‘The fear and the hope’
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## Abbreviations:

saww: - Sal la la ho Allay hay Wa Aal lay he Wasallam
azwj: - Az Za Wa Jalla
asws: - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam
AJFJ: Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak
ra: - Razi Allah^{azwj}
La: - Laan Allah^{azwj}
In the Name of Allah azwj the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah azwj Lord azwj of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad saww and his saww Purified Progeny asws, and greetings with abundant greetings.

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Summary:

One’s strive to become a good Momin should always continue, but from one perspective, it reaches to an ‘excellence’ level when his fear of the Punishment and hope for the Forgiveness from Allah azwj become equitant, as per the Ahadith.

From him, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad, from Ibn Sinan, from Ibn Muskan, from Al Hassan Bin Abu Sara who said,

‘I heard Abu Abdullah asws saying: ‘A ‘Momin’ (Believer) will not happen to be a Momin until he happens to be fearful and hopeful; and he cannot happen to be fearful and hopeful, until he happens to work for what he fears from and hopes for’.  

I asked Abu Abdullah asws about the Statement of Allah azwj Mighty and Majestic: “[23:60] And those who give that which they give with hearts afraid”, he asws said: ‘This is for their intercession, and their hopes, they (our asws shias) fear that their (good) deeds would be rejected (and thrown) back to them if they had not obeyed (with total submission to) Allah azwj but they are hoping that these would be Accepted from our asws (intercession)’. 

Yunus, from Sinan Bin Tareyf who said:
I heard Abu Abdullah asws saying: ‘It is befitting for the Believer ( Suspicious to the Fire, and hope with such a hope as if he is from the inhabitants of the Paradise’. Then said: ‘Allahazwj is with the expectation of Hisazwj servant. If he expects good, so it will be good, and if he expects evil, so it will be evil’.  

**Introduction:**

Some Ahadith, on being fearful for our slip-ups but still hopeful for being forgiven by Allahazwj are presented.

A number of our companions from Ahmad Bin Muhammad, from Ali Bin Hadeed, from Mansour Bin Yunus, from Al Haris Al Mugheira, or his father, from; 

Abu Abdullah asws replied when I (narrator) said to himasws, ‘What was in the bequest of Luqmanasws?’ Heasws said: ‘Therein were marvels, and the most impressive of what was in it -was that heasws said to hisasws son: 

‘Fear Allahazwj Mighty and Majestic with such a fear that even if you go to Himazwj with the righteous deeds of the Jinn and the human, (fearing) that Heazwj would Punish you; and hope to Allahazwj with such a hope that if you were to go to Himazwj with the sins of the humans and the Jinn, (hoping) Heazwj would be Merciful to you’. 

Then Abu Abdullahasws said: ‘Myasws fatherasws was saying that there is none from a believing servant except in his heart would be two lights – a light of fear, and a light of hope. If this one was to be weighed it would not increase upon this, and if this one was to be weighed, it would no increase upon this’ (equal in strength).  

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3 Al-Kafi, Vol. 8, H 14910  
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Muhammad Bin Al Hassan, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Yahya Bin Al Mubarak, from Abdullah Bin Jabala, from Is’haq Bin Ammar who said,

‘Abu Abdullah\textsuperscript{asws} said: ‘O Is’haq! Fear Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} as if you can see Him\textsuperscript{azwj}, and even although you are not seeing him, but He\textsuperscript{azwj} (surely) Sees you. So if you were to think that He\textsuperscript{azwj} cannot see you, then you would have (certainly) disbelieved; but if you believe that He\textsuperscript{azwj} sees you and you disobey Him\textsuperscript{azwj}, so you would have Made Him\textsuperscript{azwj} to be from the most insignificant of the onlookers upon you’.

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Isa, from Al Hassan Bin Mahboub, from Al Haysam Bin Waqid who said,

‘I heard Abu Abdullah\textsuperscript{asws} saying: ‘The one who fears Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}, Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} would Make everything to fear him; and the one who does not fear Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}, Allah would Make him to fear from everything’.

A number of our companions, from Ahmad Bin Abdu Abdullah, from his father, from Hamza Bin Abdullah Bin Al Ja’fary, from Jameel Bin Darraj, from Abu Hamza who said,

‘Abu Abdullah\textsuperscript{asws} said: ‘The one who recognises Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} would fear Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}, and the one who fears Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}, would ignore his own soul in this world’.

From him, from Ibn Abu Najran, from the one who mentioned it, from;

Abu Abdullah\textsuperscript{asws}, replied, ‘(when) I said to him\textsuperscript{asws}, ‘A group are acting in disobedience and they are saying, ‘We are (living in hope)’. So they are not ceasing to be like that until the death comes to them’.

So he\textsuperscript{asws} said: ‘They are a people swaying in the beliefs. They are lying! They are not with the hope. The one who hopes for something would seek it, and the one who fears from something, would flee from it’.

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\textsuperscript{5} Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 33 H 2
\textsuperscript{6} Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 33 H 3
\textsuperscript{7} Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 33 H 4
\textsuperscript{8} Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 33 H 5
A similar Hadith is given in footnotes.9

One Seeking Fame will not be Fearing Allahazwj:

A number of our companions, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Khalid, from one of his companions, from Salih Bin Hamza, raising it, said,

‘Abu Abdullahasws said: ‘From the worship is the intense fear from Allahazwj Mighty and Majestic. Allahazwj is Saying [35:28] but rather it is those of His servants only who have knowledge who fear Allah. And Heazwj, Majestic is Hisazwj Praise, Said [5:44] therefore fear not the people and fear Me. And the Blessed and High Said [65:2] and whoever is fearful of Allah, He will make for him an outlet’.10

He (the narrator) said, ‘And Abu Abdullahasws said: ‘Love for fame and to be mentioned (popularity/dominance) will not exist in the heart of the one who is fearful (of Allahazwj)’.

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad, from Ali Bin Al Numan, from Hamza Bin Humran who said,

‘I heard Abu Abdullahasws saying: ‘From the preserved sermons of the Prophetasww is that heasww said: ‘O you people! For you there are teachers, so end up to your teachers, and that for you are terminals, so end up to your terminals.

And it is reported by Ali Bin Muhammad, raising it, said,

‘I said to Abu Abdullahasws, ‘A group of people from the ones in yourasws Wilayah are committing minor sins of disobedience and are saying, ‘We (live in hope)’. So heasws said: ‘They are lying! There are no friends for usasws (like) those people. The belief is swaying with them. The one who hopes for something would work for it, and the one who fears from something, would flee from it’.

9 Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 33 H 7
Indeed! The Believer acts between the two fears – between a term which has passed, not knowing what Allah⁴⁰ would be Doing with regards to it, and between a term which remains (the future), not knowing what Allah⁴⁰ has Judged with regards to it.

Thus, let the believing servant take from his own soul for himself, and from his world for his Hereafter, and (should act) during the youth before the old age, and during the lifetime before the death, for by the One⁴⁰ in Whose Hand is the soul of Muhammad⁴⁴, there will not be an effort (time for deeds) after the world, and there will not be a house except for the Paradise and the Hell’.

From him, from Ahmad, from Ibn Mahboub, from Dawood Al Raqqy, from:

Abu Abdullah⁴⁵ (said) regarding the Words of Allah⁴⁰ Mighty and Majestic [55:46] And for the one who fears to stand before his Lord would have the two Gardens. He⁴⁶ said: ‘The one who knows that Allah⁴⁰ Sees him and Hears whatever he is saying, and he knows that whatever he does, be it from good or evil, so that would detain him from the ugly ones of the deeds, so that would be the one who fears to stand before His⁴⁰ Lord⁴⁰, and has prevented himself from the personal desires’.

Finally, a Hadith related to the rewards of being fearful to Allah⁴⁰ is included in Appendix.

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Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Khalid, from Al Hassan Bin Al Husayn, from Muhammad Bin Sinan, from Abu Saeed Al Mukary, from Abu Hamza Al Sumaly, from;

Ali Bin Al-Husayn having said: ‘A man sailed the sea with his family, and it (the ship) broke (capsized) upon them. So none were rescued from the ones who were in the ship except for the wife of the man. So she was saved upon a plank from the planks of the ship until she came to an island from the islands of the sea; and it was so that in that island was a man who was a bandit and he had not left any Prohibition of Allah except that he had violated it. So he did not know, and the woman was standing by his head. So he raised his head towards her and he said, ‘A human or a Jinn?’ So she said, ‘A human’. So he did not speak to her a word until he sat upon her with a sitting which the man tends to sit upon his wife with.

So when he was intending with her, she became restless. So he said to her, ‘What is the matter with you being so restless?’ So she said, ‘I am scared of this’, and she gestured by her hand towards the sky. He said, ‘So have you done anything from this (adultery) before?’ She said, ‘No, by His Honour’. He said, ‘So you are being scared from Him by this fright and you have not done anything from this (before), and rather I am coercing you with a coercion. So (now), by Allah, I am closer with this fright and the fear, and more deserving than you (of being scared)’.

He said: ‘So he moved away and without doing anything he returned back to his family, and there was no eagerness for him except for the repentance, and the review (of his sins). Once he was walking (on a path) when he came across a priest walking in the street. The sun was bright upon the two of them, and the priest said to the youth (once the robber), ‘Supplicate to Allah to Shade us with a cloud, for the sun is too hot upon us’. So the youth
said, ‘I do not know of a (single) good deed which is with my Lord[azwj], so it would be too audacious of me to ask Him[azwj] for anything’.

He said, ‘So I shall supplicate, and you say ‘Ameen’. He said, ‘Yes’. So the priest came forward supplicating and the youth said ‘Ameen’. And it was so that soon a cloud shaded them. So they both walked under it careful during the day. Then their ways separated into two, and the youth took to one, and the priest took to the other. So the cloud (went) with the youth. So the priest said, ‘You are better than I am. For you it (the supplication) was Answered and it was not Answered for me. So inform me what your story is. So he informed him of the news of the woman. So he said, ‘There has been Forgiveness for you what is past (from the sins) when the fear entered into you, therefore consider how you want to be in the future’’.13

13 Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 33 H 8