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Sermon 238: They are life for knowledge anddeath for ignorance

Amir al-mu'minin describes herein the members of the Prophet's family

ومن خطبة له (عليه السلام)

يذكر فيها آل محمد (عليهم السلام)

They are life for knowledge and death for ignorance. Their forbearance tells you of their knowledge, their outer self of their inner self, and their silence of the wisdom of their speaking. They do not go against right nor do they differ (among themselves) about it. They are the pillars of Islam and the asylums of (its) .protection

With them right has returned to its position and wrong has left its place and its tongue is severed from its root. They have understood the religion attentively and carefully, not by mere heresy or from relaters, .because the relaters of knowledge are many but its understanders are few

هُم عَيْشُ الْعِلْمِ، وَمَوْتُ الْجَهْلِ، يُخْبِرُكُمْ حِلْمُهُمْ عَنْ عِلْمِهِمْ، وَظَاهِرِكُمْ عَنْ بَاطِنِكُمْ
وَصَمْتُهُمْ عَنْ حِكْمِ مَنْطِقِهِمْ، لَا يُخَالِفُونَ الْحَقَّ وَلَا يَخْتَلِفُونَ فِيهِ، هُمْ دَعَائِمُ
الْأَسْلَامِ، وَوَلَائِحُ الْأَعْتِصَامِ، بِهِمْ عَادَ الْحَقُّ فِي نِصَابِهِ، وَأَنْزَاحَ الْبَاطِلِ عَنْ مَقَامِهِ،
وَأَنْقَطَعَ لِسَانُهُ عَنْ مَنْبِتِهِ، عَقَلُوا الدِّينَ عَقْلًا وَعَايَةَ وَرِعَايَةَ، لَا عَقْلَ سَمَاعٍ وَرِوَايَةَ،
فَإِنَّ رِوَاةَ الْعِلْمِ كَثِيرٌ، وَرِعَايَتَهُ قَلِيلٌ.

Alternative Sources for Sermon 238

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