

Tablet to the Bahá'ís of Sarvestán

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The Most Holy, the Most Great, the
Transcendent

My beloved ones in Sarvestán,

Give ear to the call of the All-Merciful in the contingent realm, saying, None other god is there beside Him, the Almighty, the Beneficent. We have inhaled the fragrance of your love and have remembered you in this prison in which the Well-Beloved of the lands is captive. The people were awaiting My days, yet when We revealed Him Who is Mine own Self unto them, they disbelieved in Him², except those who had renounced the world and turned to God, the Lord of all men.

Be united under the word of God, and call His servants to remembrance with the wisdom revealed in the Psalms and Tablets. Say: O people, set your gaze unto the horizon of grace. By God! It is illumined by the luminary of the remembrance of our Lord's name, the Cherished, the All-Bounteous.

We counsel ye to hold fast unto sanctified morals, detachment, and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amidst the climes of the earth. Be lamps of guidance to mankind and day-springs of goodness to all the world. Let nothing grieve you, for God is ever with you and

الأقدس الأعظم الأَمْنَع

يَا أَحِبَّائِي فِي سَرَوِسْتَانَ أَنْ اسْتَمِعُوا نِدَاءَ
الرَّحْمَنِ فِي الْإِمْكَانِ إِنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ
الْعَزِيزُ الْمَنَّانُ، قَدْ وَجَدْنَا عَرَفَ حُبِّكُمْ
ذَكَرْنَاكُمْ فِيهِذَا السَّجْنِ الَّذِي فِيهِ حُبْسَ
مَحْبُوبِ الْأَفَاقِ، قَدْ أَنْتَظَرُوا أَيَّامِي فَلَمَّا
أَظْهَرْنَا لَهُمْ نَفْسِي كَفَرُوا بِهَا إِلَّا مَنْ نَبَذَ
الْعَالَمَ مُقْبِلًا إِلَى اللَّهِ مَالِكِ الرَّقَابِ، أَنْ
اتَّجِدُوا فِي كَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ ذَكَّرُوا الْعِبَادَ
بِالْحِكْمَةِ الَّتِي نَزَّلَتْ فِي الزُّبُرِ وَالْأَلْوَابِ،
قُولُوا يَا قَوْمِ تَوَجَّهُوا إِلَى أَفْقِ الْفَضْلِ تَاللَّهِ
أَنَارَ مِنْ شَمْسِ ذِكْرِ اسْمِ رَبِّنَا الْعَزِيزِ
الْوَهَّابِ، نُوصِيكُمْ بِالتَّقْدِيسِ وَالتَّنْزِيهِ وَمَا
يَرْتَفِعُ بِهِ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ فِي الدِّيَارِ، كُونُوا
مَصَابِيحَ الْهُدَى بَيْنَ الْوَرَى وَمَطَالِعَ الْخَيْرِ

has ordained for you such as shall profit you so long as He Himself, the Possessor of being, shall endure. Rejoice in this day, for this is in truth the Day of God, and yet the generality are in heedlessness and error.

Recite the verses of God, for by them are the hearts of the righteous enraptured. They are indeed the flowing fountain of life everlasting unto the people of knowledge, and the sealed wine unto them that have set themselves toward the Almighty, the Unconstrained. This world shall perish, yet that which lieth within them shall remain, as well as such as hath been ordained for you by Him at Whose behest the winds are subdued.

Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the divine countenance, and have stood steadfast in this Cause, by which the bondsmen are humbled.

لِمَنْ فِي الْإِبْدَاعِ، لَا تَحْزَنُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِنَّهُ
مَعَكُمْ وَيُقَدِّرُ لَكُمْ مَا يَنْفَعُكُمْ بِدَوَامِ اللَّهِ مَالِكِ
الْإِجَادِ، أَنْ اسْتَبْشِرُوا فِيهِذَا الْيَوْمِ تَاللهِ إِنَّهُ
يَوْمُ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنَّ الْقَوْمَ فَيَغْفَلَةٌ وَضَلَالٍ، أَنْ
أَقْرُوا آيَاتِ اللَّهِ بِهَا تَتَجَذَّبُ قُلُوبُ
الْأَبْرَارِ، إِنَّهَا لَكُوْثُرُ الْحَيَوَانِ لِأَهْلِ
الْعِرْفَانِ وَالرَّحِيقِ الْمَخْتُومِ لِمَنْ أَقْبَلَ إِلَى
الْعَزِيزِ الْمُخْتَارِ، سَتَفْنِي الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا
وَيَبْقَى مَا قُدِّرَ لَكُمْ مِنْ لَدُنْ مُسَخَّرِ الْأَرْيَاحِ،
إِنَّمَا الْبَهَاءُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ فَازُوا
بِأَنْوَارِ الْوَجْهِ وَاسْتَقَامُوا عَلَى هَذَا الْأَمْرِ
الَّذِي بِهِ دَلَّتِ الرَّقَابُ.