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1. Obedience is the shield of the people and justice is the shield of governments.

2. The disgrace after being deposed is equal to the glory of sovereignty.

3. The humiliation of the man being deposed is equivalent to his evil as a sovereign.

4. Be just in that which you have been given authority and thank Allah for that which has been granted to you.

5. Protect your status near your king and be cautious not to be belittled due to [your] negligence in protecting that which elevated you to it.

6. Direct the people [based] on their practices and religions; let the innocent from among them be safe

[from your wrath] and let the suspicious ones be afraid of you, and protect their frontiers and borders.

7. Make the religion your refuge and justice your sword, [then] you will be safe from every evil and will triumph over every foe.

8. Be cautious of inequity and tyranny, for verily inequity invites the sword and tyranny leads to expulsion and hastens retribution and revenge.

9. The most loathsome thing is the tyranny of rulers.

10. Kingship is politics.

11. Kingship spoils brotherhood.

12. Leadership is destruction.

13. Equity is the embellishment of leadership.

14. Haughtiness in sovereignty leads to disgrace in deposition.

15. Sovereignties are the arenas of men.

16. The instrument of leadership is [patience and] large-heartedness.

17. The bane of leadership is arrogance.

18. When you are given a position of authority, [then] act justly.

19. When the vile become sovereigns, the dignified ones are ruined.

20. When the depraved gain authority, hope turns into disappointment.

21. When the wicked become rulers, the honourable are persecuted.

22. The sovereignty of the vile and inexperienced over nations is the cause of their decline and regression.

23. Your haughtiness in sovereignty will be [the cause of your] disgrace in deposition.

24. The stability of nations is through the establishment of the practice of justice.

25. Love for authority is the primary source of tribulations.

26. The embellishment of leadership is bestowing favours.

27. The fall of nations results from the appointment of depraved leaders.

28. The excellence of leadership is [in] good governance.

29. Lack of leaders is easier to bear than the leadership of the depraved.

30. Every nation has its moment.

31. Nothing ever preserves nations like the exercising of justice in them.

32. One who oppresses his people helps his enemies.

33. By the One who split the grain and created human being! If people had not come to me and supporters had not exhausted the argument, and if Allah had not commanded the learned that they should not acquiesce in the excesses of the oppressor and the hunger of the oppressed, I would have cast its rope (i.e. of Caliphate) on its own shoulders and would have given the last one to drink from the cup of the first (i.e. I would have let things remain in their previous state). Then you would have found that in my view, this world of yours is not better than the sneezing of a goat.

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