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## 40) His Supplication when Death was Mentioned

(40) وَ كَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا نُعِيَ إِلَيْهِ مَيِّتٌ ، أَوْ ذَكَرَ الْمَوْتَ

His Supplication when Someone's Death was Announced to him or when he Remembered Death

1- O God, bless Muhammad and his Household,  
spare us drawn out expectations  
and cut them short in us through sincerity of works,  
that we may not hope expectantly for completing an hour after an hour,  
closing a day after a day,  
joining a breath to a breath,  
or overtaking a step with a step!

2- Keep us safe from the delusions of expectations,  
make us secure from their evils,  
set up death before us in display. and let not our remembering of it come and go!

3- Appoint for us from among the righteous works a work  
through which we will feel the homecoming to Thee as slow  
and crave a quick joining with Thee,  
so that death may be our intimate abode with which we are intimate,  
our familiar place toward which we yearn,  
and our next of kin whose coming we love!

4- When Thou bringest it to us and sendest it down upon us,  
make us happy with it as a visitor, comfort us with its arrival,  
make us not wretched through entertaining it,  
degrade us not through its visit,

and appoint it one of the gates to Thy forgiveness  
and the keys to Thy mercy!

5- Make us die guided, not astray,  
obedient, not averse,  
repentant, not disobedient or persisting,  
O He who guarantees the repayment of the good-doers  
and seeks to set right the work of the corrupt!

1. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ ،

وَ اكْفِنَا طُولَ الْأَمَلِ ،

وَ قَصِّرْهُ عَنَّا بِصِدْقِ الْعَمَلِ

حَتَّى لَا نُؤَمِّلَ اسْتِثْمَامَ سَاعَةٍ بَعْدَ سَاعَةٍ ،

وَ لَا اسْتِيفَاءَ يَوْمٍ بَعْدَ يَوْمٍ ،

وَ لَا اتِّصَالَ نَفْسٍ بِنَفْسٍ ،

وَ لَا لُحُوقَ قَدَمٍ بِقَدَمٍ

2. وَ سَلِّمْنَا مِنْ غُرُورِهِ ،

وَ آمِنًا مِنْ شُرُورِهِ ،

وَ انصِبِ الْمَوْتَ بَيْنَ أَيْدِينَا نَصْبًا ، وَ لَا تَجْعَلْ ذِكْرَنَا لَهُ غِيبًا

3. وَ اجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ صَالِحِ الْأَعْمَالِ عَمَلًا

نَسْتَبْطِئُ مَعَهُ الْمَصِيرَ إِلَيْكَ ،

وَ نَحْرِصُ لَهُ عَلَى وَشْكِ اللَّحَاقِ بِكَ

حَتَّى يَكُونَ الْمَوْتُ مَأْنَسًا الَّذِي نَأْنَسُ بِهِ ،

وَ مَا لَفْنَا الَّذِي نَشْتَاقُ إِلَيْهِ ،

وَ حَامَتْنَا الَّتِي نُحِبُّ الدُّنُوَّ مِنْهَا

4. فَإِذَا أُورِدْتُهُ عَلَيْنَا وَ أَنْزَلْتُهُ بِنَا

فَأَسْعِدْنَا بِهِ زَائِرًا ، وَ آنِسْنَا بِهِ قَادِمًا ،

وَلَا تُشَقِّنَا بِضِيَافَتِهِ ،

وَلَا تُخْزِنَا بِزِيَارَتِهِ ،

وَاجْعَلْهُ بَاباً مِنْ أَبْوَابِ مَغْفِرَتِكَ ،

وَ مِفْتَاحاً مِنْ مَفَاتِيحِ رَحْمَتِكَ

5. أُمَّتَنَا مُهْتَدِينَ غَيْرَ ضَالِّينَ ،

طَائِعِينَ غَيْرَ مُسْتَكْرَهِينَ ،

تَائِبِينَ غَيْرَ عَاصِينَ وَ لَا مُصِرِّينَ ،

يَا ضَامِنَ جَزَاءِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ،

وَ مُسْتَصْلِحَ عَمَلِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ .

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