

Resisting Anger

Islam warns against inappropriate anger, and considers it a dangerous vice. It recommends the suppression of anger.

Allah the Most High said: ***“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden, the extensiveness of which is (as) the heavens and the earth; it is prepared for those who spend (benevolently) in ease as well as in straitness, and those who restrain (their) anger and pardon men, and Allah loves the doers of good (to others).”***

He also said: ***“So whatever thing you are given, that is only a provision of this world’s life, and what is with Allah is better and more lasting for those who believe and rely on their Lord. And those who shun the grave sins and indecencies, and whenever they are angry they forgive.”***

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S) said: *“Anger corrupts faith in the same way that vinegar destroys honey.”*

He (S) also said: *“Any one who suppresses an anger which could be brought into operation and is patient, Allah will give him the reward of a martyr.”*

He (S) also said: *“Any one who suppresses an anger which could be brought into operation, Allah will give him a security and a tasteful faith in return for it.”*

He (S) also said: *“The wisest of people is he who is the most moderate, and the most provident of people is he who suppresses his anger the most.”*

He (S) also said: *“Indeed, by patience one can attain the position of him who prays at nights and observes fasting on days.”*

He (S) also said: *“Among the best paths to Allah are the suppression of anger and having patience with afflictions.”*

Imam ‘Ali (a.s.) the Commander of the Faithful said: *“Anger is a vice that, when followed, causes*

destruction.”

He (a.s.) also said: *“Anger is an enemy of yours, so do not admit it into your soul.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Anger paralyses the intellect, and keeps you away from truth.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Beware of anger, for it is a blazing fire.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Be far from anger, because it begins with madness and ends with sorrow.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“What a bad fellow anger is! It shows deficiencies, creates evil and annihilates good.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“He who is overcome by anger and lust, his position is like that of animals.”*

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (a.s.) said: *“Indeed, Allah loves the modest and the patient.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Any one who restrains his anger from people, Allah will restrain the punishment of the Day of Judgement from him.”*

Imam Ja’far al-Sadiq (a.s.) said: *“Anger is a key to all bad deeds.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Any one who has no control over his anger has no control over his intellect.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Any one who suppresses his anger, Allah will add to his honour and authority in this world and the world to come.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Any one who suppresses an anger which could be brought into operation, Allah will fill his heart with His pleasing till the Day of Judgement.”*

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