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Visiting

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Enjoinment of Visiting Each Other for the Pleasure of Allah

الحَثُّ عَلَى التَّزاوُرِ فِي اللّهِ

1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن زارَ أخاهُ المؤمنَ إلى مَنزِلِهِ لا حاجَةً مِنهُ إلَيهِ كُتِبَ مِن زُوّارِ اللّهِ ، وكانَ حَقيقاً على اللّهِ أن يُكرِمَ زائرَهُ.

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'He who goes to visit his brother in faith at his home, without any motive on his part, is recorded as having visited Allah, and Allah honours His guest by His own right.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 192, no. 11]

2ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): زُورُوا في اللّهِ وجالِسُوا في اللّهِ ، وأعطُوا في اللّهِ وامنَعُوا فِي اللّهِ ، زايِلُوا أعداءَ اللّهِ وواصِلُوا أولياءَ اللّهِ.

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Visit each other for the sake of Allah, sit in each other's company for the sake of Allah, give for the sake of Allah and deny for the sake of Allah, keep away from the enemies of Allah and maintain relations with the friends of Allah.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, nos. 5392-5393]

3ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): تَزاوَرُوا في بيوتِكُم فإنّ ذلكَ حَياةٌ لِأمرِنا ، رَحِمَ اللّهُ عَبدا أحيا أمرَنا

3– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'Pay visits to each other in your homes for verily that is a reinforcement of our teachings, and Allah has mercy on a servant who reinforces our teachings.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 2, p. 144, no. 6]

4ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن زارَ أخاهُ في اللّهِ ولِلّهِ ، جاءَ يَومَ القِيامَةِ يَخطِرُ بَينَ قُباطِيٍّ مِن نُورٍ لا يَمُرُّ بِشيءٍ إلّا أضاءَ لَهُ.

4– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who visits his brother for the sake of Allah and for His pleasure will be raised on the Day of Resurrection walking straddled by two cloths of light, and illuminating thereby anything that he passes.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 74, p. 347, no. 8]

5ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): تَزاوَرُوا فإنّ في زِيارَتِكُم إحْياءً لِقُلوبِكُم ، وذِكرا لأحاديثِنا ، وأحاديثُنا تُعَطِّفُ بعضَكُم عَلى بعضٍ ، فإن أخَذتُم بها رَشَدتُم ونَجَوتُم ، وإن تَرَكتُمُوها ضَلَلتُم وهَلَكتُم ، فَخُذُوا بها وأنا بِنَجاتِكُم زَعِيمٌ .

5– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Visit each other for verily your visits revive your own hearts and act as a reminder of our traditions, and our traditions in turn awaken affection in you towards each other. If you adopt our traditions you shall be rightly guided and shall attain salvation, and if you abandon them you will stray and perish, so do adopt them and I will guarantee your salvation.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 186, no. 2]

6ـ الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لَيسَ شيءٌ أنكى لِإبلِيسَ وجُنودِهِ مِن زِيارَةِ الإخوانِ في اللّهِ بعضِهِم لِبعضٍ . .

6– Imam al-Kazim (a.s.) said, 'Nothing is more hurtful to Iblis [Satan] and his army than brothers in faith visiting each other for the sake of Allah.'[al-Kafi, p. 188, no. 7]

The Benefits of Meeting Fellow Brothers

ثَمَراتُ لِقاءِ الإخوانِ

7ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): الزِّيارَةُ تُنبِتُ المَوَدَّةَ

7– The Prophet (S) said, 'Visiting [each other] makes love grow [between you].'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 74, p. 355, no. 36]

8ـ الإمامُ الجوادُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مُلاقاةُ الإخوانِ نُشْرَةٌ وتَلقيحُ العَقلِ ، وإن كانَ نَزْرا قَليلاً

8– Imam al-Jawad (a.s.) said, 'Meeting fellow brothers, even very briefly, causes the mind to broaden and develop.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 353, no. 26]

The Etiquette of Visiting

أدَبُ الزِّيارَةِ

9ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): زُرْ غِبّاً تَزدَدْ حُبّاً

9– The Prophet (S) said, 'Visit people at regularly–spaced intervals for that will increase love [between you].'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 355, no. 36]

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ مِن وَصِيَّتِهِ لابنِهِ الحسينِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ: كَثرَةُ الزِّيارةِ تُورِثَ المَلالَةَ

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) in his will to his son Imam al–Husayn (a.s.), said, 'Visiting too often brings about boredom.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 77, p. 237, no. 1]

11ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا وَثِقتَ بِمَوَدَّةِ أخِيكَ، فلا تُبالِ مَتى لَقِيتَهُ ولَقِيَكَ ـ .

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'When you are assured of your brother's love for you, then do not worry about when you will meet each other.'[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 4087]

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