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Patience the lost treasure (2)

: The best life is attained through patience.

(Give glad tidings to As-Sabirah)

(Sabr) Patience is the foundation of the believers' faith

which has no other foundation. The one who has no patience, has no faith, and if he has any, then it is only a little faith and it is very weak.

We must believe that: the best life is attained by the blessed through patience, and they rise to the highest degrees through their gratitude. So they fly on the wings of patience and gratitude to gardens of delight (i.e. Paradise). This is the bounty of Allah that He bestows upon whomsoever He will and Allah is the Owner of Great Bounty.

Last week we learned about Sabr (Patience) from the Quran, and this week, let's learn the ahaadeeth which speak of patience:-

1- Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: "who ever is patient, Allah will bestow patience upon him, and no one is ever given anything better and more generous than patience."

also 2- Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: "There is no Muslim who is stricken with a calamity and says what Allah has enjoined: Veily to Allah we belong and unto Him is our return. O, Allah reward me for my affliction and compensate me with something better - but Allah will compensate him with something better"

Also Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said the following a hadiths:

3- "No one can be given a better an more abundant gift than patience"

4- I asked the Prophet (S.A.W) who among the people are most severely tried? He said: The Prophets, then the right acting people, and so down through various categories of people. Man will be tested

according to the strength of his faith. The stronger his faith, the more severe his trial, and the weaker his faith, the lighter his trials. The believer will be continually tested until he walks on earth with all his wrong actions forgiven.

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2- "No muslim is afflicted with harm such as disease or anything else except that Allah will cause his sins to be removed as a tree sheds its leaves, as a consequence .

3- "Have glad tidings , for Allah will cause the sins of a Muslim to be wiped out due to sickness just as fire removes the impurities from iron and silver "

4- "The believing man or woman will continue to be afflicted by hardships in themselves and their families until they meet Allah with absolutely no sins."

5- No muslim is afflicted with any harm, even if it was (as minor as) the prick of a thorn, except that Allah will grant him (a higher) rank and wipe out a sin due to this."

6- "If a Muslim is afflicted by a headache or a prick of a thorn or any other harm, Allah will elevate him on the Day of judgement one rank and expiate his sins due to this."

7- "Verily, with a great tribulation is a great reward"

8- Know that help comes with patience and ease comes with suffering and relief comes with hardship."

This is patience "sabr", half of the eman, the way for forgiveness of sins and increasing own rank on the Day of judgement

What are the types of Patience :

There are 3 types of patience: ① patience on the

Types of Patience :-

obedience of Allah (2 patience on the disobedience of Allah
and (3) patience on the decree of Allah regarding hardships and
^{Types of patience (In details)} afflictions.

(First) 1- Patience upon the obedience of Allah:

There is no doubt that : there are hardships
being submissive to Allah. So in the Salat (prayer)
is the tiring of the body and the depriving of
sleep .

③ And in sawm (fasting) is

the hardship of hunger and thirst , and prohibiting
the soul from the food , drink and other desires

④ And in Sadaqa (charity)

is the sacrifice of wealth , which is beloved to
the souls .

and in ⑤ keeping good manners i.e no
for lying , deceiving , cheating , backbiting ,
showing off , arrogance , envy and revenge and all
bad manners

Also fulfilling the responsibilities to : the

spouse, parents, children, family members, muslims and all human beings. All these commands of Allah do not go well with the desires of the soul as they need effort and sacrifice, also the Shytan is always calling for disobedience of Allah's commands

So then, we are in need of patience so we can attain through it (patience): Firmness in obeying Allah's commands. Gradually, the believer will get accustomed to this obedience, and it will become a habit and he will be pleased with it.

(In details) Second Type patience upon the disobedience of Allah:

of Patience It is known that the soul is inclined towards that which is evil as the Shytan (Satan) is trying every second to deviate man from obedience of Allah. Satan always makes the harām to be loved and interesting to the spirit also Shytan always whispers that life is short, so enjoy every thing (halal or harām, no problem)

just enjoy and forget the punishment as Allah is the Most Merciful , the often forgiving. This is the deceiving Satan , always deceiving man in a trial to make him a slave to his desires. Gradually it will be impossible to stop Haram deeds e.g drinking , gambling , lying , adultery , deceiving ... all haram deeds.

So , then staying away from disobedience from the beginning even if it needs a lot of self struggle is (better) than returning after being totally living ^{easier} ~~haram~~ life.

There are ⁴ ~~two~~ items that concern patience on the disobedience of Allah.

1- Looking for the punishment and the evil fate,
For indeed patience in the short term worldly life
is more easy than living eternally in the Hell fire

2- Shyness from Allah the Most High , who created

him and blessed him with all the blessings and prohibited him from His obedience. → Recite 79: 40-41

3- Reflection on the "Haram" Allah makes prohibited for believers, you will realize that: It is the benefit of the believer that is the goal of this prohibition - e.g. drinking Alcohol always causes damage of the liver, mental and mode changes which can lead to anger attacks and loss of concentration which leads to car accidents.

Lying, cheating, deceiving and hypocrisy all fall heart diseases which damage the spirit and leave it far away from the good and guidance.

i. We need to realize that: it when Allah prohibited us from something, it is always for our benefit so let us be patient and obey Allah i.e. keep away from all Allah's Prohibitions.

For these 2 types of patience we need :-

- 1- Sabr before the action i.e and that is patience on the purification of the intention for Allah and the leaving of ar-Riya (showing off in it)
- 2- Sabr during the action i.e patience to be perfect regarding Allah's rules and prohibitions.
- 3- Sabr after the action: patience on keeping it hidden i.e not to mention in every event "I am not drinking I am not lying, I am not so-and-so , as this means that he is looking for the reward from the people and this will remove any reward for the whole action (deed). or to keep on saying " I am fasting today " or "I just came back from the Masjid" or "I paid (so and so) amount of money for charity" or " I am sponsoring 10 orphans " or " I am the one who builds this masjid or support those poor people "

The Third kind of patience is the patience on Allah's
Decree regarding hardships and afflictions.

This patience means with holding of the spirit
from being unhappy and sad. also with holding of
the tongue from complaining regarding of hardships
and afflictions.

This patience is based on the following rules :-

- 1- Pre-destination is a test by which the truthful ones are distinguished from the untruthful ones
- 2- This life is a test. It is the place of hardships and trouble.
- 3- Our Lord, does not deny us what we want except what is better than that. He does not test us but for our well-being and He does not subject us to tribulations but to purify us. It is by afflictions that righteous and understanding people are increased in rank and reward.

Always remember.

" A slave will not be afflicted by a trial except that he finds 3 blessings there in :

- (1) That the trial has nothing to do with his religion
- (2) That the trial was not bigger than it is
- (3) That Allah gives him patience to bear it

These are 3 conditions which every believer

must remember during trials as it will help him to accept Allah's Decease with patience and acceptance so that he will get the reward of

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Remember 2009, 1430H~~ Patience which is unlimited as Allah clarified in Surat ³⁹ AL-Zumar V.10

" Those who are patient (As-Saburun) will receive their reward in full, without count "

Let's now try to know the reality of the people response at time of affliction .