

٤٩. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): احذروا صَوْلَةَ الْكَرِيمِ إِذَا جَاعَ، وَاللَّئِيمِ إِذَا شَبِعَ.

49. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: Fear the attack of a noble person when he is hungry, and that of an ignoble person when he is satiated. [1]

Footnotes :

[1] The meaning is that a man of prestige and esteem never tolerates humiliation or disgrace. If his honour is assailed he will leap like a hungry lion and break away the shackles of humiliation. If a low and narrow minded person is raised beyond his name he would not be able to contain himself but, regarding himself very high, will assail other's position.