

## Sermon 159: I lived as a good neighbour to you...

*Good behaviour with his subjects and ignoring their faults*

ومن خطبة له (عليه السلام)

يبين فيها حسن معاملته لرعيته

I lived as a good neighbour to you and tried my best to look after you, and I freed you from the snare of humbleness and the fetters of oppression through my gratefulness for the little good (from your side) and closed my eyes to your many misdeeds which my eyes had observed and my body had witnessed.

وَلَقَدْ أَحْسَنْتُ جَوَارِكُمْ، وَأَحَطْتُ بِجُهْدِي مِنْ وَرَائِكُمْ، وَأَعْتَقْتُكُمْ مِنْ رِبْقِ الذُّلِّ،  
وَحَلَقْتُ الضَّيْمَ، شُكْرًا مَنِّي لِلْبِرِّ الْقَلِيلِ، وَإِطْرَاقًا عَمَّا أَدْرَكَهُ الْبَصَرُ، وَشَهَدَهُ الْبَدَنُ،  
مِنَ الْمُنْكَرِ الْكَثِيرِ.

### Alternative Sources for Sermon 159

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