Sahifa Sajjadiya 28 — In Fleeing to God for Protection

Supplications 28–40 · 30 lines

دُعَاؤُهُ فِي التَّفَزُّعِ الى اللهِ

اللَهُمَّ إِنِّي أَخْلَصْتُ بِانْقِطَاعِي إِلَيْكَ،	I showed sincerity by cutting myself off from everything but Thee.
وَأَقْبَلْتُ بِكُلِّي عَلَيْكَ،	I approached Thee with my whole self.
وَصَرَفْتُ وَجْهِي عَمَّنْ يَحْتَاجُ إِلَى رِفْدِكَ،	I averted my face from everyone who needs Thy support.
وَقَلَبْتُ مَسْأَلَتِي عَمَّنْ لَمْ يَسْتَغْنِ عَنْ فَضْلِكَ،	I ceased to ask from any who cannot do without Thy bounty.
وَرَأَيْتُ أَنَّ طَلَبَ الْمُحْتَاجِ إِلَى الْمُحْتَاجِ	I saw that the needy who seeks from the needy
سَفَهٌ مِنْ رَأْيِهِ وَضَلَّةٌ مِنْ عَقْلِهِ،	is foolish in his opinion, and misguided in his intellect.
فَكَمْ قَدْ رَأَيْتُ يَا إِلهِي	How many people have I seen, my God,
مِنْ أُنَاسٍ طَلَبُوا الْعِزَّ بِغَيْرِكَ فَذَلُّوا،	who sought exaltation through other than Thee and were abased,
وَرَامُوا الثَّرْوَةَ مِنْ سِوَاكَ فَافْتَقَرُوا،	who wanted wealth from someone else and became poor,
وَحَاوَلُوا الارْتِفَاعَ فَاتَّضَعُوا،	who tried to rise high and fell down low!
فَصَحَّ بِمُعَايَنَةِ أَمْثَالِهِمْ حَازِمٌ	Observing the likes of them corrects a prudent man;
وَفَّقَهُ اعْتِبَارُهُ	his taking heed gives him success;
وَأَرْشَدَهُ إِلَى طَرِيقِ صَوَابِهِ بِاخْتِبَارِهِ	his choosing the best guides him to the path of right.
فَأَنْتَ يَا مَوْلايَ	So Thou, my Master,
دُونَ كُلِّ مَسْؤُولٍ مَوْضِعُ مَسْأَلَتِي	art the object of my asking to the exclusion of all those who are asked

and the patron of my need to the exclusion of all those from whom requests are made.	وَدُونَ كُلِّ مَطْلُوب إِلَيْهِ وَلِيُّ حَاجَتِي.
Thou art singled out for my call before all who are called;	الْمَخْصُوصُ قَبْلَ كُلِّ مَدْعُوٍّ بِدَعْوَتِي
none is associated with Thee in my hope,	لاَ يَشْرَكُكَ أَحَدٌ فِي رَجَائِي،
none comes along with Thee in my supplication,	وَلاَ يَتَّفِقُ أَحَدٌ مَعَكَ فِي دُعَائِي،
nor does any join with Thee within it, for to Thee is my appeal.	وَلاَ يَنْظِمُهُ وَإِيَّاكَ نِدَائِي
To Thee, my God, belongs the Unity of number,	لَكَ يَا إِلهِي وَحْدَانِيَّةُ الْعَدَدِ،
the property of eternal power,	وَمَلَكَةُ الْقُدْرَةِ الصَّمَدِ،
the excellence of force and strength,	وَفَضِيلَةُ الْحَوْلِ وَالْقُوَّةِ،
the degree of sublimity and elevation.	وَدَرَجَةُ الْعُلُوِّ وَالرِّفْعَةِ
Everyone other than Thee is the object of compassion in his lifetime,	وَمَنْ سِوَاكَ مَرْحُومٌ فِي عُمْرِهِ،
overcome in his affair, overwhelmed in his situation,	مَغْلُوبٌ عَلَى أَمْرِهِ، مَقْهُورٌ عَلَى شَأْنِهِ،
diverse in states, constantly changing in attributes.	مُخْتَلِفُ الْحَالاَتِ، مُتَنَقِّلٌ فِي الصِّفَاتِ.
So Thou art high exalted above likenesses and opposites,	فَتَعَالَيْتَ عَنِ الأَشْبَاهِ وَالاضْدَادِ،
proudly magnified beyond similitudes and rivals!	وَتَكَبَّرْتَ عَنِ الأَمْثَالِ وَالأَنْدَادِ،
Glory be to Thee! There is no God but Thou.	فَسُبْحَانَكَ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ.