

Forgiveness

dwell on the top-most tree! planted in the Divine Man-
sion.

"O Kind God! Grant Thou entrance to Thy Heavenly Palace to every pure spirit and exalt the station of every humble and meek at Thy Celestial Court. Submerge him in the Sea of Thy Grace and suffer him to look into Thy Brilliant Countenance! Verily Thou art the Generous, the Generous, the Forgiver and the Clement!"

To another Zoroastrian in Bombay he writes:-

"O thou servant of the heavenly Beloved! Thy letter was fragrant because its contents was agreeable. During the day of the Manifestation of the Promised One of the Zoroastrians thou didst become awakened and mindful. Thou didst open thine eyes and beheld the heavenly Light. From the showers of the Cloud of Providence thou art refreshed and revived like unto the flowers and hyacinths and from the down-pour of rain thou hast grown and developed"

To another ^{Jewish} friend in Bander Abbas he says:-

"O thou who art guided by the Light of Guidance! It was the effulgence of the Ray which became manifest in Thee. Praise be to God that thou didst follow

the Interlocutor of God. His Holiness Moses saw the burning
Fire in the Blessed Tree and thou didst behold it in the
Tree of Sanctification. That verdant tree was the Mosaic
reality in which the Fire of the Love of God flamed forth.
Thank thou God that the veil is rent asunder and thou
didst observe the luminous Light from the Manifest
Horizon. In order to render thanksgiving for these Bestowals
unloose thy tongue in the glorification and praise
of His Highness the Deserve One."

To an assembly in Persia he writes:-

"O ye merciful friends! The letter containing the details of
the Feast of Rizwan and the banquet of joy and fragrance
was perused with the utmost happiness. Praise be to God
that you have held a meeting with infinite attraction,
have turned your faces toward the Kingdom of Abdo and
are hoping to sacrifice your lives in the path of God. ^{Almighty}
Bahá is expecting that great services will be accomplished
by those blessed souls - so that in a short space of
time you may become conducive to the diffusion
of the Fragrances of God. Gather ^{together} on the appointed days
in the meeting, hold heavenly feast and be ye
engaged in the mention of God.

"O God! O God! These are Thy servants attracted to the Kingdom of Thy Mercifulness! They are Thy slaves turning their faces toward the world of Thy Singleness. Suffer their hearts to become as pure mirrors on the transparent surface of which may reflect the Sun of Reality and all its effulgences which are shining over all the regions. Make their tongues eloquent in Thy mention amongst mankind. Let their eyes be dilated by beholding Thy Most Great Signs; their ears receptive to listen to the melodies of the Supreme Course and their faces illumined by the Splendor irradiating from the Light of Guidance. Verily Thou art Powerful to do that which Thou willest and Thou art the Mighty and the Omnipotent"

In another Tablet to a believer in America he says:-
 "Paul in the beginning worked against the Spirit of God - Christ but when he became Confirmed he was the first servant of Christ. He became a bright lamp amongst mankind and a luminous star shining from the horizon of eternity."
 To another friend ^{in Tehran} he writes:

"Abdul Baha was educated by the Beauty of Abha. He in-
parted to him instruction and ^{the} code of manners. Therefore
he is conducting himself according to that standard of
teaching and instruction. This is the behaviour of Abdul
Baha. No matter to what high station thou attainest,
thou considerest it as coming to thee through the Grace
of the Blessed Perfection, and not through thine own
capability and merit. This is the best morality and
the most commendable attribute."

To another believer in Khorassan he writes :-

"O thou servant at the Divine Threshold! In this year
mankind is afflicted with terrific tests. The avenues of
commerce are clogged, obstructed and closed. In a twinkling
of an eye great Commercial houses found themselves
in manifest loss. The majority of the European Banks
have shut their doors or declared bankruptcy. In these
parts people are panic-stricken and struck dumb
with the impending doom. Thou canst not realize
what a resurrection is set up.' Trade has become
entirely non-existent and all the inhabitants are
enlisted as soldiers. For example there are many
merchants who have suffered complete ruin

and to cap their misery they are compelled to enter the army and are sent to the frontier. Their wives and children are left behind without any helper, homeless and shelterless. Consider what a catastrophe is this! On every side the cries and lamentations reach to the vault of heaven! ,"

To a believer in Ohio he writes! -

"O thou daughter of the Kingdom! Thou hast written that the Cause is progressing in America. I hope that this news will give joy to all the hearts. May all the believers of God live in accord with the Advice, exhortations and Teachings of Baha-Ollah; - so that the lights of the Kingdom may reflect on the mirror of the world. This is the progress of the Cause of God! This is the Everlasting Glory of the world of humanity! This is the heavenly Sublimity! This is the eternal spirituality! I hope that every one may become rich through this treasury of the Kingdom!"

All the Bahai students send you devoted greeting from Mount Carmel.