

٩٣. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): لَا يَقُولَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْفِتْنَةِ لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا وَهُوَ مُشْتَمَلٌ عَلَيَّ فِتْنَةً وَلَكِنْ مِنْ اسْتَعَاذَ فَلْيَسْتَعِذْ مِنْ مَضَلَّاتِ الْفِتَنِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَبْحَانَهُ يَقُولُ وَإِعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَمَعْنَى ذَلِكَ أَنَّهُ يَخْتَبِرُهُم بِالْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ لِيَتَّبِعِينَ السَّخَطَ لِرِزْقِهِ وَالرِّاضِيَ بِقِسْمِهِ وَإِنْ كَانَ سَبْحَانَهُ أَعْلَمَ بِهِمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَكِنْ لِيُظْهِرَ الْأَفْعَالَ الَّتِي بِهَا يَسْتَحَقُّ الثَّوَابَ وَالْعِقَابَ لِأَنَّ بَعْضَهُمْ يَحِبُّ الذَّكَورَ وَيَكْرَهُ الْإِنَاثَ وَبَعْضُهُمْ يَحِبُّ تَثْمِيرَ الْمَالِ وَيَكْرَهُ انْتِثَامَ الْحَالِ.

93. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: None of you should say, "O Allāh, I seek Your protection from trouble" because there is no one who is not involved in trouble, but whoever seeks Allāh's protection he should seek it from misguiding troubles, because Allāh, the Glorified, says: And know you that your wealth and your children are a temptation!. (Qur'ān, 8:28) and its meaning is that He tries people with wealth and progeny in order to distinguish one who is displeased with his livelihood from the one who is happy with what he has been given. Even though Allāh, the Glorified, knows them more than they know themselves yet He does so to let them perform actions with which they earn reward or punishment because some of them like to have male (children) and dislike to have female (children), and some like to amass wealth, and dislike adversity.

قال السيد الرضى: وهذا من غريب ما سمع منه فى التفسير.

As-Sayyid ar-Raḍī says: This is one of the wonderful interpretations related from him.