

٨١. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): قِيَمَةُ كُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا يُحْسِنُهُ.

81. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: The worth of every man is in his attainments. [1]

قال السيد الرضي: وهي الكلمة التي لا تصاب لها قيمة ولا توزن بها حكمة ولا تقرن إليها كلمة.

as-Sayyid ar-Raḍī says: This is the sentence whose value cannot be assessed, with which no wise saying can be weighed and with which no other sentence can be matched.

Footnotes :

[1] The real value of a person is his knowledge (and perfection of attainments), his worth and position would be in accordance with the position of knowledge and attainment he holds. Eyes that are conscious of real values do not look at the face, features, tallness of stature, size or worldly pomp and position but look at the attainments of a person and assess his worth according to these attainments. The conclusion is that a man should strive to acquire distinction and knowledge.

The worth of every person is according to the extent of his knowledge.