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1ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أفضَلُ النّاسِ مَن عَشِقَ العِبادَةَ فَعانَقَها، وأحَبَّها بقَلبِهِ، وباشَرَها بِجَسَدِهِ، وتَفرَّغَ لَها، فَهُو لا يُبالي عَلى ما أصبَحَ مِنَ الدُّنيا: عَلى عُسرٍ أم عَلى يُسرٍ.

1– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The best of people is he who longs for worship and embraces it, loves it with his heart, throws himself into it with his whole body, and devotes himself exclusively to it, such that he is not concerned in what worldly state he wakes up in the morning: in difficulty or in ease.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 83, no. 3]

2ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): كَفى بِالعِبادَةِ شُغلاً

2– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Worship suffices as an occupation.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, p. 35]

3ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): يَقولُ رَبُّكُم: يَابنَ آدَمَ، تَفَرَّغْ لِعِبادَتي أملأْ قَلبَكَ غِنىً و أملأْ يَدَيكَ رِزقاً. يَابنَ آدمَ، لا تَباعَدْ مِنّي فأملأَ قَلبَكَ فَقراً وأملأَ يَدَيكَ شُغلاً.

3– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Your Lord addresses you, saying, ‘O son of Adam! Devote yourself exclusively to My worship and I will fill your heart with wealth and your hands with ready sustenance. O son of Adam! Do not distance yourself from Me or I will fill your heart with poverty and your hands with work [to preoccupy you].’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 43614]

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا أحَبَّ اللّهُ عَبداً ألهَمَهُ حُسنَ العِبادَةِ .

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘When Allah loves a servant He inspires him to carry out the best forms of worship.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4066]

5ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): العُبوديَّةُ خَمسَةُ أشياءَ: خَلاءُ البَطنِ، وَقِراءةُ القرآنِ، وقِيامُ اللَّيلِ، والتَّضَرُّعُ عِندَ الصُّبحِ، والبُكاءُ مِن خَشيَةِ اللّهِ .

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Adoration [of Allah] consists of five things: keeping the stomach empty, reading the Qur’an, performing the night prayer, imploring Allah at dawn, and crying much from fear of Allah.’[Mustadrak al-Wasa’il, v. 11, p. 244, no. 12875]

The Role of Understanding and Conviction in Worship

دَورُ التَّفَقُّهِ واليقينِ فِي العِبادَةِ

6ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لا عِبادَةَ إلّا بِيَقينٍ

6– The Prophet (S) said, ‘There is no use to worship without conviction.’[Kanz al-Fawa’id, v. 1, p. 55]

7ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أُعبُدِ اللّهَ كَأَ نَّكَ تَراهُ، فَإن لَم تَكُن تَراهُ، فَإنَّهُ يَراكَ

7– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Worship Allah as if you see Him, for although you may not see Him, indeed He sees you.’[Kanz al-’Ummal, no. 5250]

8ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا خَيرَ في عِبادَةٍ ليسَ فيها تَفَقُّهٌ

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Worship without understanding is no good.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 204]

9ـ الإمامُ زينَ العابدينُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا عِبادَةَ إلّا بالتَفَقُّهِ

9– Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, ‘There is no point to worship unless performed with understanding.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 280]

Types of Worship

10ـ عيسى (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ لِرجُلٍ ـ: ما تَصنَعُ ؟ قالَ: أتَعَبَّدُ، قالَ: فمَن يَعودُ علَيكَ ؟ قالَ: أخي، قالَ: أخوكَ أعبَدُ مِنكَ.

10– Prophet Jesus (a.s.) asked a man, ‘What are you doing?’ The man replied, ‘I am worshipping.’ So he asked, ‘Then who is it that supports you [financially]?’ He replied, ‘My brother’, to which Prophet Jesus (a.s.) said, ‘Your brother is a better worshipper than you.’[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 1, p. 65]

11ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): العِبادَةُ عَشرَةُ أجزاءٍ، تِسعَةُ أجزاءٍ في طَلَبِ الحَلالِ.

11– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Worship consists of ten parts, nine of which are to do with earning a lawful living.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 103, p. 18, no. 81]

12ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): نَظَرُ الوَلَدِ إلى والِدَيهِ حُبّاً لَهُما عِبادَةٌ.

12– The Prophet (S) said, ‘A son’s looking at his parents with love is a form of worship [of Allah].’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 46]

13ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): النَّظَرُ إلَى العالِمِ عِبادَةٌ، والنَّظَرُ إلَى الإمامِ المُقسِطِ عِبادَةٌ، وَالنَّظَرُ إلَى الوالِدَينِ بِرَأفَةٍ وَرحمَةٍ عِبادَةٌ، وَالنَّظَرُ إلى أخٍ تَوَدُّهُ في اللّهِ عَزَّوجلَّ عِبادَةٌ.

13– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Looking at [the face of] a scholar is worship, looking at [the face of] a just Imam is worship, looking at one’s parents with kindness and mercy is worship, and looking at the face of a brother whom you love for the sake of Allah is worship.’[Amali al-Tusi, p. 454, no. 1015]

14ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): حُسنُ الظَّنّ باللّهِ مِن عِبادَةِ اللّهِ تعالى.

14– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Entertaining the best opinion about Allah is a form of worship of Allah, most High.’[al-Durra al-Bahira, p. 18]

15ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): التَّفَكُّرُ في مَلَكوتِ السّماواتِ والأرضِ عِبادَةُ المُخلِصينَ.

15– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Pondering about the dominion of the heavens and the earth is the worship of the sincere ones.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1792]

16ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّ مِنَ العِبادَةِ لِينَ الكَلامِ وإفشاءَ السَّلامِ

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Verily part of worship is to talk to people in a gentle manner and to spread the greeting of peace among them.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3421]

17ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّ فَوقَ كلِّ عِبادَةٍ عِبادَةً، و حُبُّنا أهلَ البَيتِ أفضَلُ عِبادَةٍ

17– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Verily above every act of worship is an even better act of worship, and love for us, the household of the Prophet, is the best act of worship.’[al-Mahasin, v. 1, p. 247, no. 462]

Types of Worshippers

أنواعُ العُبّادِ

18ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): (إنّ) العُبّادَ ثَلاثةٌ: قَومٌ عَبَدوا اللّهَ عَزَّوجلَّ خَوفاً فتِلكَ عِبادَةُ العَبيدِ، وَقَوم عَبَدوا اللّهَ تَباركَ وتَعالى طَلَبَ الثَّوابِ فتِلكَ عِبادَةُ الأُجَراءِ، وقَوم عَبَدوا اللّهَ عَزَّوجلَّ حُبّاً لَهُ فَتِلكَ عِبادَةُ الأحرارِ، وهِيَ أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ.

18– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘Whoever gives a speaker his full attention has indeed expressed a form of worship or adulation to him. If the speaker leads one to Allah through his words, then it is as if one worships Allah [by giving him attention], but if he leads one to Satan through his words, it is as if one worships Satan.’[al-Kafi, v. 6, p. 434, no. 24]

19ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أطاعَ رَجُلاً في مَعصِيَةٍ فقَد عَبَدَهُ .

19– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Worshippers are of three types: people who worship Allah, Mighty and Exalted, out of fear, and that is the worship of a slave; people who worship Allah, Blessed and most High, seeking to be rewarded thereof, and that is the worship of an employee; and people who worship Allah, Mighty and Exalted, out of love for Him, and that is the worship of free men and is the best type of worship.’[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 84, no. 5]

20ـ الإمامُ الجواد (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أصغى إلى ناطِقٍ فقَد عَبَدَهُ، فإن كانَ النّاطِقُ يُؤَدّي عَنِ اللّهِ عَزَّوجلَّ فقَد عَبَدَ

اللّهَ، وإن كانَ النّاطِقُ يُؤَدّي عنِ الشَّيطانِ فقَد عَبَدَ الشَّيطانَ .

20– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who obeys someone in committing an act of disobedience [to Allah] has indeed worshipped him.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 398, no. 8]

The Best Form of Worship

أفضلُ العِبادَةِ

21 رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ الفِقهُ . .

21– The Prophet (S) said, 'The best form of worship is to gain an understanding [of religion].'[al-Khisal, p. 30, no. 104]

22 رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أعظَمُ العِبادَةِ أجراً أخفاها . .

22– The Prophet (S) said, 'The worship deserving of the greatest reward is that which is most discreetly performed.'[Qurb al-Isnad, p. 135, no. 475]

23 رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): العِبادَةُ مَعَ أكلِ الحَرامِكالبِناءِ عَلَى الرَّملِ ، وقيلَ :عَلَى الماءِ . .

23– The Prophet (S) said, 'Worship performed while having consumed unlawful food is like a building built on sand.' [or on water according to other narrations].['Uddat al-Da'ai, p. 141]

24 الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ العَفافُ ..

24– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The best form of worship is self-restraint.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 468, no. 8]

25 الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ غَلَبَةُ العادَةِ ..

25– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The best form of worship is breaking a habit or an addiction.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2873]

26 الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ الزَّهادَةُ ..

26– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The best form of worship is abstinence.’[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 2872]

27ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ العِلمُ بِاللّهِ والتَّواضُعُ لَهُ

27– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The best form of worship is coming to know Allah and humbling oneself before Him.’[Tuhaf al–’Uqul, no. 364]

28ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ إدمانُ التَّفَكُّرِ في اللّهِ وفي قُدرَتِهِ .

28– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The best form of worship is to be in a state of perpetual reflection about Allah and His power.’[al–Kafi, v. 2, p. 55, no. 3]

29ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): واللّهِ ما عُبِدَ اللّهُ بِشيءٍ أفضَلَ مِن أداءِ حَقِّ المُؤمِنِ .

29– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘By Allah, there is no better way to worship Allah than to fulfil the right of a fellow believer.’[al–Ikhtisas, p. 28]

30ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أعبَدُ النّاسِ مَن أقامَ الفَرائضَ .

30– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The best worshipper among people is he who performs the acts obligatory upon him.’[al–Khisal, p. 16, no. 56]

31ـ الإمامُ الرِّضا (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لَيسَتِ العِبادَةُ كَثرَةَ الصِّيامِ وَالصَّلاةِ، وَإِنَّما العِبادَةُ كَثرَةُ التَّفَكُّرِ في أمرِ اللّهِ .

31– Imam Ar–Ridha’ (a.s.) said, ‘Worship is not about fasting or praying much, rather worship is to reflect much on the command of Allah.’[Tuhaf al–’Uqul, no. 442]

32ـ الإمامُ الجوادُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أفضَلُ العِبادَةِ الإخلاصُ .

32– Imam al–Jawad (a.s.) said, ‘The best form of worship is sincerity.’[Tanbih al–Khawatir, v. 2, p. 109]

Eagerness and Vitality in Worship

النَّشاطُ فِي العِبادَةِ

ـ عيسى (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): بِحقٍّ أقولُ لَكُم: إنَّهُ كَما يَنظُرُ المَريضُ إلى طَيِّبِ الطَّعامِ فلا يَلتَذُّهُ مَعَ ما يَجِدُهُ مِن شِدَّةِ الوَجَعِ، كذلِكَ صاحِبُ الدّنيا لا يَلتَذُّ بِالعِبادَةِ ولا يَجِدُ حَلاوَتَها مَعَ ما يَجِدُ مِن حُبِّ المالِ .33

33– Prophet Jesus (a.s.) said, ‘With truth I tell you that verily just as the sick man can only look at good food but cannot enjoy it due to the intense pain he suffers, similarly the man engrossed in worldly affairs cannot enjoy worship nor taste its sweetness because of the love that he harbours for worldly possessions.’[Tuhaf al–’Uqul, no. 507]

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): آفَةُ العِبادَةِ الفَترَةُ.34

34– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The bane of worship is lassitude.’[Tuhaf al–’Uqul, no. 6]

ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا تُكَرِّهوا إلى أنفُسِكُمُ العِبادَةَ.35

35– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Do not make worship loathsome to yourselves [by forcing it upon yourselves].’[al–Kafi, v. 2, p. 86, no. 2]

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