

ومن وصيته له (عليه السلام) وصى بها شريح بن هانئ لما جعله على مقدمته إلى الشام

When Amīr al-mu'minīn placed Shurayḥ ibn Hānī (al-Madhḥijī) at the head of the vanguard preceding towards Syria, he issued this document of instruction to him.

اتَّقِ اللَّهَ فِي كُلِّ صَبَاحٍ وَمَسَاءٍ، وَخَفْ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ الدُّنْيَا الْغُرُورَ، وَلَا تَأْمِنْهَا عَلَى حَالٍ. وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّكَ إِنْ لَمْ تَرُدَّ نَفْسَكَ عَنْ كَثِيرٍ مِمَّا تَحِبُّ، مَخَافَةَ مَكْرُوهِ، سَمَتَ بِكَ الْأَهْوَاءُ إِلَى كَثِيرٍ مِنَ الضَّرْرِ. فَكُنْ لِنَفْسِكَ مَانِعًا رَادِعًا، وَلِنَزْوَتِكَ عِنْدَ الْحَفِظَةِ وَأَقِمَا قَامِعًا.

Fear Allāh every morning and evening and remain apprehensive about yourself of this deceitful world and do not regard it safe in any case. Know that if for fear of some evil you do not refrain yourself from things which you love, then passions will fling you into a lot of harm. Therefore, be for yourself a refrainer and protector, and for your anger a suppressor and killer.