

Home of Abdul Baha
Mount Carmel, Haifa Syria
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Dear friends!

This afternoon we had a lovely meeting in the home of Abdul Baha. It was rather a feast given by Aga Abbas Gali in the celebration of the 9th day of Rizwan. We all gathered in the garden and the Beloved came out and joined us. He looked well and happy and stirred the souls with the refreshing breezes of his words. Ostad Mohamad Ali chanted a long Tablet revealed by Baha Ollah on the 9th^{day} of Rizwan in the first year of his arrival in the prison city of Acca. It was rather interesting because He mentions in it the names of many believers who were with him at the time and partook of a similar feast in the most great Prison. When it was finished the Master related the particulars of the lives of several persons whose names were recorded by the Supreme Pen. As a spiritual gift for future similar feasts I would like to translate herein the said Tablet, so that the believers may read it in their gatherings and remember ~~as~~ in their prayers: -

In the name of God, the Powerful, the Unconstrained!

Praise be to Thee O God, for Thou hast gathered Thy believers in Thy Most Great Feast in which Thou didst reveal Thyself with Thy Most Comely Names to all the inhabitants of the earth and heaven ^{and} in which Thou didst cause the dawn of the Sun of Reality from the horizon of Thy Will and the establishment of the Temple of Pre-existent upon the Throne of Thy Mercifulness.

O God! This is the ninth day of the Feast of Rizwan in which one of Thy believers invited the Manifestation of Thy Entity and the Dawning-place of Thy Lights from His room in the Prison to another room in the Prison for the sake of Thy Beauty and ^{the} yearning after Thy Love. Of Thy Bounties, so far as it has been possible for him, he hath prepared and spread before Thy Face. For verily all his properties and those of Thy beloved ones have been confiscated by the people. O Lord! ^{most} that Thou hast gathered them around Thyself and assisted them with this Most Great Bestowal suffer them to become firm in Thy Cause and cement their hearts together, in such wise, that no division whatsoever may rend ^{the} asunder. Then cause them to become the guides to this luminous Sun, the like ^{ness} of which has not been witnessed by the eye of existence and the similarity of which has not been beheld by the Seen and the Unseen.

O Lord! Thou knowest that all those who are around Thee desired to invite Thee during the Days of Regwan. According to their possibilities a number of them attained to this most exalted privilege while others were unable to spread a feast, but served the "red wine", prepared with the "leaves of China" [tea] in the white crystalline goblets.

O God! I beg of Thee by the Word which Thou hast made ^{at} the Magnet for ^{draw} the hearts and the minds and through which Thou hast attracted Thy servants to the ^{the} heaven of Thy Grace and the horizon of Thy Clemency and Benevolence - to accept the deeds of the former, then bestow Thou heavenly reward for the intentions of the latter. Verily Thou art the Lord of Generosity and Liberality and the Master of Excellence and Glory.

O Lord! Reveal ^{unto} them the Knowledge of themselves; then help them in the custodianship of their tongues, - so that they may not speak that which may lessen their stations and hurl down their deeds. Verily Thou art powerful over all things.

O Lord! Hearken to the lamentations of the sincere ones from amongst thy believers - those who are prevented from Thy meeting in these days which Thou hast decreed as feast to all the inhabitants of the earth and an honor and adornment to the people of Thy Country. Amongst them is "Ha" [Abdol-Ahad] who believed promptly in this Cause, through which the people of the earth and heaven were trembled save those whom Thou hast saved, O Thou Possessor of Names.

Another was the one whom Thou didst call by the name Mansour and adorn his temple with the decoration of Thy Love, O Thou Forgiving One! There were others whose cries Thou didst hear from outside of the town and to whom the permission of entrance was refused; - so that they may meet Thee in these days in which all things have attained to Thy Bounty. Amongst them was Nabeel who presented before Thy Throne an eulogy in Thy praise and commemoration. Amongst them was also ^[Mazaretti] Mirza Mohamad Ali Gairi whose call Thou didst hear from the town which Thou hast blessed with the name of the Spirit. [Christ.] Amongst them was also the one whom Thou didst name Abol-Hassan [This is Haji Ameen who came to London to meet the Master] and also Abdor-Rassoul and another servant from Ardestan? [or Ardekan] upon him and upon his father be Baba. Verily

they migrated, O God, in Thy path, advancing toward the Abode of Thy meeting. They entered the town, inhaled the fragrance of the Garment of Thy remembrance but were debarred from presenting themselves before the Throne of Thy Grandeur. They were persecuted by the hands of the oppressors of Thy people, ^{and} driven out of the town with such injustice whereby the dwellers of the Kingdom and the Most High Realm lamented and lamented. Amongst them was Abdollah through ^{whose} longing the lamp of joyous message ^{was} enkindled, and also Hasser, ^{who} advanced toward the Station and was obstructed thereby. Harken Thou, O God to the lamentations of the people of faithfulness from the direction of Haifa. Amongst them is one who is known by the name *Khaleel and who is upholding Thy commendation and laudation, likewise his brother and mother. Amongst them is one who is known by the name Esmael who for the first time built Thy most great house (in Bagdad). Amongst them was the one who is known by the name Yusoff whose way was obstructed to the meeting of Thy Beauty by the tyrannical hand of the rebellious from among Thy creatures. There are also other servants, as well as those who arrived there during these days.

O Lord! Accept from them that which they intended to do for the sake of Thy Love; then decree for them the reward of those who have attained to Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou wilt. Then, look upon those, O God, who are scattered in the Town of Haifa, with the Glances of the Eyes of Thy Mercifulness and aid them to enter beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Oneness. O Lord! do not refuse them from that which Thou hast. Verily Thou art the King of the heavens and the earths. There is no God but Thee the Mighty, the Wise.

Praise be to Thee O Thou God of the worlds and the Desired One of the Sages. I declare by Thy Glory that it behooveth every one to sacrifice his life for Thy Cause, for Thou hast heard the Call of the lovers from all the regions and the wailings of Thy believers in their affliction at the hands of Their enemies. Of a truth their lamentation is raised for the sake of Thy love and their hearts are burned with the fire of separation in Thy days.

May my life be a sacrifice to Thy ^{patience} O Thou Face of Baha! May my spirit be a ransom to Thy ^{endurance} O Thou in Whose Hand is the rein of the Kingdom of the earth and heaven. By Thy Majesty, O Thou Beloved of the yearning ones and the Hope of the ^{loves} Whosoever from the people of insight reads this Pure Tablet, verily from his eyes will flow tears of blood, because ~~my~~ heart was melted with the heat of Thy Love and the love of those who were prevented from Thy meeting, especially after their advancement toward Thee and tarrying in and around the town [Acca] for a long time. May my all be a sacrifice to Thy long-suffering, O Thou King of Power and Omnipotence! May my all be a ransom to Thy resignation. O Thou through Whose fear trembled the dwellers of the Kingdom of names. Thanks giving be unto Thee, O Thou Repose of the hearts of the people of Baha. I testify that naught else beside Thee ^{self} has ever attained to the Knowledge of Thy Essence, Its Mysteries and Realities and in the manifested conditions of Thy Power and the Appearances of Thy Will.

And in the end I beseech Thee, O God! to assist my friends to invite Thee to the Feast of their morals and ethics; - so that the banquet of Thy Grace may be spread amongst the inhabitants of Thy earth and that mankind may gather around It with joy and unity. This is indeed the real and ideal Feast for the delectation of all humanity. Verily Thou art able and powerful to do that which Thou wilt. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou God of the worlds and the Ruler over the heavens and the earths. "

This morning the Beloved was walking in the garden and enjoying the sight of the flowers and breathing the fresh air of the blue sea. Esmail Aga arranged a large bouquet of wonderful flowers of many hues and the Master gave it to me to be carried to the German Consul with his greeting. Two lovely peacocks are also sent to him from the garden of Riziwan.

In the evening there was no meeting but he entertained ^{at} dinner an important Turkish functionary from Tripoli. He talked with him a great deal on the present unsettled conditions of the country and the hard times to be faced by the people. He expressed the opinion ^{that} if God does not send a relief soon thousands of men and women will perish from hunger. We must pray with a contrite heart that He forgive the sins of His creatures.