Sahifa Sajjadiya 33 — In Asking for the Best

Supplications 28–40 · 20 lines

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أَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ	O God, I ask from Thee the best in Thy knowledge,
فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّد وَآلِهِ وَاقْضِ لِيْ بِالْخِيَرَةِ	so bless Muhammad and his Household and decree for me the best!
وَأَلْهِمْنَا مَعْرِفَةَ الاخْتِيَارِ،	Inspire us with knowledge to chose the best
وَاجْعَلْ ذَلِكَ ذَرِيعَةً إِلَى الرِّضَا	and make that a means to being pleased
بِمَا قَضَيْتَ لَنَا وَالتَّسْلِيمِ لِمَا حَكَمْتَ.	with what Thou hast decreed for us and submitting to what Thou hast decided!
فَأَزِحْ عَنَّا رَيْبَ الارْتِيَابِ،	Banish from us the doubt of misgiving
وَأَيِّدْنَا بِيَقِينِ الْمُخْلِصِينَ،	and confirm us with the certainty of the sincere!
وَلاَ تَسُمْنَا عَجْزَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ عَمَّا تَخَيَّرْتَ،	Visit us not with incapacity to know what Thou hast chosen,
فَنَغْمِطَ قَدَرَكَ، وَنَكْرَهَ مَوْضِعَ رِضَاكَ،	lest we despise Thy measuring out, dislike the place of Thy good pleasure,
وَنَجْنَحَ إِلَى الَّتِي هِيَ أَبْعَدُ مِنْ حُسْنِ الْعَاقِبَةِ	and incline toward that which is further from good outcome
وَأَقْرَبُ إِلَى ضِدِّ الْعَافِيَةِ.	and nearer to the opposite of well-being!
حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا مَا نَكْرَهُ مِنْ قَضَائِكَ	Make us love what we dislike in Thy decree
وَسَهِّلْ عَلَيْنَا مَا نَسْتَصْعِبُ مِنْ حُكْمِكَ،	and make easy for us what we find difficult in Thy decision!
وَأَلْهِمْنَا الانْقِيَادَ لِمَا أَوْرَدْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ مَشِيَّتِكَ	Inspire us to yield to that which Thou bringest upon us by Thy will,
حَتَّى لاَ نُحِبَّ تَأْخِيرَ مَا عَجَّلْتَ،	lest we love the delay of what Thou hast hastened

وَلاَ تَعْجِيْلَ مَا أَخَّرْتَ، وَلا نَكْرَةَ مَا أَحْبَبْتَ،	and the hastening of what Thou hast delayed, dislike what Thou lovest,
وَلا نَتَخَيَّرَ مَا كَرِهْتَ،	and choose what Thou dislikest!
وَاخْتِمْ لَنَا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْمَدُ عَاقِبةً وَأَكْرَمُ مَصِيراً	Seal us with that which is most praised in outcome and most generous in issue!
إِنَّكَ تُفِيدُ الْكَرِيمَةَ وَتُعْطِي الْجَسِيمَةَ،	Surely Thou givest generous gain, bestowest the immense,
وَتَفْعَلُ مَا تُرِيدُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ .	dost what Thou wilt, and Thou art "powerful over everything" (3:26).