

وقال (عليه السلام): أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ لِيُرَكِّمُ اللَّهُ مِنَ النِّعْمَةِ وَجَلِيلِينَ كَمَا يِرَّاكُمْ مِنَ النِّقْمَةِ فَرِقِينَ إِنَّهُ مِنْ وَسَّعَ عَلَيْهِ فِي ذَاتِ يَدِهِ فَلَمْ يَرِ ذَلِكَ اسْتِدْرَاجًا فَقَدْ أَمِنَ مَخُوفًا وَمَنْ ضَيَّقَ عَلَيْهِ فِي ذَاتِ يَدِهِ فَلَمْ يَرِ ذَلِكَ اخْتِبَارًا فَقَدْ ضَيَّعَ مَأْمُولًا.

358. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: O' people, let Allāh see you fearing at the time of happiness just as you fear Him at the time of distress.

Certainly, he who is given ease (of life) and does not consider it as a means of slow approach towards tribulation (wrongly), considers himself safe against what is to be feared while he who is afflicted with straitened circumstances but does not perceive them to be a trial loses the coveted reward.