

At the Presence of Jesus Christ

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Abstract: *Jesus Christ is one of the divine messengers who led people to believe in God and resurrection. Like other divine messengers and Imams, he had some guidelines for people as a light to their path towards deliverance and salvation in their life. The writer has selected some of his precious speeches which are represented through this article. These are mainly selected from the books such as Tohaf-ol-Oqool, Behar-ol-Anwar, Tanbih-ol-Kavater, and Al-Kafi.*

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Preface

All Muslims believe, based on Qur'an verses and traditions of the holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), that Jesus Christ is a resolute man, and an arch (prominent) Prophet.

This divine messenger, by great suffering awakened the dormant consciences of his people, and led them to believe in God and resurrection (Last Day Judgment).

His holiness Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) and our Innocent Imams have brought forward the precious heritage of our ancestors, from the history, and presented them not only to the Islamic society, but also to all people worldwide, to use these guidelines, as a light to their path, towards deliverance and salvation in their lives.

We are fortunate since we lean on wise and precious speeches of Jesus Christ through what have been quoted in Shia anthologies without any deviation or digression.

Here, we represent some selected brief narrations (Hadith) of these great prophet speeches. We hope that they would bring insight and light to our lives.

1) Jesus Christ said:

"Truly I tell you: just as sun gives light and illumination to all objects, in the same way, spiritual knowledge lights up the hearts. Piety is the fountain head of all knowledge. Truth is the gate to the good deeds, while God's Mercy is the gate to leading the truth. The keys to this gate are: invocation, repentance (to God) and good action. How could a door be opened without its key!?" (Tohaf - ol - Oqool, P. 512)

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2) Jesus Christ said to his disciples:

"O, sons of Adam shun this world and turn towards God. Detach yourselves from this world as you are not competent for it, nor it is fair for you. You shall not live long in this world and the world too shall not last for you. " (Behar _ol_ Anwar, vol: 14, P. 288)

3) Jesus Christ said:

"Truly I tell you: There is nothing like the regular prayers that can make you earn swiftly the dignity of the Hereafter; and there is no support better those prayers at times of difficulties. Besides, nothing is nearer to God than prayers.

So be perpetual in your prayers and perform it abundantly because among the worthy deeds that bring man close to God, it is prayer that has special significance before God. (Tohaf _o1- Oqool, P.508)

4) Jesus Christ said:

"Blessed is he whose silence is thinking; his looking is for getting lessons; his provisions are limited; he weeps over his sins, and the people are safe from his tongue and actions. (Behar _01 _Anwar, vol: 14, P. 319-320)

5) Hazrat Ali Ibn Husain, Imam Sajjad(p.b.u.h) said to his companions:

"My brothers! I recommend you to strive for the eternal world and not this material world upon which you have fixed your greedy eyes. Do you know that Jesus Christ (a.s.) told his disciples: This world is a bridge that you have to pass from it, and do not get engaged in its attractions? Is there anyone who builds a house on the sea waves? So do not consider the world as your lasting place." (Behar - ol- Anwar, vol: 73, P .107)

6) Jesus Christ said:

"Truly, just as a tree can't turn fruitful unless it gives good fruits, in the same way, your religion can not be perfect unless you avoid the sins." (Tohaf – 01- Oqool, P. 511)

7) Jesus was asked: "Who trained you in good manners? His holiness answered: I didn't have any teacher! I noticed the ugliness of the ignorance, and kept away from it" (Tanbih - o1 - Kavater, vol: I, P. 96)

8) Jesus Christ said:

Truly I tell you: "All the people may look at the stars, but only he is guided who knows their path and positions. Similarly, you all gain knowledge but only the one is guided who acts upon his knowledge." (Tohaf - o1- Oqool, P. 509)

9) Jesus Christ said:

"Truly I tell you: With respect to knowledge, people are divided into two groups: those who firm knowledge through words; then destroy it by their evil acts. And the other group that makes solid the knowledge through words, at the same time confirm it by their (good) deeds. And there exist numerous people among these two groups. Blessed is the scholar who acts upon his knowledge; and woe to the scholar who only relies on words and does not act." (Tohaf - o1- Oqool, P. 509)

10) Jesus Christ said to a group of people:

"O, sons of Israel, do not grieve over the loss of world affairs, just as the worldly people who attain the worldly affairs do not grieve over the loss of religious affairs. (Al-Kafi, vol: 2, P.137)