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Praiseworthy Fame

الشُّهرَةُ المَحمودَةُ

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) ـ لمَّا سُئلَ عنِ الرجُلِ الذي يَعمَلُ العَمَلَ مِنَ الخَيرِ، ويَحمَدُهُ الناسُ علَيهِ ـ: تلكَ1 عاجِلُ بُشرَى المؤمِنِ.

1– The Prophet (S) was once asked regarding someone who performs a good deed, and is consequently praised by people on account of it, to which he replied, 'That [praise] is advance glad tidings for the believer.'[Sahih Muslim, no. 2642]

رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إذا أَحَبَّ اللهُ عَبداً مِن أُمَّتِي قَذَفَ في قُلوبِ أَصفِيائهِ وأرواحِ ملائكَتِهِ وسُكّانِ2 . عَرِشُهُ مَحَبَّتَهُ لِيُحبُّوهُ ، فذلكَ المُحَبُّ حقّاً

2– The Prophet (S) said, 'When Allah loves a servant of His from among my community, He radiates love for him into the hearts of His elite servants, the spirits of the angels and the retinue of His throne, in order that they too may love him, and that is one who is truly loved.' [Bihar al–Anwar, v. 70, p. 24, no. 23]

Blameworthy Fame

الشُّهرَةُ المَذمومَةُ

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): بِحَسْبِ المَرءِ مِن الشَّرِّ ـ إِلَّا مَن عَصَمَهُ اللهُ مِن السُّوءِ ـ أن يُشِيرَ الناسُ إلَيهِ3 ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ أَلِهِ): بِحَسْبِ المَرءِ مِن الشَّرِّ ـ إِلَّا مَن عَصَمَهُ اللهُ مِن السُّوءِ ـ أن يُشِيرَ الناسُ إلَيهِ ودُنياهُ .

3– The Prophet (S) said, 'It is bad enough for a man – except for one whom Allah protects from evil – that people should point the finger at him with regard to either his faith or his worldly affairs.'[Sharh Nahjul Balaghah li Ibn Abi al–Hadid, v. 2, p. 181]

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Every single servant who desires to raise his own status in this world, Allah abases his status in the Hereafter by a greater and longer extent.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 6144]

5– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.), in his description of a believer, said, 'He neither desires repute in this world, nor does he grieve at its disgrace. People have their own matters of significance that they tend to, whilst he occupies himself with his own concerns.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 67, p. 271, no. 3]

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6- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'It is enough of a disgrace for a man that he should wear such clothes or ride such a beast as draws attention to himself.'[Ibid. v. 78, p. 252, no. 105]

7- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Verily Allah despises the two forms of attention-seeking: attention-

seeking clothes and attention-seeking prayer. [Mishkat al-Anwar, no. 320]

8- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Renown for one's prayer is a form of deception.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 72, p. 297, no. 27]

9- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The best and worst of [seeking] fame lands one in the Fire.'[al-Kafi, v. 6, p. 445, no. 3]

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