



ALI 275: The Stimulus of Hope

Session Three

Why do people place hopes in other people?


From Dua no. 28, what are the reasons people should not place hope in other people?

Wrong Types of Hope

2) Hope in people

I have seen that all of good (khayr) is gathered in cutting off hopes from what people have. And whoever hopes for nothing from people and turns to Allah for all his affairs, Allah will answer him (suffice him) for all things.

Imam Zaynul Abidin (a)



Hoping from people means:

- 1) Not understanding that all good comes only from Allah. People may sometimes be the means through which He sends, but it comes from Him.
- 2) Giving people a status they do not deserve.

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ


Is not Allah enough for His servant?

Sura Zumar, 39:36

وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ
وَإِنْ يُرِدْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ لِفَضْلِهِ ۗ يُصِيبُ بِهِ مَنْ
يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۗ وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ


And if Allah should afflict you with hurt
then there is none to remove it but He
and if He intends good to you
there is none to repel His grace
He brings it to whom He pleases of His servants
and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful

Sura Yunus, 10:107



Do not be from those
who hopes for the Hereafter
without action
and delays repentance
due to long hopes.

Imam Ali (a)



I swear by My Majesty, by My Glory. . . I will turn the hopes of all who hope in people other than Me into hopelessness . . . How can he expect help from others in hardship when all hardships are in My control? . . . He knocks on the doors of others and the key to all closed doors is in My hand and My door is open for those who pray to Me.

Hadith al Qudsi, from Imam as Sadiq (a)

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