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The Rights

The Rights الحُقوق

The Rights of Allah, Most High

حُقوقُ اللّهِ تَعالى

1 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : إنّ حُقوقَ اللّهِ جَلَّ ثَناؤُه أعْظَمُ مِن أنْ يَقومَ بِها العِبادُ ، وإنّ نِعَمَ اللّهِ أكْثَرُ مِن أنْ يُحْصيَها العِبادُ ، ولكنْ أمْسُوا وأصْبِحوا تائِبينَ.

1- The Prophet (S) said, 'Truly the rights of Allah, exalted be His praise, are too great to be fulfilled by His servants, and verily the bounties of Allah are too great to be estimated by the servants; but [the least they can do is to] repent to Him morning and night.'[Makarim al-Akhlaq, v. 2, p. 365, no. 2661]

2 ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) : ... لكنَّهُ سَبحانَهُ جَعَلَ حقَّهُ على العِبادِ أنْ يُطيعوهُ ، وجَعَلَ جَزاءهُم علَيهِ مُضاعَفَةَ الثَّوابِ تَفَضُّلاً مِنهُ.

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Allah, glory be to Him, has made it His right upon people to obey Him, and has made its requital for them an increase in their reward [for acts of obedience] out of His Grace.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 216]

Giving Priority to the Rights of People

تَقديمُ حَقِّ النّاسِ

3 ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) : جَعلَ اللّهُ سبحانَهُ حُقوقَ عِبادِهِ مُقَدِّمَةً لحُقوقِهِ ، فمَن قامَ بحُقوقِ عِبادِ اللّهِ كانَ ذلكَ

مُؤَدّياً إلى القِيامِ بحُقوقِ اللّهِ.

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Allah, glory be to Him, has made the rights of the people the prelude to His rights; therefore, he who fulfils the rights of Allah’s servants ends up fulfilling Allah’s rights.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4780]

The Greatest of Rights

أعظَمُ الحُقوقِ

4- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : وأعظَمُ ما افْتَرضَ [اللّهُ] سبحانَهُ مِن تلكَ الحُقوقِ : حقُّ الوالي على الرَّعِيَّةِ ، وحقُّ الرَّعِيَّةِ على الوالي.

4- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The greatest of those rights that He, glory be to Him, has made obligatory are the right of the ruler upon the subjects, and the right of the subjects upon the ruler.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 216]

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