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Characteristics related to the Number Seven

Blessed be those who believe without having seen the Prophet

طوبى لمن رآنى و آمن بى، ثم طوبى يقولها سبعا لمن لم يرنى و آمن بى.

“Blessed be those who meet me and believe.” Then the Prophet added: “Blessed be those who believe in me without having seen me.” He then repeated it seven times. 1

Seven people who will be in the shade of God's Throne on Resurrection Day

سبعة فى ظل عرش الله عز و جل يوم لا ظل إلا ظله: إمام عادل و شاب نشأ فى عبادة الله عز و جل و رجل تصدق بيمينه فأخفاه عن شماله و رجل ذكر الله عز و جل خاليا ففاضت عيناه من خشية الله عز و جل و رجل لقي أخاه المؤمن فقال: إني لأحبك فى الله عز و جل و رجل خرج من المسجد وفى نيته أن يرجع إليه و رجل دعتة امرأة ذات جمال إلى نفسها فقال: إني أخاف الله رب العالمين.

Seven people will be in the Shade of God, the Honourable and Exalted 's Throne on the day in which there is no shade except for His Shade: just leaders, young people who have grown up in the worship of God, men who give charity in private such that even their left hands do not realize what they gave with their right hands (stressing the fact that they give charity in such a way that no one else sees it).

Men who remember God, the Honorable and Exalted when they are alone and cry due to fear of God, the Honourable and Exalted, men who upon seeing their believing brethren say, 'I like you for the sake of God, the Honorable and Exalted', men who intend to return to the Mosque whenever they leave it, men who when enticed by a beautiful woman do not accept her invitation and say that they fear the Lord of all the worlds.” 2

God's Prophet (S) gave Abu Dharr seven pieces of advice

قال أبى ذر رحمة الله عليه قال: “أوصانى رسول الله بسبع أوصانى أن أنظر إلى من هو دونى و لا أنظر الى من هو فوقى وأوصانى بحب المساكين و الدنو منهم وأوصانى أن أقول الحق و إن كان مرا وأوصانى أن أصل رحمى وإن أدبرت و أوصانى أن لا أخاف فى الله لومة لائم وأوصانى أن أستكثر من قول “لا حول و لا قوة إلا بالله {العلى العظيم}” فانها من كنوز الجنة”

Abu Dharr said: “God's Prophet (S) gave me seven pieces of advice. He advised me to always consider the situation of people who are in a worse position (less affluent) than I am. The Prophet (S) advised me never to consider the situation of those who are in a better position (more affluent) than I am.

The Prophet (S) advised me to like the poor and associate with them. The Prophet (S) advised me to tell the truth even though it may be unpleasant. The Prophet (S) advised me to visit my relatives, even if they have cut off relations with me. The Prophet (S) advised me not to fear the blame of those who blame me for the sake of God. The Prophet (S) advised me to often say 'There is neither any power nor any strength except with God, the Sublime, the Great' as it is one of the treasures of Paradise.” 3

The belief of one who has seven characteristics is complete

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وآله في وصيته لعلى عليه السلام: “ياعلى، سبعة من كن فيه فقد استكمل حقيقة الايمان وأبواب الجنة مفتحة له: من أسبغ وضوءه وأحسن صلاته وأدى زكاة ماله وكف غضبه وسجن لسانه واستغفر لذنبه وأدى النصيحة لاهل بيت نبيه.”

God's Prophet (S) told Ali b. Abi Talib (A): “O Ali! The belief of one who has the following seven characteristics is complete and the gates of Paradise shall open up for him: to perform the (ritual) ablution properly, to say the prayers properly, to pay the alms, to quench one's anger, to control one's

tongue, to seek God's forgiveness for sins and to (follow and) wish good for the Prophet's Household.” 4

God would send seven calamities upon people if He gets angry with them and yet does not destroy them

إذا غضب الله عزوجل على أمة ولم ينزل بها العذاب غلت أسعارها وقصرت
أعمارها ولم تريح تجارها ولم تزك ثمارها ولم تغزر أنهارها وحبس عنها
أمطارها وسلط عليها (أ) شرارها.

If God, the Honourable and Exalted, becomes angry with a nation and does not destroy them, He will bring about inflation, shorten their lives, bring loss to their trade, reduce the amount of fruit grown on their trees, reduce the amount of water flowing in their streams, withhold rain from them and wicked ones will prevail over them.⁵

Love for the Prophet and his Household (pbut) is beneficial on seven occasions

حبي وحب أهل بيتي نافع في سبعة مواطن، أهوالهن عظيمة: عند الوفاة وفي
القبر وعند النشور وعند الكتاب وعند الحساب وعند الميزان وعند الصراط.

Love for me and my Household would be beneficial on seven occasions: at the time of death, in the grave, at the time of Resurrection, at the time of receiving one's record of deeds, at the time of reckoning, at the time of examining good and bad deeds and at the time of crossing the Bridge.⁶

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1. P. 555, N o 6.
 2. P. 554, N o 8.
 3. P. 559, N o 12.
 4. P. 559, N o 14.
 5. P. 585, N o 49.
 6. P. 585, N o 50.

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