

O maidservant of God! Harken to the Divine melodies, now in creative and sweeter Persian tongue, and know that nothing but My remembrance is accepted today, and nothing but My love has been or will ever be pleasing before God. All that has been established between earth and heaven - whether through the deeds of the righteous and the comprehensions of mystics, or the diverse religions and endless laws - has appeared through the Manifestations of My Own Self, and rightfully return to my Manifestations, and all that exists has been manifested by God.

And verily, in appearance of the new Manifestation, the deeds of the previous cycle are not accepted in the sight of God, as deeds have been and will ever be but secondary to recognition, and belief in God depends upon recognition of the Manifestation of His Own Self. And today, anyone who remains veiled from the Manifestation of God (Baha'u'llah), round whom all God's commandments revolve, will derive no benefit from their actions, even if they perform all possible deeds in the world of existence. Just as knowing a house is not sufficient without knowing the master of the house, so too, actions alone will not suffice without recognition of the One Who is the Revealer and Creator of those deeds. And if today a soul renounces all deeds but believes in God (and His Manifestation), they may hope for salvation. However, We seek refuge in God, should one remain veiled from God (and His Manifestation) while performing all deeds, no refuge remains for him, and he will be counted before God, among the prisoners of denial and fire (among the dwellers in the abyss of denial and fire).

And O thou handmaid of God, hearken to the sanctified melodies of the Invincible One so that, by hearing them, the Holy Spirit may stir within your heart, and the Faithful Spirit¹ may speak in thy breast. And once thou attain this station, thou will find thyself detached from the world and all that is therein and ascend to the Most Mighty, to the Most High Sanctuary and to the Sacred Realm of the Most Glorious. And thou will attain to the station of "Know God through God," which is the ultimate abode of the mystics and the final goal of those who are nigh unto Him. In this station, thou will see no proof other than the Friend Himself and seek no evidence except the Beauty of the Beloved. Thou will consider His Manifestation, the evidence of His existence and His dawning the proof of His Own Self, and thou will witness all created things in the grasp of His power as lumps of clay and observe all beings within His hand as subject to His Authority and Command.

Baha'u'llah

¹ Quran Ash-shuara 26:192 - "This is certainly a revelation from the Lord of all worlds, which the trustworthy spirit 'Gabriel' (روح الامين) brought down". Tablets of Baha'u'llah Arabic page 157 and in English page 251-252,

ای امة الله ، حال به لسان ابداع احلی نغمات الهی را به بیان فارسی بشنو و بدان که
 الیوم جز ذکر مرود و جز حَبَم عند الله غیر مقبول بوده و خواهد بود، چه که جمیع
 آنچه ما بین ارض و سماء محقق شده ، چه از اعمال عاملین و چه عرفان عارفین و
 ادیان مختلفه و شرایع لانهاییه ، کلّ از مظاهر نفسم ظاهر و به مظاهر نفسم راجع
 و محقق بوده و کلّ من عند الله ظاهر شده و اینکه در ظهور بعد اعمال قبل عند الله
 مقبول نبوده نظر به آن است که اعمال فرع عرفان بوده و خواهد بود و عرفان الله هم
 منوط به عرفان مظهر نفس اوست و هر نفسی الیوم از نفس ظهور که جمیع اوامر
 الهی طائف حول اوست محتجب ماند هیچ عملی او را نفع نبخشد اگرچه به عمل کلّ
 ممکنات عامل شود ، چنانچه عرفان بیت انسان را کفایت نمی نماید از عرفان صاحب
 بیت ، همچنین اعمال ، عاملین را کفایت نمی کند از عرفان مُنزل و مُثَبّت آن و اگر
 الیوم نفسی تارک باشد جمیع اعمال را و عارف به حقّ باشد امید نجات از برایش
 باقی و لکن اگر نَعُوذُ بالله از حقّ محتجب باشد و به تمام اعمال مشغول ، مفرّی از
 برای اونه و عند الله از اهل سجّین و نفی و نار مذکور و تو ای کنیز الهی ، بشنو
 نغمات قدس صمدانی را تا از استماع آن روح القدس در قلبت مبعوث شود و روح
 الامین در صدرت ناطق گردد و چون به این مقام فائز شوی از عالم و عالمیان منقطع
 گردی و به مقرّ اعزّی و منظر قدس ابهی متصاعد شوی و به مقام اعرافو الله با الله
 که منتهی وطن عارفین و منتهی مقصد مقرّبین است فائز شوی • در این مقام حجتی
 جز نفس دوست نبینی و برهانی جز جمال محبوب نخواهی ، ظهورش را دلیل بر
 وجودش دانی و طلوعش را مُدلّ بر نفسش مشاهده نمایی و جمیع ممکنات را در
 قبضه قدرتش چون کفّ طین بینی و تمام موجودات را در یدِ قدرتش مقدور و محدود
 ملاحظه کنی •