةُ إلى الوالي حقَّهُ وأدَّى الوالِي إلَيها حَقَّها عَزَّ الحَقُّ بينهم ، وقامَت مناهِجُ الدِّينِ ، واعتَدَلَتْ مَعالِمُ العَدلِ ، وجَرَت على أذلالِها السُّنَنُ ، فَصَلَحَ بذلك الزمانُ ، وطُمِعَ في بَقاءِ الدَّولةِ ، ويَئِسَت مطامِعُ الأعداءِ.

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The greatest of the rights that the Glorified [Allah] has made obligatory on man is the right of the ruler over the ruled and the right of the ruled over the ruler…so if the ruled fulfil the

rights of the ruler and the ruler fulfils their rights, then the truth attains the position of honour among them, the ways of religion become established, the marks of justice affirmed, the prophetic practice gets implemented correctly, current times improve, the continuance of the state is desired and the ambitions of the enemies are thwarted.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 216]

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ما حُصِّنَ الدُّوَلُ بمِثلِ العَدلِ.

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Nothing fortifies states like justice.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9574]

5ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): صَيِّرِ الدِّينَ حِصنَ دَولَتِكَ ، والشُّكرَ حِرزَ نِعمَتِكَ ، فَكُلُّ دَولَةٍ يَحوطُها الدِّينُ لا تُغلَبُ، وكلُّ نِعمَةٍ يَحرُزُها الشُّكرُ لا تُسلَبُ.

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Make religion the fortress of your state, and thankfulness a protection for your bounties, because every state whose fortress is religion is invincible and every bounty encompassed by thankfulness remains.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5831]

6ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مِن أماراتِ الدَّولةِ اليَقَظَةُ لِحراسَةِ الأُمورِ.

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘One of the signs of a [stable] government is vigilance in safeguarding matters.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9360]

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