

٢١١. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): الْجُودُ حَارِسُ الْأَعْرَاضِ وَالْحَلْمُ فِدَامُ السَّفِيهِ وَالْعَفْوُ زَكَاةُ الظُّفْرِ وَالسَّلْمُ عَوْضُكَ مِمَّنْ غَدِرَ
وَالِاسْتِشَارَةُ عَيْنُ الْهَدَايَةِ وَقَدْ خَاطَرَ مِنْ اسْتِغْنَى بِرَأْيِهِ وَالصَّبْرُ يَنَاضِلُ الْحَدِثَانَ وَالْجَزَعُ مِنْ أَعْوَانِ الزَّمَانِ وَأَشْرَفُ الْغِنَى تَرْكُ الْمَنَى
وَكَمْ مِنْ عَقْلٍ أَسِيرٍ تَحْتَ هَوَى أَمِيرٍ وَمِنْ التَّوْفِيقِ حِفْظُ التَّجْرِبَةِ وَالْمُودَةِ قَرَابَةُ مَسْتَفَادَةٍ وَلَا تَأْمَنَنَّ مَلُولًا.

211. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: Generosity is the protector of honour; forbearance is the bridle of the fool; forgiveness is the levy of success; disregard is the punishment of him who betrays; and consultation is the chief way of guidance. He who is content with his own opinion faces danger. Endurance braves calamities while impatience is a helper of the hardships of the world. The best contentment is to give up desires. Many a slavish mind is subservient to overpowering longings. Capability helps preservation of experience. Love means well-utilized relationship. Do not trust one who is grieved.