

The Armenian wishes as the reflection of national mentality

Wishes - is one of the groups of speech formulas of etiquette in which peculiarity of the nation, its customs, traditions and belief are reflected more evidently.

In the modern linguistics language is considered not only as an instrument of communication and knowledge, but also as the cultural code of a nation. All the peculiarities of the culture of the nation, its spiritual world, world outlook, the way of thinking, desires, preferences are reflected in its language which specifically and uniquely fixes the way of life and thinking of the nation.

In this connection it is rather interesting the study of wishes that considered to be the reflection of the national values. As a rule they are based on the universal values at the same time reflecting national character, mentality, world outlook, unique to each nation.

There are several groups of wishes that can be divided into the following themes:

- in case of marriage and wedding ceremonies
- wishes connected with the conjugal relations
- in case of birth of children
- wishes of religious character
- wishes expressing gratitude for one's help
- wishes connected with the acquisition of something
- wishes expressing condolences of loss or sympathy etc.

In the report special attention will be drawn to the concepts that have considerable place among the Armenian wishes (for example, "light" ("լույս"), "kindness" ("բարի") etc.). So the analysis of the wishes allowed to establish that the concept "light" has one of the central places among the world values of the nation. It is associated with the concepts of "Happiness", "Joy" and is the base for many formulas of etiquette:

- the greeting *Բարի լույս, Լույս քեզ տեսնողին*
- the leave-taking *Լույս բարի* (the followed answer *Բարի գիշեր*)
- congratulating both others (*Աչքդ լույս, Աչքներդ լույս*) and oneself (*Աչքս լույս, Աչքներս լույս*)
- in condolences (*Լույսը իջնի գերեզմանին*) etc.

Among the Armenian wishes the word "kind" ("բարի") has a major place - *Բարի զալուստ, Բարի վերադարձ, Բարի վայելում, Բարով մաշես, Բարձր բարի* etc., associating with the concept of kindness, luck.

Like in the wishes of many nations, in the Armenian wishes as well, addressing "God" has a major place - *Աստված անի, Աստված արևդ երկարե, Աստված բարին կատարի, Աստված կրներիդ ուժ տա* etc. .

There is another group of wishes that includes words with negative connotation. For example *Վատ օր չտեսնես* (It is nearly translated as "Let you never see bad day"), *Ուրդը քարին չկպնի* ("Let you never step a stone"). In such expressions the positive meaning of the wishes is expressed through negating the possibility of negative events, phenomena.

In the report the classification of Armenian wishes according to the themes is given. On the bases of analyses of wishes it is tried to distinguish between the valuable orientations of a nation, its world outlook etc.