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(Messages of hope) 3

• Hope can make miracles.

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Insh Allah, we will continue to learn the messages of hope which Allah The Almighty sends in His Holy Book.

• Messages of hope are the words of healing love, peace, tranquillity, mercy, sympathy, Loyalty and hope which we are honored to receive from our Lord.

• Messages of hope are lessons of the lives of the prophets and the righteous people which proof to us the power of hope and its effect to reach the goals and to handle all trials with calmness and reassurance.

• Messages of hope is the reminder that: Only Allah has the Power to initiate the causes and bring about the results i.e

the Power to change the present and the future.

So the true believer whose heart is full of faith will never despair of Allah's mercy as he finds in his faith a bond with his Lord that gives him reassurance and hope even in the most difficult moments and under never pressure.

So it is "The Hope in Allah" that :-

Motivates the believer to obey the commands of Allah hoping that :-

- Allah will not burden him above his scope.
- Allah's Mercy is so close at hand i.e there is an outlet for every trial.
- With every hardship there is an ease.
(Allah ~~is~~ the Provider)
(Allah will provide him)
- Failure is a step on way of success.
- Events will turn out for the best.
- There is a bright light in every darkness

The "Power of hope" is all you need to keep on living the worldly life (the life of trials) while ~~which~~ having a healthy spirit and body as your hope in Allah protects your "immune system" against the harmful effects of sadness, despair and depression.

- Accepting all Allah's Decree with patience as "your power of hope in Allah" provides you with the reassurance that The Most Merciful promised the patient (AL-Sabenu) with unlimited reward.

- Fulfilling all your trust towards yourself and all around you (husband - kids - family - community) in the best shape as you have the hope that Allah the Almighty supports those who obey His Commands.

In Message of hope No. 1 we Learned 2 Quranic rules:

- 1- Don't be sad, as Verily Allah is with us.
Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.)
- 2- And never give up hope of Allah's

Mercy: Prophet Jacob:

In Message (2) we Learned.

- 1- No, indeed - My Lord is with me and He will guide me. Prophet Moses.
- 2- Never My Lord has my prayer to You remained unanswered. Prophet Zacharia

Today insha Allah we will learn the story of Prophet Yunus which is a clear proof that you need to keep the ^{Bowal} (Light of hope in Allah) always live and strong even in the most difficult times, as it is the way for the outlet.

Lessons From the story of Prophet Yunus :-

We will read from the Quran

٤٤. Surat (21) - V 87-88

١٢١. Surat (68) V 48-50

١٢٤. Surat (37) V 139-148

Prophet Yunus is called Dhun-Nun because of being swallowed by the Nun (the whale is referred to with the word Nun in Arabic) Prophet Jonah (Yunus) - was sent to the

people of the town of Nineveh. They were

idol-worshippers. Prophet Yunus was sent to

teach them to worship Allah, The One. They

disliked his interference in their way of

worship, so they argued "We and our

forefathers have worshipped these Gods

for many years and no harm has come

to us.

Try as he might to convince them of the

goodness of Allah's Laws, but they

ignored him. He warned them that if

they kept on their foolishness, Allah's punishment would soon follow. Instead of fearing Allah, they told Yunus that they were not afraid of his threats. "Let it happen", they told him.

So Yunus decided: "In that case, I will leave you to your misery". He decided to leave them before getting the command from Allah!!

Yunus moved in the direction of the sea, where he boarded a small ship in the company of other passengers. It sailed all the day in calm waters with a good wind.

Suddenly, when night came, the sea changed.

A horrible storm blew, as if it were going to split the ship into pieces. The waves looked wild. They rose up as high as mountains. So the chief crewman asked the crew to lighten the ship's heavy load. So they decided to remove at least

one person.

The captain directed: We will make Lots with all of the travelers names. The one whose name is drawn will be thrown into the sea. The Lot was drawn and (Yunus) appeared.

Since they knew him to be the most honorable among them, they didn't wish to throw him to the angry sea. Therefore they decided to draw a second Lot. Again Yunus' name was drawn. They gave him a final chance and drew a third Lot. Unfortunately for 'Yunus' his name came up again.

The matter was over, it was decided that Yunus should throw himself into the water. It was night, when Yunus was in a minute thrown from the ship, to be immediately swallowed by a whale. The ~~whale~~^{whale} ~~wale~~

swallowed Yunus into its stomach and shut its ivory teeth on him as if they were white bolts locking the door of the prison. The whale dived to the bottom of the sea, the sea that runs in the abyss^{جہنم} of darkness.

Three layers of darkness enveloped him, one above the other, the darkness of the whale's stomach, the darkness of the bottom of the sea, the darkness of the night.

Yunus imagined himself to be dead, but his senses became alert, when he found he could move. He realized that he was alive and imprisoned in the midst of three layers of darkness.

At In the middle of these layers of darkness, it was the power of hope that moved in the spirit of Prophet

Yunus, motivating him to call on his Lord; Allah
The One, hoping that He will accept his repentance
and save him from that great tragedy.

So, his heart and tongue called with full
sincerity and full hope "There is no God but
You, Glorified and Exalted be You, Truly
I have been of the wrong doers".

~~Yunus continued to~~
Through the Power of hope in Allah's
Mercy, Yunus continued on repeating his
supplication. It was his supplication while
in the ~~whale's~~ stomach, that saved him.

Allah, The Most Merciful, answered the
sincere repentance and invocation of Prophet

Yunus, so Allah commanded the whale
to ~~throw~~ ^{cast} ~~Yunus~~ ^{Yunus} ~~on~~ ^{forth} on the island.

Prophet Yunus's body was inflamed because

of the acids inside the whale's stomach. He was ill as he lost all his skin.

Allah, The All mighty, caused a vine to grow to considerable length over time for protection.

Then Allah caused Yunus to recover. Gradually he regained his strength and found his way to his homeland, where he was surprised by the change that had taken place there. See (Surat Yunus (10) - V 98). Allah informed that, the people of Yunus were faced with great ^{storm} ~~feast~~ as they felt that their destruction is so close, so they all gathered on the mountains, calling on Allah for His Mercy and forgiveness and repentance. Out of their faith, they were saved from Allah's anger but also, they were showered with Allah's blessings

Let's learn the lessons of these Quranic Rules:-

1. Yunus left his people because he was angry as they did not believe in his message, he was supposed to wait for Allah's command but he didn't - he was not patient with the trial of his people disbelief considering it too much hardship for him.

So it was Allah's Decree that he must face one of the greatest tragedy in

history (i.e. to be swallowed by the whale)

So the 1st lesson is: Never to refuse Allah's

commands or Allah's Decree and to

decide to stop either obeying the

commands or accepting the Decree as

this is an attitude which needs a reminder

that you may face the same punishment

of Prophet Yunus i.e. Greater disaster

Regard

(impatient)

Allah's Commands

(impatient)

Allah's Decree

Feel Decision

to feel tired with Allah's Commands
Not to follow Allah's Commands

to feel angry about Allah's Decree
Not to accept Allah's Decree



e.g. Fajr Prayer is too difficult

feel despair, sad

to wake up very early

and depressed

↓
stop it

← Satan whispers → ↓

↓
enjoy the night,

hate your life, self
and all around
you ↓

watch television shows

or chatting on the

Computer or any
way to waste the bright
time away from Allah

↓
Satan will
whisper to you
to stop prayers
and will deviate
and direct you
to evil in
different forms

1- you will lose Allah's
Protection which He
promised those who
perform Fajr prayer

(drinking - bad
companionship -
unlawful
relations) ↓

2- also you will become
addict for ^{bad} wasteful
habits ↓

become a sinner and
a loser of both lives

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Lesson(1) Never to become impatient regarding Allah's Commands or Allah's Decree as this will cause you to be punished by Allah.

Lesson(2)

Allah's Decree is planned according to Allah's Wisdom and Power - It is very critical as Allah is the Only Power and Will.

Allah said in Surat(54) - V (49), (V(50)).

The meaning

- 1 - It is Allah's Decree which controls all the creatures in the heavens and on the earth, since creation of the earth, until the Day of judgement.
- 2 - It is only the Command of Allah once, without needing to repeat the command that controls Life
- 3 - Whatever Allah commands will come to existence faster than the blinking of an eye without any delay.

- . Allah commanded the storm to cause the fear of the people of the ship so they decided to get rid of a person whom Allah Planned that he is Prophet Yunus, accordingly it was for 3 times that his name was
- . Again it is the command of Allah that a large whale was splitting the water and opening its mouth. It hurried to the surface of the sea to swallow Prophet Yunus as he jumped in the sea.
- . ∴ Allah's Decree to prison Prophet Yunus in the 3 Layers of darkness was done, as planned 50,000 years before the earth creation.
A Proof to every believer that: Allah's Decree is but one as the twinkling of an eye.
- . It was the greatest tragedy for Prophet Yunus which he faced out of being impatient with Allah's Command.
- . He was imprisoned in the 3 darkness (the whale stomach, the sea and the night). A tragedy

which may cause despair as death was the only expected fate.

But again it is the "Power of hope in Allah" that motivated Prophet Yunus to call on Allah for forgiveness with the hope to be saved.

In the middle of these 3 layers of darkness, it was the light of hope that made the way for Prophet Yunus to keep on calling The Allmighty, until Allah accepted his repentance and commanded the whale to cast Yunus forth on the Island.

Allah said in Surat (37) V (143), (144)

143 " Had he not been of them who glorify Allah "

144 " He would have indeed remained inside its belly (the fish) till the Day of Resurrection "

To appreciate " The Power of hope in Allah", try to imagine that Prophet Yunus is still imprisoned in the whale's stomach until the Day of Resurrection.

It is always Allah's Mercy which embraces everything
That Mercy which the believer must have hope in
it in every trial or hardship.

It is again Allah's Mercy that Prophet Yunus was
protected by the vine until it healed and become
strong again.

It was again Allah's Favour for those who has hope in Him
that when Prophet Yunus returned to his people,
they were already true believers in Allah, a
goal which he struggled hard to achieve.

It is always Allah's support for those who have
faith and the Power of hope in Him that
He will save them and shower them with

His blessings (the same as Prophet Moses story)

∴ The Power of hope will always motivate the believer to

Do sincere continuous Duaa
Do Duaa to Allah

Be accepting Allah Decree
Be patient with Allah's
Decree.

Let's analysis Prophet Yunus Duaa,

There is no God but You = belief in Allah's Oneness
(None has the right to be worshipped but You =)
Glorified and Exalted are You = Glorification of Allah.

Truly, I have been of the wrongdoers. = acknowledgement of the error and repentance to Allah

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said that the invocation of Dhun-Nun - if once invoked by a Muslim, Allah will surely fulfill it.

So the message of hope for today is keep the "Power of hope in Allah" in your spirit during every hardship, at the time of failure and when you ~~lose~~ feel lonely so that you can feel Allah's Mercy so close in hand.

Always repeat:

"None has the right to be worshipped but You
O Allah, Glorified (and exalted) are You - truly,
I have been of the wrongdoers"

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