

Respect Earth like a mother

Rasool-Allah^{-sawww} said: 'Wipe with the earth (to purify), for it is your mother, and it is righteous with you.'¹

تَوَادِرُ الرَّوَّانِدِيِّ، عَنْ عَبْدِ الْوَاحِدِ بْنِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ الرَّوَّانِدِيِّ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحَسَنِ التَّمِيمِيِّ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ أَحْمَدَ الدَّبَّاجِيِّ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْأَشْعَثِ عَنْ مُوسَى بْنِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ بْنِ مُوسَى عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ جَدِّهِ مُوسَى عَنْ أَبِيهِ جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ أَبِيهِ ع قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص تَمَسَّحُوا بِالْأَرْضِ فَإِنَّهَا أُمُّكُمْ وَ هِيَ بِكُمْ بَرَّةٌ.

(The book) 'Nawadir' of Al Rawandy – from Abdul Wahid Bin Ismail Al Rowbany, from Muhammad Bin Al Hassan Al Tameemi, from Sahl Bin Ahmad Al Dibajy, from Muhammad Bin Muhammad Bin Al-Ash'as,

'From Musa Bin Ismail son of Musa^{-asws}, from his father, from his grandfather Musa^{-asws}, from his^{-asws} father Ja'far^{-asws} Bin Muhammad^{-asws}, from his^{-asws} forefathers^{-asws} having said: 'Rasool-Allah^{-sawww} said: 'Wipe with the earth (to purify), for it is your mother, and it is righteous with you''.²

بيان: رَوَاهُ الرَّوَّانِدِيُّ أَيْضاً أَنَّهُ أَقْبَلَ رَجُلَانِ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص فَقَالَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِصَاحِبِهِ اجْلِسْ عَلَى اسْمِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَ الْبَرَكَةِ

Explanation (Hadeeth only) – It is reported by Al-Rawandy as well, 'Two men came to Rasool-Allah^{-sawww}. One of them said to his companion, 'Sit, upon the Name of Allah^{-azwj} the Exalted and Blessings!'

فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص اجْلِسْ عَلَى اسْمِكَ

Rasool-Allah^{-sawww} said: 'Sit upon your backside!'

فَأَقْبَلَ يَضْرِبُ الْأَرْضَ بَعْضًا فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص لَا تَضْرِبْهَا فَإِنَّهَا أُمُّكُمْ وَ هِيَ بِكُمْ بَرَّةٌ.

He went on to strike the ground with a walking stick. Rasool-Allah^{-sawww} said: 'Do not strike it, for it is your mother, and it is righteous with you all!'³

Buying and Selling Real Estate: Selling a Land or Property:

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَيْسَى عَنْ مُعَمَّرِ بْنِ خَلَّادٍ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا الْحَسَنِ ع يَقُولُ إِنَّ رَجُلًا أَتَى جَعْفَرًا ص شَبِيهًا بِالْمُسْتَنْصِحِ لَهُ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ كَيْفَ صِرْتُ اتَّخَذْتُ الْأَمْوَالَ قِطْعًا مُتَفَرِّقَةً وَ لَوْ كَانَتْ فِي مَوْضِعٍ [وَاحِدٍ] كَانَتْ أَيْسَرَ لِمَوْنَتِهَا وَ أَعْظَمَ لِمَنْفَعَتِهَا فَقَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع اتَّخَذْتُهَا مُتَفَرِّقَةً فَإِنْ أَصَابَ هَذَا الْمَالَ شَيْءٌ سَلِمَ هَذَا الْمَالُ وَ الصَّرَّةُ تُجْمَعُ بِهَذَا كُلِّهِ

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Mu'ammam ibn Khallad who has said the following:

¹ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 77 – The Book Cleanliness – Ch 6 H 25 a (Chapters on Washing)

² Bihar Al-Anwaar V 77 – The Book Cleanliness – Ch 6 H 25 a (Chapters on Washing)

³ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 77 – The Book Cleanliness – Ch 6 H 25 (Chapters on Washing)

'I heard Abu al-Hassan^{-asws} saying: 'Once a man came to Ja'far^{-asws} as if giving him good advice; he said: 'O Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} why have you made the properties in scattered pieces? Had they been in one piece, more profit with fewer expenses would incur'. Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} replied: 'I have kept them scattered so that if losses affect one piece others, remain unaffected, but a bag keeps all of them together (vulnerable to losses)'.⁴

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَمَّنْ ذَكَرَهُ عَنْ زُرَّارَةَ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع يَقُولُ مَا يُخْلِفُ الرَّجُلُ شَيْئًا أَشَدَّ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَالِ الصَّامِتِ كَيْفَ يَصْنَعُ بِهِ قَالَ يَجْعَلُهُ فِي الْحَائِطِ يَعْنِي فِي الْبُسْتَانِ أَوْ الدَّارِ

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from ibn abu 'Umayr from the one whom he has mentioned (in his book) from Zurarah who has said the following:

'I heard Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} saying: 'Most difficult to protect property is of the silent kind (gold and silver)'. I then asked, 'What should one do about it?' The Imam^{-asws} replied: 'One should keep them inside walls, a garden or a House'.⁵

حُمَيْدُ بْنُ زِيَادٍ عَنِ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ سَمَاعَةَ عَنْ غَيْرِ وَاحِدٍ عَنْ أَبَانَ بْنِ عُمَانَ قَالَ دَعَانِي جَعْفَرُ ع فَقَالَ بَاعَ فُلَانٌ أَرْضَهُ فَقُلْتُ نَعَمْ قَالَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي التَّوْرَةِ أَنَّهُ مَنْ بَاعَ أَرْضًا أَوْ مَاءً وَ لَمْ يَصْنَعْهُ فِي أَرْضٍ أَوْ مَاءٍ ذَهَبَ ثَمَنُهُ مَحَقًّا

Humayd ibn Ziyad has narrated from al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Sama'ah from more than one person from Aban ibn 'Uthman who has said the following:

'Once Ja'far^{-asws} called me and asked: 'Has so and so sold his land?' I replied: 'Yes, he has done so'. The Imam^{-asws} said: 'It is written in the Torah that whoever sells a piece of land or water and does not replace it by another piece of land or water its price (money received) loses its blessings'.⁶

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ صَالِحِ بْنِ أَبِي حَمَّادٍ عَنِ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ ع وَ هُبِّ الْحَرِيرِيِّ عَنِ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع قَالَ مُشْتَرِي الْعُقْدَةِ مَرُزُوقٌ وَ بَائِعُهَا مَمْحُوقٌ

Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ali has narrated from Salih ibn abu Hammad from al-Hassan ibn Ali from Wahab al-Hariri who has said the following:

'Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} has said: 'The buyer of real property receives sustenance and the seller thereof suffers a serious loss'.⁷

الْحَسَنُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ أَحْمَدَ النَّهْدِيِّ عَنِ يَعْقُوبِ بْنِ يَزِيدَ عَنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ مِرَازِمَ عَنِ أَبِيهِ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع لِمُصَادِفٍ مَوْلَاهُ اتَّخَذَ عُقْدَةً أَوْ ضَيْعَةً فَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ إِذَا نَزَلَتْ بِهِ النَّارُ لَهُ أَوْ الْمِصْبِيَّةُ فَذَكَرَ أَنْ وَرَاءَ ظَهْرِهِ مَا يُقِيمُ عِيَالَهُ كَانَ أَسْحَى لِنَفْسِهِ

Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad has narrated from Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Nahdiy from Ya'qub ibn Yazid from Muhammad ibn Murazim from his father who has said the following:

'Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} once said to his Mawla', Musadif, 'Find some real property or goods; when man faces hardship or misfortune, and then finds out that behind him

⁴ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8405, Ch. 18, h, 1

⁵ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8406, Ch. 18, h, 2

⁶ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8407, Ch. 18, h, 3

⁷ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8408, Ch. 18, h, 4

there is something for support of his family, he feels more generous to allow his soul to depart (his body)'.⁸

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ بْنِ بُنْدَارَ عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ يُوسُفَ عَنْ عَبْدِ السَّلَامِ عَنْ هِشَامِ بْنِ أَحْمَرَ عَنْ أَبِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ ع قَالَ تَمَنُّ الْعَقَارَ مَمْحُوقٌ إِلَّا أَنْ يُجْعَلَ فِي عَقَارٍ مِثْلِهِ

Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Bandar has narrated from Ahmad ibn abu Abd Allah Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Yusuf from 'Abd al-Salam from Hisham ibn Ahmar who has said the following:

'Abu Ibrahim^{-asws} has said that the price (money) received in exchange for real estate is a loss unless another piece of real estate is purchased therewith'.⁹

أَبُو عَلِيٍّ الْأَشْعَرِيُّ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيِّ الْكُوفِيِّ عَنْ عُبَيْدِ بْنِ هِشَامٍ عَنْ عَبْدِ الصَّمَدِ بْنِ بَشِيرٍ عَنْ مُعَاوِيَةَ بْنِ عَمَّارٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع قَالَ لَمَّا دَخَلَ النَّبِيُّ ص الْمَدِينَةَ حَطَّ دَوْرَهَا بِرِجْلِهِ ثُمَّ قَالَ اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ بَاعَ رِبَاعَهُ فَلَا تُبَارِكْ لَهُ

Abu Ali al-Ashariy has narrated from Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Kufiy from 'Ubays ibn Hisham from 'Abd al-Sarnad ibn Bashir from Mu'awiyah ibn 'Ammar from who has said the following:

'Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} has said that when the Holy Prophet^{-saww} arrived in al-Madinah he drew a line around its houses and said: 'O Allah, do not make it a blessing for those who sell their houses'.¹⁰

عِدَّةٌ مِنْ أَصْحَابِنَا عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ شَمُّونَ عَنِ الْأَصَمِّ عَنِ مِسْمَعٍ قَالَ قُلْتُ لِأَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع إِنَّ لِي أَرْضًا تُطَلَّبُ مِنِّي وَ يَرِغَبُونِي فَقَالَ لِي يَا أَبَا سَيَّارٍ أَمَا عَلِمْتَ أَنَّ مَنْ بَاعَ الْمَاءَ وَالطِّينَ ذَهَبَ مَالُهُ هَبَاءً قُلْتُ جُعِلَتْ فِدَاكَ إِنِّي أبيعُ بِالثَمَنِ الْكَثِيرِ وَ أَشْتَرِي مَا هُوَ أَوْسَعُ رُفْعَةً مِمَّا بَعْتُ قَالَ فَلَا بَأْسَ

A number of our people have narrated from Sahl ibn Ziyad from Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Shammun from al-Asamm from Misma' who has said the following:

'Once I said to Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} 'I have a piece of land in which buyers are much interested to purchase.' The Imam^{-asws} said: 'O Abu Sayyar, do you know that whoever sells land or water (like a fountain for irrigation and so on), his wealth goes away as a bad loss'. I then said: 'I pray to Allah to keep my soul in service for your cause, I will sell it for a high price and then I can buy a piece of land bigger than this one.' The Imam^{-asws} said: 'Then it is all right'.¹¹

⁸ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8409, Ch. 18, h, 5

⁹ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8410, Ch. 18, h, 6

¹⁰ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8411, Ch. 18, h, 7

¹¹ Al-Kafi, vol. 5, H. 8412, Ch. 18, h, 8