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1– The Prophet (S) said, 'The fountainhead of wisdom is the fear of Allah.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 133, no. 43]

2- The Prophet (S) said, 'The person with the highest station in the sight of Allah is the one who fears Him the most.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 180, no. 10]

3– The Prophet (S) said, 'Three things provide salvation...fear of Allah in private, as if you see Him, for verily even though you do not see Him, He surely sees you.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p. 7, no. 5]

4– The Prophet (S) said, 'The one who knows Allah the most is the one who fears Allah the most.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p. 393, no. 64]

5- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Fear is the garment of the gnostics.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 664]

6- Imam Zayn al-Abidin, (a.s.) said, 'O son of Adam, you will always be with the good...as long as fear [of Allah] is your motto and grief your cloak.'[Amali al-Tusi, p. 115, no. 176]

The Believer Lies between Two Fears

7– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The believer lies between two fears, fear of a sin that he has committed in the past and does not know what action Allah has taken [with regards to it], and fear for the remainder of his life in which he does not know what destructive sins he may commit, therefore he always wakes up in the morning fearful and it is only fear that reforms him.'[al–Kafi, v. 2, p. 71, no. 12]

8– The Prophet (S) said, 'If you knew the extent of Allah's mercy, you would have depended on it and performed only a few deeds, and if you knew the extent of Allah's anger, you would believe that you will not be saved.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5894]

9– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Hope in Allah with such hope that it will not embolden you to disobey Him, and fear Allah with such fear that it will not cause you to despair of His mercy.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p.

10- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'My father (a.s.) used to say, 'There is no believing servant except that in his heart are two lights, a light of fear and a light of hope, if they were each to be measured neither would exceed the other.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 67, no. 1]

The Marks of the Fearful One

عَلاماتُ الخائِف

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The one who fears his Lord refrains from wrongdoing.' [Bihar al–Anwar, v. 75, p. 309, no. 3]

12– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'A servant is not a believer until he is both fearful and hopeful, and he is not fearful and hopeful until he acts in accordance with what he fears and what he hopes for.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p. 392, no. 61]

13– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The fearful one is he whose dread has not left him with a tongue with which to speak.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 244, no. 54]

Explanation of Fear

تَفسيرُ الخَوفِ

14–Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Do not fear oppression from your Lord, rather fear oppression from your own selves.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 10234]

15- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Do not fear anything except your sin, and do not place your hope in anyone except your Lord.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 10161-10162]

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'When you fear the Creator you will escape to Him, and when you fear a creature, you will escape from it.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4928–2029]

The Fruits of Fear

17– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever fears is active during the night, and whoever is active during the night reaches the [desired] station. Verily Allah's commodity is valuable, verily Allah's commodity is Paradise.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5885]

18— The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah, Blessed and most High, says, 'By My Honour and Majesty, I do not combine two types of fear for My servant, neither do I combine two types of security for him. If he feels secure from Me [and My punishment] in this world, I will frighten him on the Day of Resurrection, and if he fears Me in this world, I will provide security for him on the Day of Resurrection.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 70, p. 379, no. 28]

19- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Fear is the soul's prison [preventing it] from sinning and is its deterrent from disobedience.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1987]

20- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He whose fear increases, his affliction reduces.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8036]

21- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The fruit of fear is security.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4591]

22- Imam al-Hasan (a.s.) said, 'The one who is subservient to Allah, Allah will make everything else subservient to him.' [Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 108]

د الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَن خافَ اللّهَ أخافَ اللّهُ مِنهُ كُلَّ شَيءٍ ، ومَن لَم يَخَفِ اللّهَ أخافَهُ اللّهُ مِن كُلِّ 23
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23- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The one who fears Allah, Allah will make everything fear him, and the one who does not fear Allah, Allah will make him fear everything else.'[al-Kafi, v. 2. p. 28, no. 3]

24– Imam al-Hadi (a.s.) said, 'The one who is wary of Allah, Allah will make everyone wary of him.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 366, no. 32]

Caution Against Fearing Other than Allah

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّىَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : ما سلَّطَ اللهُ على ابن آدَمَ إلَّا مَن خافَهُ ابنُ آدَمَ ، ولَو أنّ ابنَ آدَمَ لَم يَخَفْ إلَّا 25

25– The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah does not empower anyone over man except one whom he fears. If man was to fear none but Allah, Allah would not allow anyone else to dominate him other than Himself. Man is not assigned to anyone except him in whom he places his hope and if he hopes in none but Allah, he will not be assigned to anyone other than Him.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 5909]

26– The Prophet (S) said, 'Blessed is the one whose fear of Allah preoccupies him from fearing people.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 126, no. 32]

27- The Prophet (S) said, 'Do not fear the reproach of blame on the path of Allah.'[al-Khisal, p. 526, no. 13]

How One Should React When in Fear of Something Awesome

28- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'When you fear a matter, dive straight into it for verily the intensity of your wariness of it is greater than what you actually fear.' [Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 175]

29– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'If you fear the difficulty of a situation, be hard and firm in front of it and it will lower [in difficulty] for you, and wittingly deceive the problems of the age and they will become easy for you.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4108]

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30- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The one who does not fear anyone will never ever fear.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8955]

31– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'If you enter a place which you fear, then recite this verse, "My Lord! Admit me with a worthy entrance, and bring me out with a worthy departure, and render me a favourable authority from yourself" [Qur'an 17:80], and if you see someone whom you fear, then recite Ayat al–Kursi [The verse of the Throne in the Holy Qur'an, 2:255–257].'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 76, p. 237, no. 37]

32- Imam Ar-Ridha' (a.s.) said, 'Whoever does not fear Allah with regards to small matters will not fear Allah with regards to large matters.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 71, p. 174, no. 10]

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