

Home of Baha-Allah

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Dear friends!

Having gotten up and dressed I left my room and went to see the Beloved but I saw him coming down the stairs. He acknowledged my silent salutation with a sweet Marhaba and went out of the house. Later on I heard from Khosro that he went to bath. About noon he returned and a man whose sons were taken into the army came to him with a heavy and broken heart. The Master displayed his marvellous power of sympathy and compassion in consoling the unhappy and when he left the room his load seemed much lighter and more bearable. At 2 pm. Mirza Tarazollah brought his donkey and the Master rode to the Blessed Tomb of Baha-Ollah. As this was a very hot day and the carriage was in Haifa he told us not to go. The Master having left Shangi Effendi insisted that we may go out on the plain of Acca and watch the drilling of soldiers which is carried on with the utmost regularity and precision. Therefore with Mirza Tarazollah we walked out but it was too early yet; then he took us to his garden

which is quite large. He has planted many orange and lemon trees but they have not yet reached the stage of fruition. For an hour or two we sat in the shade and then left for the drilling ground. When we returned home it was after sunset but the Master had not yet come. After awhile he arrived a little tired and in the meeting he spoke about Faith. "Faith" he said toward the end of his discourse "is the centre of human virtues. Through the light of Faith justice is established. For if one has one grain of Faith in his heart, if they oblige him with the point of hyonet to act unjustly toward another, he will not do it." Then he related a number of stories, asked several questions and the meeting was quietly brought to a close, because the strangers entered the room and the believers were permitted to retire. Again I was given the supreme privilege of eating my supper with the Beloved. He spoke only a few words but we were perfectly satisfied with his silence.

When I entered my room I read a few Tablets recently revealed and if you have no objection I will show ^{you} with you a number of quotations.

To a Persian believer in Teheran he says:—

"Thou hast longed for the power of teaching the religion of God. This desire is the ultimate hope of the sincere ones. Unquestionably a wise man strives to attain to the highest and greatest object in the world of existence. Today the world-illuminating Sun is the matter of the promotion of the Cause of God. Whosoever is assisted in this he is favored at the Threshold of the Almighty. Therefore do thou not behold upon thine own capability and ability; nay, ^{rather} during the hour that thou art teaching the Cause of God turn thy face towards the Kingdom of Abha, beg ^{for} divine Confirmations and with the utmost confidence and power open thy tongue and speak out boldly ^{all} that which thy heart is inspired with."

To another believer in Teheran he says:—
 "Be thou not grieved and sad because of ^{the} ordeals and tests heaped on thee. The path of Love has many ups and downs. The cup of persecution is the share of the people of faithfulness and the brothers of purity. This has been ^{one} of the unalterable laws of thy Lord in all the ages and cycles;—thence the ^{sequence} of these holy souls and the self-sacrifice of

the lovers of the lovers of the Possessor of Glory may
 step forth upon the arena of manifestation and become
 evident and clear. Consider how the Blessed Perfection
 may my life be a ransom to his believers — foregone
 sufferings and hardships! He drank from every over-
 flowing cup the wine of affliction and became the
 target of the arrows and spears of the people of opposition.
 For one single night he did not rest and for a few
 hours he could not place his head on the pillow
 of tranquility. Now he was under the chain and ^{now}
 he was fallen into the hands of every cruel tyrant.
 Now he was exiled to Irak. (Bagdad) and again
 he was transferred to the city of Adrianople and after
 all these sufferings he was a prisoner in the
 penal town of Acre for 25 years. Therefore the
 believers of God must offer the utmost praise at the
 Court of the Peerless God, for they are walking in the
 foot steps of the Blessed Perfection and have received
 a few drops from the cup of persecutions. Be ye
 not grieved on account of the behaviour of some
 people. The real Assayer is busy. All these
 things shall pass away and the horizon

of Reality will be cleared and purified from these black clouds. If ~~a~~ person commit a transgression, he has been unjust unto himself and soon he will find that he is in manifest **R**egret and remorse...."

To a believer in Cincinnati he writes: - "Thank thou God that the Doors of the Kingdom ^{were} opened and the Beauty of the Promised One became manifest. Although those souls who in former religions were like unto the sun and moon became dark and others who were similar unto the stars fell down - that is, the leaders of mankind; yet the Lord of Hosts came down from heaven with the Cohorts of the Angels. In his first coming his holiness Christ came down from heaven, just as he said: no one goes to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven. In reality Christ came down from heaven, for he was the King of heaven, although he was born from the womb of Mary. By heaven in this instance, it is not meant this illimitable space; nay rather ~~by~~ heaven here means the world of reality which is higher and loftier than all the other spheres.