

## IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE BENEFICENT THE MERCIFUL

It is narrated from Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (AS) that he said:

I sought for paradise and found it in open-handedness (generosity), and I sought for well-being and found it in solitude, and I sought for a heavy scale (of good deeds) and found it in bearing witness that *"There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah"*, and I sought for a speedy entrance into paradise and found it in performing actions solely for the sake of Allah, and I sought for love of death and found it in offering wealth in the way of Allah, and I sought for the sweetness of worship and found it in abandoning disobedience to Allah, and I sought for a tender heart and found it in hunger and thirst, and I sought for light in my heart and found it in pondering and weeping, and I sought for permission to cross the Sirat (on the day of judgement) and found it in giving charity, and I sought for illumination of my face and found it in praying the night prayers (*salat-ul-layl* or *namaz-e-shab*), and I sought for the honour of doing *jihad* and found it in earning for my family and I sought for love of Allah (SWT) and found it in despising those who disobey Him, and I sought for leadership and found it in giving good counsel to the servants of Allah, and I sought for openness and clarity in my heart and found it in having less possessions, and I sought for decisiveness and resolution in my affairs and found it in patience and perseverance, and I sought for nobility and found it in knowledge, and I sought for worship and found it in piety and godliness, and I sought for comfort and found it in abstinence (detachment from this world), and I sought for high position and esteem and found it in humbleness, and I sought for honour and found it in truthfulness, and I sought for subservience and found it in fasting, and I sought for wealth and found it in contentment, and I sought for intimacy and I found it in recitation of the Holy Qur'an, and I sought for friendship amongst people and I found it in excellence of character, and I sought for the pleasure of Allah and I found it in doing good to parents.