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Four sayings from his honor about necessity of knowing God's Caliph on earth

1. أَخْبَرَنا عيسَى بْنُ عَبْدِ الْحُميدِ الْجُوزِجانِيُّ، قالَ: سَمِعْتُ الْمَنْصُورَ الْمُاشِمِيَّ الْخُراسانِيَّ يَقُولُ: لا بُدَّ لِلنّاسِ مِنْ إمامٍ عادِلٍ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّةٍ إبراهيمَ عليهِ السَّلامُ جَعَلَهُ اللهُ لَهُمْ و ذٰلِكَ عَهْدُ عَهِدَهُ اللهُ إِلَيْهِ إِذِ ابْتَلاهُ بِكَلِماتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ: ﴿قَالَ إِنِي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا قَالَ عَهْدُ عَهِدَهُ اللهُ إِلَيْهِ إِذِ ابْتَلاهُ بِكَلِماتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ: ﴿قَالَ إِنِي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا قَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي قَالَ لَا يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ ﴾، فَمَنْ ماتَ وَلا يَعْرِفُ هٰذَا الْإِمامَ فَقَدْ ماتَ مِينَةً جاهِليَّةً! أَلا إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ أَبا بَكْرٍ الْبَغدادِيَّ ولا مُحمَّد عمرَ الْقَندَهارِيَّ ولا فُلاناً ولا فُلاناً ولا فُلاناً -فَما أَبْقِي رَجُلاً مِنْ أَئِمَّةِ الْقَومِ إلَّا سَمّاهُ - وَ لَكِنَّهُ الْمَهْدِيُّ! ثُمَّ تَمَثَّلَ بِقُولِ دِعْبِلِ بْنِ فُلاناً -فَما أَبْقِي رَجُلاً مِنْ أَئِمَةٍ الْقَومِ إلّا سَمّاهُ - وَ لَكِنَّهُ الْمَهْدِيُّ! ثُمَّ تَمَثَلَ بِقُولِ دِعْبِلِ بْنِ عَلِي النَّعْمُ اللهِ وَ الْبَرَكاتِ/ يَمِيزُ فِينا عَلَى النَّعْمُ اللهِ وَ الْبَرَكاتِ/ يَمِيزُ فِينا كُلَّ حَقِّ و باطِلٍ / وَ يَجْزِي عَلَى النَّعْمُاءِ وَ النَّقَمُاتِ / فَيا نَفْسُ طَيِّي ثُمَّ يا نَفْسُ أَبْشِرِي / فَعَدُرُ عَعِدِما هُوَ آت!

Translation of the saying:

Isa bin Abdul Hameed Jawzjani informed us and said: I heard that Mansoor Hashemi Khorasani says: there is no solution for people other than a just Imam from the offspring of Ibrahim peace be upon him, whom God has appointed, and this is the covenant that God has made with him when He tested him by some words, so he finished them: "He said: Indeed I set you as an Imam for people, He said: And from among My offspring? He said: My covenant will not reach to the oppressors" (Al-Bagarah/ 124), so whoever dies while he does not know this Imam, has died an ignorant death! Be aware, that Imam is not Abu Bakr Baghdadi or Muhammad Omar Qandahari or this and that -then he did not leave any of the Imams of the nations unless he mentioned their names- rather he is Mahdi! Then he used the poem from Da'bal bin Ali Khazaei as an example and said: The advent of the Imam who will





inevitably come out/ will revolt in the name of God and His blessings/ will separate every right and wrong among us/ will reward good deeds and will punish bad deeds/ Oh you the soul! Be calm and happy/ because anything that is to come, is not far away!

2. أَخْبَرَنا عَبْدُ اللهِ بْنُ حَبيبٍ الطَّبَرِيُّ، قالَ: كَانَ فِي الْمَحَلَّةِ رَجُلُ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْعِلْمِ وَ كَانَ لَهُ حُسْنُ خُلْقٍ وَ حُسْنُ عِبادَةٍ، فَنَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ الْمَنْصُورُ يَوماً فَرَقَّ لَهُ فَكَتَبَ إِلَيْهِ الْمَنْصُورُ يَوماً فَرَقَّ لَهُ فَكَتَبَ إِلَيْهِ الْمَنْصُورُ يَوماً فَرَقَّ لَهُ فَكَتَبَ إِلَيْهِ عَمْدُ! إِنَّ الَّذِي أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِ حَسَنُ وَ هُو يُعْجِبُنِي إلّا أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ لَكَ مَعْرِفَةٌ فَاذْهَبْ وَ الْمُنْ اللهَ عَرْفَ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ الْمُعْرِفَةَ! أَفَلا يَسْتَحْبِي أَحَدُكُمْ أَن يَعِيشَ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً لا يَعْرِفُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ حَتّى يَمُوتَ مِيتَةً جاهِليَّة؟!

Translation of the saying:

Abdullah bin Habib Tabari informed us and said: there was a man in our neighborhood who was affable and a good worshiper, then one day, Mansoor looked at him, then pitied him, so wrote to him: Oh Mohammad! Indeed, what you are practicing is good and I like it, but there is no knowledge for you, so go and seek knowledge! From among you, do you not feel ashamed to live forty years and yet do not know the Imam of the time until then you die an ignorant death?!

3. أَخْبَرَنا جُبَيْرُ بْنُ عَطاءٍ الْخُجَنْدِيُّ، قالَ: سَمِعْتُ الْمَنْصُورَ يَقُولُ: مَنْ دانَ اللهَ و لا يعْرِفُ إماماً مِنَ اللهِ يُعَلِّمُ كِتَابَهُ وَ يُقِيمُ حُدُودَهُ فَدِيانَتُهُ غَيْرُ مَقْبُولَةٍ وَ هُوَ ضالًّ يَتِيهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَثَلِ شَاةٍ صَلَّتْ عَنْ راعِيها وَ قَطِيعِها فَتاهَتْ فِي الْجِبالِ يَومَها، فَلَمّا أَنْ جُاءَها اللَّيْلُ بَصُرَتْ بِقَطيعِ غَنَمٍ أُخْرِىٰ فَظَنَّتْ أَنَّها قَطِيعُها فَجاءَتْ إِلَيْها فَباتَتْ مَعَها فِي مَرْبَضِها حَتِى إِذَا أَصْبَحَتْ أَنْكَرَتْها فَفارَقَتْها مُتَحَيِّرَةً تَطْلُبُ راعِيها وَ قَطِيعَها، فَبَصْرَتْ بِقَطيعِ غَنَمٍ أُخْرَىٰ فَعَمَدَتْ خُوها وَ حَنَتْ عَلَيْها فَرَءآهَا الرّاعِي فَأَنْكَرَها فَضاحَ بِها: إلْحُقِي بِقَطِيعِكِ أَيَّتُهَا الشّاةُ الصّالَّةُ الْمُتَحَيِّرَةُ! فَهُجِمَتْ ذَعِرَةً مُتَحَيِّرَةً لا وَيَهُ هَا إِلَى مَرْعَاها أو يَرُدَّها إلى مَرْبَضِها، فَبَيْنا هِي كَذٰلِكَ إِذَا اغْتَنَمَ ذِنْبُ راعِي هَا أَو يَرُدَّها إلى مَرْبَضِها، فَبَيْنا هِي كَذٰلِكَ إِذَا اغْتَنَمَ ذِنْبُ





ضَيْعَتَها فَأَكَلَها وَ كَذٰلِكَ مَنْ لا يَعْرِفُ إِمامَهُ مِنَ اللهِ فَيَلْتَحِقُ يَوماً بِرَجُلٍ وَ يَوماً بِرَجُلٍ حَتّىٰ إِذا أَدْرَكَتْهُ شِقاوَتُهُ يَوماً مِنْ لهذِهِ الْأَيّامِ فَأَهْلَكَتْهُ!

Translation of the saying:

Jobayr bin Ata Khojandi informed us and said: I heard Mansoor says: whoever practices the religion of God while he does not know the Imam who has come from God and teaches His Book and establishes His rules, his religion practice is not accepted and he is a misguided person who is wandering in the earth, like a sheep who has lost its shepherd and herd, so it spends its days wandering in the mountains, and when the night comes, it sees another herd of sheep and assumes it is its own herd, so moves toward them and accompanies them and stays in their shed, until morning comes and it finds them strangers, so separates from them wandering and looking for its own shepherd and herd, then it sees another herd of sheep, so moves toward them and approaches them, but the shepherd sees it and finds it stranger, so he shouts to the sheep: Go to your own herd, you are a lost wandering sheep! So the sheep runs away with panic and surprise, while there is no shepherd to guide it toward its pasture or return it to its shed, so while it is in this situation, suddenly a wolf grants its loneliness and rips it apart; this is the situation for a person who does not know his Imam who has come from God, so one day he joins one leader and one day follows another, until his misery comes to him on a day of these days and perishes him!

4 . أَخْبَرَنا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الطّالِقانِيُّ، قالَ: قالَ لِي سَيِّدِي الْمَنْصُورُ: يا أَحْمَدُ! أَتَعْرِفُ إِمامَ زَمانِكَ؟ قُلْتُ: نَعَمْ كَما أَعْرِفُ اللَّيْلَ وَ النَّهارَ! قالَ: إعْرَفْهُ! فَإِنَّ الحُيْرَةَ وَ





الذِّلَةُ وَ الْمَسْكَنَةَ وَ الْخِرْيَ وَ الصَّلالَةَ وَ الْهَلاكَ لِمَن لا يَعْرِفُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ! ثُمَّ قالَ: يا أَحْمَدُ! أَتُطِيعُ إِمامَ زَمانِكَ؟ قُلْتُ: رُبَّما وَ لَعَلَّ! قالَ: أَطِعْهُ! فَإِنَّ مَنْ يَعْرِفُ الْإِمامَ وَ لا يَسْلُكُهُ، فَمَا أَحْرِىٰ بِهِ أَن يَكُونَ هالِكاً! ثُمَّ قالَ: يا يُطِيعُهُ كَمَنْ يَعْرِفُ السَّبِيلَ وَ لا يَسْلُكُهُ، فَمَا أَحْرِىٰ بِهِ أَن يَكُونَ هالِكاً! ثُمَّ قالَ: يا أَحْمَدُ! إِنَّ النّاسَ أَمْواتُ وَ ما حَياتُهُمْ إِلّا الْمَعْرِفَةُ وَ الطّاعَةُ ميزانُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ! يا أَحْمَدُ! أَلَمْ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ مَنْ لَمْ يَعْرِفُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ وَكُلَهُ اللهُ إِلاَ الْمَعْرِفَةُ وَ الطّاعَةُ ميزانُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ! يا أَحْمَدُ! وَقَلْهُ وَلَمْ يَعْرِفُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ وَكُلَهُ اللهُ إِلَى مَنْ رَغِبَ عَنْ إِمامِ زَمانِهِ وَكُلَهُ اللهُ إِلَى مَنْ رَغِبَ إِلَيهِ، ثُمَّ لا يُبالِي فِي أَيِّ وادٍ هَلَكَ! يا أَحْمَدُ! إِنَّ مَنْ يَنْتَظِرُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ فِي عَيْبَتِهِ رَغِبَ إليهِ، ثُمَّ لا يُبالِي فِي أَيِّ وادٍ هَلَكَ! يا أَحْمَدُ! إِنَّ مَنْ يَنْتَظِرُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ فِي عَيْبَتِهِ وَكُلَهُ اللهُ إِلَى مَنْ يَنْتَظِرُ إِمامَ زَمانِهِ فِي عَيْبَتِهِ وَكُلَهُ اللهُ إِلَى مَنْ يَعْرَفُهُ إِلَيْهِ وَكُلُهُ اللهُ إِلَى مَنْ يَنْتَظِرُ إِمَامَ زَمانِهِ فَكُلُهُ اللهُ إِلَى مَنْ يَعْرَفُهُ إِلَيْهِ وَكُونَ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ مَنْ يَنْعُرُ وَلِكَ الْتُعْدُ إِلَى اللهُ وَلَا يَسُلُكُ اللهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ وَ السَّلَامِ الللهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامِ.

Translation of the saying:

Ahmad bin Abdulrahman Taleghani informed us and said: My master Mansoor told me: Oh Ahmad! Do you know the Imam of your time? I said: yes, just as I know the night and the day! He said: Know him; because astonishment and humiliation and abasement and indigence and misguidance and perishing is for whoever does not know the Imam of his time! Then he said: Oh Ahmad! Do you obey your Imam of the time? I said: perhaps and maybe! He said: Obey him; because whoever knows the Imam and does not obey him, is like someone who knows the path and does not take it, so he deserves perishing! Then he said: Oh Ahmad! Indeed, people are dying, and their survival is nothing other than knowledge and obedience is the assessment for knowledge! Oh Ahmad! Do you not know that whoever does not know the Imam of his time, it is written in his heart: "hopeless from mercy of God", and whoever knows him and does not obey him







is among the losers?! Oh Ahmad! Whoever turns from the Imam of his time, God will leave him to someone who he has turned to, then He would not care in which valley he will be perished! Oh Ahmad! Indeed, whoever waits for his Imam of the time in his absence is like someone who fights for him in his presence, and yet even better than that! Oh Ahmad! Do you know how waiting for him is like? I said: Remembering him so much and praying for him! He said: Indeed, this is a good work, but waiting for him is inviting toward him and preparing the ground for him in his absence! Indeed God says: "And so that God will know who will help Him and His prophets in absence" (Al-Hadid/25) meaning in the absence of them; as the wife of the Egyptian king, when the truth was revealed in the absence of Joseph, said: "(I did) this so that he may acknowledge that I did not betray him in his absence" (Yusuf/ 52) meaning in the absence of Joseph peace be upon him.







