

□□. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): مَنْ أَبْطَأَ بِهِ عَمَلُهُ لَمْ يُسْرِعْ بِهِ نَسَبُهُ.

389. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: Whomever his action detains behind, his lineage cannot put him forward.

وَفِي رِوَايَةٍ أُخْرَى: مَنْ فَاتَهُ حَسَبُ نَفْسِهِ لَمْ يَنْفَعَهُ حَسَبُ آبَائِهِ.

In another version it is thus: Whoever misses personal attainment cannot be benefited by his forefathers' attainments.