



## Patience

Being a real Muslim, we should know that we have four challengers in our lives till we pass away: Satan, the temptations in this life, our souls, and the desires.

How can we, as Muslims, be relaxed with such big challengers?

How can we Muslims think that we can win the eternal life in Paradise without fighting and winning this battle against those four challengers?

In daily life, we should pay for everything we need, and much we suffer much we gain. Then how can we expect the eternal hereafter in Paradise without any payment?

Āllah says in *Qurān*, Chapter 9 Verse 111:

إن الله اشترى من المؤمنين أنفسهم وأموالهم بأن لهم الجنة يقاتلون في سبيل الله فيقتلون ويقتلون وعدا عليه حقا في التوراة والإنجيل ومن أوفى بعهده من الله فاستبشروا ببيعكم الذي بايعتم به وذلك هو الفوز العظيم

*Āllah exchanges with the believers their souls and possessions with Paradise. They fight and do everything for His sake, and He promises them in the Old Testament and the New Testament to give this to them. Who is more honest in his promise than Āllah? So tell those who accept this agreement that they are the winners of the biggest thing they may get.*

- Āllah orders us to be patient. He says in *Qurān*, Chapter 2, Verse 45:

واستعينوا بالصبر والصلاة وإنها لكبيرة إلا على الخاشعين

*You should practice patience and prayer in your daily life as a protector. It is not an easy thing except for those who are really devoted to Āllah.*

- Āllah is pleased with the patient believers. He says in *Qurān*, Chapter 2, Verse 177:

والصابرين في البأساء والضراء وحين البأس أولئك الذين صدقوا وأولئك هم المتقون

*Those who are patient while suffering, having troubles, or under pressures are the honest and the real believers.*



- Āllah loves the patient believers. He says in *Qurān*, Chapter 3, Verse 146:

وكأين من نبي قاتل معه ربيون كثير فما وهنوا لما أصابهم في سبيل الله وما ضعفوا وما استكانوا والله يحب الصابرين

*There were so many prophets fighting with their companions for Āllah. They never became weak, never complained, and never changed their belief. They are the patient believers and Āllah loves them.*

- Āllah is with the patient believers, and He is supporting them and accompanying them. Āllah says in *Qurān*, Chapter 8 Verse 46:

وأطيعوا الله ورسوله ولا تنازعوا فتفشلوا وتذهب ريحكم وأصبروا إن الله مع الصابرين

*Obey Āllah and obey His messenger (Muhammad). Don't argue or quarrel, otherwise you will lose and become weak. Be patient, and for sure Āllah is with the patient believers.*

- The best thing among all the gifts from Āllah for being patient is the presage of a very big prize from Him. Āllah says in *Qurān*, Chapter 2, Verses 155-156-157:

ولنبلونكم بشيء من الخوف والجوع ونقص من الأموال والأنفس والثمرات وبشر الصابرين \* الذين إذا أصابتهم مصيبة قالوا إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون \* أولئك عليهم صلوات من ربهم ورحمة وأولئك هم المهتدون

*We will cause some fear, hunger, and decrease in money, body, and some kinds of daily needs. You Muhammad presage the patient believers \* who accept the troubles and believe that everything is from Āllah, those who only say "we are all from Āllah and to Him is our return," \* that they will get the pleasure from Āllah as well as His mercy. They are the real winners and will be led to the best end.*

So what else do we need if Āllah is sending His mercy upon us and pleased with us?

What else do we need when Āllah is leading us to the good end?

If we understand the real meaning and the aim of each trouble we have, we will be able to reach the level of those who are happier more with the troubles than the benefits in this life, for they know that the trouble is a real care from Āllah upon them. We have to understand that when the doctor gives us an injection, it doesn't mean that he hates us. In fact, he is helping us to



recover faster. Also, we should remember “no pains, no gains,” and the pain coming from Āllah in this short life is going to bring us the Paradise forever.

When we accept the harmful things from others such as backbites, envy, and hatred, we are collecting the benefits from them. In the hereafter, the prizes of the good things they did in their lives will be transferred to us. If their good things finish before we get even, our bad things will be thrown on them till we get back all the benefits we deserve from them. As a result, we will gain the Paradise while they gain the hell because of the harmful things they did to us. Thus we can ask ourselves how much we are able to gain from others around us.

Let us be a collector instead of a giver in the hereafter.

Never mind when someone says you are stingy, for you are getting the most valuable things in the hereafter.

Never mind when someone says you are ugly, for in the hereafter you will wish there were more than these having said things against you.

Never mind when someone puts you in trouble at work by spreading lies about you, for this may lead you to the Paradise in the hereafter.

We can say that patience is the key to the Paradise, and we should endeavor to reach the highest among the three levels:

The first is the patience which comes only when there is a reminder such as a lecture, a teacher, an article, or a small incident. Normally, such kind of patience doesn't last long, and it disappears when the influencer is gone.

The second is the ability of being familiar with patience, accepting it, and understanding its real meaning and benefit.

The third level is the highest. It enables one to be a patience causer or tool that encourages others to be patient. People of this level are always patient and optimistic toward everything.



Being impatient, we will forget how many good and nice things Āllah has given us. This will make us start listening to our evils that lead us to the wrong way of solving problems, resulting in disobeying Āllah and being away from Him. When we are away from Āllah, we will start to get psychological diseases such as anxiety, worry, and so on, which is the normal result when we lose the belief in Āllah.

Finally, let us all remind ourselves that the real strength is patience, and the real salvation of our lives for the best inshallah in the hereafter is being patient and accepting the troubles as a treatment and a reminder from Āllah upon us.