

World is a Loan –from Allah^{-azwj} to Servants

‘Rasool-Allah^{-saww} narrates that Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic Said I^{-azwj} Made the world to be between My^{-azwj} servants as a loan.

أَبُو عَلِيٍّ الْأَشْعَرِيُّ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْجَبَّارِ عَنْ صَفْوَانَ عَنْ إِسْحَاقَ بْنِ عَمَّارٍ وَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ سَنَانَ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِنِّي جَعَلْتُ الدُّنْيَا بَيْنَ عِبَادِي قَرْضًا فَمَنْ أَقْرَضَنِي مِنْهَا قَرْضًا أُعْطِيَتْهُ بِكُلِّ وَاحِدَةٍ عَشْرًا إِلَى سَبْعِمِائَةٍ ضَعْفٌ وَ مَا شِئْتُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَ مَنْ لَمْ يُقْرِضْنِي مِنْهَا قَرْضًا فَأَخَذْتُ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا قَسْرًا فَصَبْرٌ أُعْطِيَتْهُ ثَلَاثَ حِصَالٍ لَوْ أُعْطِيَتْ وَاحِدَةً مِنْهُنَّ مَلَائِكَتِي لَرَضُوا بِهَا مِنِّي

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(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws} having said: ‘Rasool-Allah^{-saww} said: ‘Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic Said I^{-azwj} Made the world to be between My^{-azwj} servants as a loan. So the one who lends Me^{-azwj} a loan from it, I^{-azwj} shall Give him, with every one, ten, up to a multiple of seven hundred, and whatever I^{-azwj} so Desire from that; and the one who does not lends Me^{-azwj} a loan from it, so I^{-azwj} shall Seize something Forcibly from him. But, if he is patient, I^{-azwj} shall Give him three characteristics, such that if I^{-azwj} were to Give one of these to My^{-azwj} Angels, they would be pleased with Me^{-azwj}’.

قَالَ ثُمَّ تَلَا أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَوْلَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَ إِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ أَوْلَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ فَهَذِهِ وَاحِدَةٌ مِنْ ثَلَاثِ حِصَالٍ وَ رَحْمَةٌ اثْنَتَانِ وَ أَوْلَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ ثَلَاثٌ

He (the narrator) said, ‘Then Abu Abdullah^{-asws} recited the Words of Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic [2:156] **Who, when a difficulty befalls them, say: Surely we are for Allah and to Him we are returning** [2:157] **Those are they on whom are Blessings and Mercy from their Lord.** So this (Blessings) is one from the three characteristics, and Mercy is the second, **and those are the followers of the right course** is the third’.

ثُمَّ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) هَذَا لِمَنْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا قَسْرًا .

Then Abu Abdullah^{-asws} said: ‘This is for them from whom Allah^{-azwj} Takes something Forcibly’.¹

¹ Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 47 H 21