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رَحمَةُ اللّه

- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنَّ اللهَ تعالى خَلَقَ مِائةَ رَحمَةٍ يَومَ خَلَقَ السماوات والأرضَ، كُلُّ رحمةٍ مِنها الباقُ ما بينَ السماءِ والأرضِ ، فَأَهبَطَ رَحمَةً مِنها إلى الأرضِ فَبها تَراحَمَ الخَلقُ ، وبها تَعطِفُ الوالِدَةُ على وَلَدِها ، طباقُ ما بينَ السماءِ والأرضِ ، فَأَهبَطَ رَحمَةً مِنها إلى الأرضِ فَبها تَشرَبُ الطيرُ والوُحوشُ مِن الماءِ ، وبها تَعِيشُ الخلائقُ

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Verily Allah, most High, created one hundred units of mercy on the day He created the heavens and the earth, each unit of which corresponds to all that is between the sky and the earth. Of these He descended one unit of mercy to the earth, and by virtue of that one unit, everything in creation shows understanding for one another, the mother is affectionate towards her child, and by virtue of the same unit, the birds and the beasts are able to drink water, and all creatures are able to subsist.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 10464]

- عن رسولِ اللهِ (صلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لَن يَدخُلَ الجَنَّةَ أَحَدٌ إِلّا بِرِحمَةِ اللهِ . قالوا: ولا أنت؟ قالَ: ولا أنا إلّا أن2 . يَتَغَمَّدنَىَ اللهُ

2- The Prophet (S) said, 'No one shall enter Paradise except by intervention of Allah's divine mercy.' His companions asked, 'Not even you?' to which he replied, 'Not even me, unless Allah encompasses me with His mercy.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 10407]

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صلَّىَ اللهُ عَلَيه وَ آلِهِ): لَو تَعلَمُونَ قَدْرَ رحمَةِ الله تعالى لاَتَّكلتُمْ عليها3

3- The Prophet (S) said, 'If you knew the worth of Allah's mercy, you would rely solely on that.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 10387]

4– Imam Zayn al–Abidin (a.s.) said, 'It is no small wonder if man is given salvation [on the Day of Resurrection], rather what is a wonder is how he manages to end up in eternal damnation in spite of Allah's all–encompassing mercy.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 78, p. 153, no. 17]

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5- The Prophet (S) said, 'Elicit Allah's mercy through the performance of the acts of obedience that He has commanded you.'[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 120]

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Allah's remembrance elicits the descent of His mercy.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4209]

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Spreading mercy [to others] elicits the descent of Allah's mercy.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4343]

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