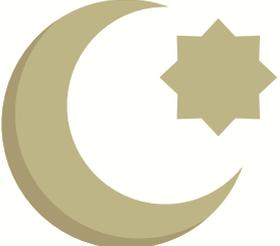




# ALI 712: Inspiration from the 'Ibādat performed by the Ahlul Bayt عليهم السلام



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## Ali عليه السلام describes world while in mihrab

وَمِنْ خَبَرِ ضِرَارِ بْنِ حَمَزَةَ الضَّبَائِيِّ عِنْدَ دُخُولِهِ عَلَى مُعَاوِيَةَ وَمَسْأَلَتِهِ لَهُ عَنْ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
ع وَقَالَ فَأَشْهَدُ لَقَدْ رَأَيْتُهُ فِي بَعْضِ مَوَاقِفِهِ وَقَدْ أَرَخَى اللَّيْلُ سُدُولَهُ وَهُوَ قَائِمٌ فِي مِحْرَابِهِ  
قَابِضٌ عَلَى لِحْيَتِهِ يَتَمَلَّمُ تَمَلَّمِ السَّلِيمِ وَ يَبْكِي بُكَاءَ الْحَزِينِ وَيَقُولُ:

يَا دُنْيَا يَا دُنْيَا إِلَيْكَ عَنِّي، أَبِي تَعَرَّضْتَ أَمْ إِلَيَّ تَشَوَّقْتَ؟  
لَا حَانَ حِينُكَ، هَيْهَاتَ غُرَى غَيْرِي، لَا حَاجَةَ لِي فِيكَ  
قَدْ طَلَّقْتُكَ ثَلَاثًا لَا رَجْعَةَ فِيهَا

فَعَيْشُكَ قَصِيرٌ وَخَطْرُكَ يَسِيرٌ وَأَمْلُكَ حَقِيرٌ.  
أَهْ مِنْ قِلَّةِ الزَّادِ وَطُولِ الطَّرِيقِ وَبُعْدِ السَّفَرِ وَعَظِيمِ الْمَوْرِدِ.

# Imam Ali عليه السلام on this world (translation)

*Bismillah.* It is related that when Dhirār (or Dhamrah) ibn Hamzah al-Dhibābi (or al-Suda'i) went to Mu'āwiyah, he inquired from him about Amīr al-Mu'minīn, peace be upon him, he said: I stand witness that I have seen him on **several occasions** when **night had spread** and he was **standing** in the *mihrab*\* **holding his beard, groaning** like a man **bitten by a snake** and **weeping** as a grieved man, saying:

O world, O world! Get away from me.

Why do you present yourself to me/seduce me?

Or are you eager for me?

You may not get that opportunity to impress me.

Deceive some other person. I have no concern with you.

I have divorced you thrice whereafter there is no return.

**Your life is short, your importance is little and your aspirations are base.**

Alas! The provision is little, the way is long,  
the journey is far and the goal is hard to reach.

(*Nahjul Balāghah*, H. 77). \*Tabātabā'ī on the meaning of *mihrāb*.