

The Tablet of Divine Courage¹ — Revealed by the Báb

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Introduction and background:

Few among the sacred writings of the Báb burn with such blazing intensity or call forth such unflinching valour as this brief yet stirring exhortation. Revealed in tones both majestic and commanding, it summons the faithful to arise as lions in the path of God, their hearts free from fear, their souls unshaken by the gales of opposition. The text exhorts the reader to manifest undaunted fortitude, to withstand the onslaught of adversaries—likened to mere shadows bereft of foundation or dignity—and to transcend all threats through spiritual steadfastness and heroic self-sacrifice. In these resounding verses, the Báb extols courage not only as a moral quality but as *the most excellent of sciences in this world*, the touchstone by which true faith is proven and the summit upon which all divine striving culminates.

With imagery rich in allusion, He likens the steadfast soul to a mountain unmoved by storm or squall, an emblem of constancy and of unshakable faith.

Beyond mere exhortation, the Tablet offers a profound meditation on the inner life of the believer amidst trials and injustice. It affirms that courage, when allied with purpose, detachment, and vision, becomes the very ladder of ascent toward divine favour and victory. Its enduring message continues to inspire those who would tread the path of sacrifice and service with unwavering resolve.

What follows is a provisional English translation of this sacred Tablet, rendered with reverence and care. The original text is published in *Amr va Khalq*, vol. 1, p. 415. At present, no information is available to the present writer concerning the date of its revelation, the identity of its recipient, or the place where it was revealed.

¹ This Tablet bears no known title in the original manuscripts. The present designation —*The Tablet of Divine Courage*—has been assigned by the author, based on the thematic content and spiritual tenor of the text.

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The Báb Reveals:

“Be thou, then, for the sake of God, a lion fearless in His Cause, until God Himself shall judge with justice. And thereafter shall He bring to pass, on My behalf, a mighty and wondrous Cause.

Fear not the onslaught of the devils, for they are but uprooted shadows. No proof have they—neither in the Book of Truth, nor among the people, nor even in their own souls. Their likeness is even as the dog: whether thou drive it away, it panteth; or whether thou leave it alone, it still panteth.

So stifle their ceaseless panting with a bounteous gift, that thou mayest find repose from their wickedness.

And draw not nigh unto them that have dealt unjustly, lest the chastisement seize thee from their midst—for they are utterly devoid of shame.

Walk thou among them with thy gaze fixed on thy goal, for such is permitted the faithful in the Book of God.

And the most excellent of sciences in this world is the knowledge of courage.

And when thou findest thyself to be even as a mountain whom the tempests cannot stir, nor the mighty blasts displace, then hast thou attained unto the pinnacle and consummation of all things.”

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فَكُنْ اللهُ اسِداً غِيراً حَتَّى بِحُكْمِ اللهِ بِالْعَدْلِ وَيُحَدِّثُ لِي بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمراً وَلَا تَخَفْ مِنْ صَوْلَةِ الشَّيَاطِينِ فَإِنَّهُمْ أَظْلَمَةُ مُجْتَنَّةٌ
لَا حُجَّةَ عَنْدهُمْ لَا فِي كِتَابِ الْحَقِّ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْخَلْقِ وَلَا
وَلَوْ لَهُمْ عِنْدَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَمَثَلُهُمْ كَمَثَلِ الْكَلْبِ إِنْ تَحْمَلَ عَلَيْهِ
اعْظَمْ

يَلْهَثُ وَإِنْ تَتْرَكَهُ يَلْهَثُ فَسَدَ كَثْرَةُ لَهْثِهِمْ بِعِطَاءِ عَظَمٍ لَتَسْتَرِيحَ مِنْ شَرِّهِمْ وَلَا تَقْرُبِ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا فَيَمْسَكَ الْعَذَابُ مِنْهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا
حَيَاءَ لَهُمْ وَامْشِ مَعَهُمْ لِقَصْدِكَ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ حُلٌّ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي كِتَابِ اللهِ فَاحْسِنِ الْعُلُومَ عِلْمَ الشَّجَاعَةِ فِي
الدُّنْيَا فَإِذَا وَجَدْتَ حَالَكَ كَالْجَبَلِ لَا يَحْرُكُ الْعَوَاصِفَ
وَلَا يَزِيلُكَ الْقَوَاصِفَ فَقَدْ بَلَغْتَ ذُرْوَةَ الْأَمْرِ وَمُنْتَهَاهَا