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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَ  
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آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

## HUMAN NATURE

My respected elders, honourable brothers and Ummah's pious mothers and sisters, Allah ﷻ has made a revolutionary nature of this world; circumstances, situations, conditions and even weather are always in a state of change. Similarly, the state of a human is not stationary. Sometimes they are healthy and sometimes they fall sick, sometimes they are in peace while sometimes they are in a state of unrest, sometimes they are affluent and sometimes they may face financial constraints, sometimes they are happy and sometimes they are sad. All kinds of states befall upon the life of humans. Not even the mightiest king can ever proclaim that all situations in his life are according to his will. Out of all states that befall on every person, some suit their nature and some do not.



## HOW TO GAIN SATISFACTION?

Allah ﷻ has gifted us with a beautiful religion which is adorned with fine instructions that guide humans in all states and aspects of their life. If one truly follows the injunctions laid down by Allah ﷻ, he will gain satisfaction in all situations and his fears of deprivation from worldly benefits will fade away.

Allah ﷻ says in Surah Hadeed: 23

لَكَيْلًا تَأْسَوْنَ عَلَىٰ مَا فَاتَكُمْ

“So that you may neither grieve on what has escaped you”.

Then his health will also be a source of adorning his Hereafter and so will his illness. Both in his days of poverty and affluence, he will be striving to make most of both of the worlds. His unrest will also be making his Hereafter better and his peaceful days will also be a source of success in this world and the next.

## RULES OF SPENDING LIFE

Allah ﷻ has set this course with those who believe that their lives should be a reflection of the guidelines that are laid down by Allah ﷻ, which are as follows:

Surah Hadeed :23

لَكَيْلًا تَأْسَوْنَ عَلَىٰ مَا فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا تَفْرَحُوا بِمَا آتَاكُمْ

“So that you may neither grieve for what has escaped you, nor over-exult on what He has given to you.”





This means that we should not get disappointed if Allah takes back any of His blessings that was bestowed upon us, rather a believer should think that Allah is All-Wise and All-Knowing, He knows me better than I know myself, He is more aware of my problems, therefore, whatever He has decided regarding my affairs is beneficial for me. So we should neither complain verbally nor should we harbour resentment in our hearts against it, instead we should be pleased with the decisions of Allah with all our heart.

## BEING CONTENT WITH THE DECREE OF ALLAH ﷻ

My friends! Apparently a person who spends his life in accordance with the guidelines set by Allah ﷻ, might seem in a state of difficulty, but actually Allah ﷻ will make him experience the joys of Jannah in this life. His life will be full of peace and satisfaction. If a person develops the quality of being content with the decree of Allah ﷻ he will remain at peace in all times. A person should confess it with their tongue as well as with their hearts that, “O Allah ﷻ, whatever you have planned for me is for my own benefit and I am contented with all your decisions”.

## SIGNS OF ALLAH’S PLEASURE

Once Hazrat Musa عليه السلام asked Allah ﷻ,





“O Allah! What are the indications when You are pleased with me?”

Allah ﷻ replied,

“O Musa! Look into your heart; if your heart is pleased with Me, then this is the sign of My pleasure. “

Hazrat Musa ﷺ asked,

“O Allah! Out of all Your creations, who is the most beloved and who is the most disliked in Your eyes?”

Allah ﷻ replied,

“The ones who are deprived of something they loved dearly yet it did not affect their relationship with Me, they do not complain about it in their hearts neither do they complain from their tongues, these are the people most beloved to Me in all the creation. While the ones who ask Me of a blessing and I bestow upon them some other thing which makes them unhappy, these people are the ones most disliked by Me.”

## THE VERY FIRST DIALOGUE

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn-e-Mas'ud ﷺ used to say that the first dialogue that Allah ﷻ had inscribed in Lauh-e-Mahfooz was:

أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولِي

“I am Allah, there is no one worthy of worship apart from me and Muhammad ﷺ is my messenger.”





No one can fulfil wishes, no one can take away difficulties , all matters pertaining to sustenance are in My control, all the matters of honour are under My order, all sources of ease and comfort are in My power. I am the one who plans everything in this universe. Everything happens according to My will, without My permission even a leaf or a grain of sand cannot move, even the drops of water in seas and oceans depend on My consent to move.

The person who is pleased with My decisions, who is grateful for the bounties that I bestow upon him, who is patient when I test him, I will gather him with the truthful (Siddiqeen). While the one who is not pleased with My decisions, is ungrateful of My blessings and impatient when in difficult times, he is free to leave me and find himself some other Lord, that person has no relation with Me. If a person accepts Me as his Lord, he should be pleased with My decree at all times.

## WHO IS RABB?

The one who nurtures is called Rabb. A mother also nurtures, sometimes with loves and sometimes with strictness, she feeds the child and sometimes keeps him hungry, she puts him to sleep and keeps him awake as well. A father also nurtures, he scolds and loves the child simultaneously. This is how the process of nurturing is done. Similarly, my friends! Allah is The greatest of all nurturers (Murabbi-e-Azam), He also nurtures us.





Sometimes he nurtures us by bestowing ample provisions and at times He withdraws His provisions from us. He gives us health and sometimes afflicts some diseases upon us, to nurture us hence forth. He showers blessings upon us and at times takes away some. Therefore, it is being said, that whoever is unhappy with the decisions of Allah should go and find some other Rabb for himself.

## **THE ONES WHO WILL ENTER JANNAH WITHOUT RECKONING**

There will be a few people on the Day of Judgement, who will enter Paradise without reckoning. The angels will ask them, "Have you given account of your deeds?" and they will deny. Angels will ask them if they had seen the Bridge of Siraat, they will deny again. Angels will ask them if they had witnessed hell fire, again they will deny. Angels will then ask them about the deed that saved them from accountability, from seeing the ground of Mahshar, the deed that brought them straight to Paradise without having to pass through the Bridge of Siraat and hell fire. They then will tell that we used to do these two deeds: Firstly, when we were alone, we were shy of Allah. Even when no one was around we were modest, our hearts were not plotting indecent and mischevious plans, our ear were not listening to anything forbidden. In darkness and loneliness too, our tongues and hearts were in control. Secondly, whatever state Allah kept us in, we were happy





and pleased in it with all our heart. Angels will then say to them that they deserved this position.

The sign of a person being obedient is that he is always pleased with the decree of Allah ﷻ. Therefore, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to say that if a person is at the verge of completion of a task but is somehow unable to complete it, he should not say, "It would have been good if so happened" or that, "I wish this happened" instead, he should be thinking that there must be some benefit for him if that task was not accomplished. Therefore, a person should try achieving his goals but at the end he should be happy with Allah's ﷻ ruling.

## THE FOUR BLESSINGS OF ALLAH

Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه used to say that whenever I was tested, I was also granted with four favours, they were:

1. The trial was in a worldly matter and not in matters of Deen.
2. While I was being tested, Allah ﷻ gave me the ability to stay pleased with His decree.
3. Allah ﷻ could have tested me with a bigger problem, but He protected me from it.
4. Even in these testing moments, Allah ﷻ blessed my heart with the faith that being patient in this trial would be a source of earning reward and will elevate my rank in the Hereafter.





## BE GRATEFUL TO ALLAH IN ANY AND EVERY STATE

One day Hazrat Essa ؓ passed by a blind man who was a patient of leprosy and his hands were also paralysed. Hazrat Essa ؓ heard this man, saying, “O Allah! I am thankful to you for saving me from the trial that you have inflicted upon the other creation.”

Hazrat Essa ؓ asked, “ What is it that you have? You are blind, suffering from leprosy and vitiligo, not just this, your hands are also paralysed, then what are you being thankful to Allah for?”

He replied, “O Essa! There are so many hearts that are unknown to the existence and understanding of Allah ﷻ , but Allah has not deprived me of this blessing, He has gifted me with the awareness of His being.”

Therefore, my dear friends! We should pray that Allah grants us the understanding of His existence, because this is from amongst the signs of love of Allah. So what if one out of many blessings has been taken from us? What if one of our wish is left unfulfilled? Allah is nurturing us this way.

## THE STATE OF PIOUS PREDECESSORS

Hazrat Muawiya ؓ was very ill, he was having severe toothache and in that state He was saying,

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ

“All praise is for Allah ﷻ , in all states “.





Someone said, “O Muawiya! What are you thanking Allah for, in so much pain? “

Hazrat Muawiya  said ,” I am thankful because my eyes are totally fine “.

Muhammad bin Rafay  developed a boil on his foot, a person came to visit him and said that you must be in a lot of pain. To which Hazrat Muhammad bin Rafay  replied, “ Don’t say this , rather you should also be thanking Allah along with me that this boil did not appear on my tongue, eyes or any of my private parts, its only on my foot.”

So my dear friends! In moments of pain if we try recalling the blessings of Allah that have been bestowed upon us, it will be easier for us to stay content with the decisions and decree of Allah.

## EVERYTHING IS A GIFT OF ALLAH

Hazrat Urwa bin Zubair  developed an ulcer on one of his legs due to which his leg was amputated. Also, his son passed away the same night. When people visited to condole him, he said, “I am thankful to Allah that He gave seven sons, so what if he took away one of them? I still have six sons remaining. Similarly, Allah gave me two hands and two legs. So what if he took away one leg? I still have one leg and two hands”. Then he added, “It doesn’t matter if Allah has taken away something, it was given to me by Allah in the first place. If He has afflicted me with trials, He was the one who had blessed me.”





## EVERYONE IS TESTED

My dear fellow! there is no human being whose life is free of trials. The problem today is that Muslims have lost the recognition of Allah, due to which they are not only passing through trials and difficulties but are also unable to earn reward. It's very painful and saddening that they are enduring difficulties but they are deprived of any reward that they could have collected if they were patient.

When Allah ﷻ loves someone, He puts them through difficulties and trials, so that they can earn His pleasure. This has been the Sunnah (practice) of Allah ﷻ to test His beloved men.

## THE TRIALS OF HAZRAT IBRAHIM عليه السلام

Allah says:

Surah baqarah :124 :

وَإِذِ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ

*"And when his Lord put Ibrahim to a test with certain words, and he fulfilled them"*

Allah tested Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام and His khaleel (friend) succeeded in all. This was because his love and friendship for Allah ﷻ was pure. He was born in a place where everyone including his very own father, mother, relatives, rulers, society and friends were all idol makers while Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام was known as the destroyer of idols. He was the one who denied polytheism (shirk)





and they were the ones who would propagate it. Such immense was the difference in the lives of the father and the son; such was the contrast between the life of Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام and of the society. While he was the idol breaker, the rulers of that time were idol makers and idol propagators. Even in such extreme situation Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام never complained to Allah ﷻ, on the contrary, he believed that this trial has been sent upon him to make his love for Allah more pure and to bring him closer to Allah.

## THE WISDOM BEHIND TRIALS

Gold is put in kiln for purification, after moulding clay into a pot it is tested by being knocked, to see if it's strong enough or not. Similarly, Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام had this understanding that Allah ﷻ is testing me to bring me close. Sometimes, a person's prayers, charity and Dhikar are insufficient for them to earn the status that Allah has already destined for them; therefore, Allah sends upon them some trial, so that, if the person accepts the decree of Allah ﷻ, then as a result He elevates his rank, till he reaches the status that Allah has desired for him.

Surah Shuraa:43

وَأَمَّنْ صَبْرًا وَغَفَرَ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ لَمِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ

“And if one observes patience and forgives, it is, of course, one of the courageous conducts”

Yes, patience is a difficult task. Hazrat Ibrahim عليه السلام was also tested. For this test, he left behind his house and





country, suffered poverty, faced problems in trade, but in all these circumstances he never complained to Allah ﷻ. After years and years of pleading to Allah, he was granted Hazrat Isma'el ؑ, and when Hazrat Ismael ؑ grew up to the age where he would become a support for his parents, when he became the coolness of their eyes, right then Allah commanded Hazrat Ibrahim ؑ to leave him in a deserted area. Imagine leaving a child in a deserted place that he was blessed with after yearning for years. He followed the orders of Allah ﷻ and left his son and his wife in Makkah, even though that area was devoid of things necessary for life, there was no water, no food, no population; it was just a plain deserted piece of land.

Later on, when Hazrat Isma'el ؑ reached the age of maturity, Allah ﷻ again tested

Hazrat Ibrahim ؑ, by asking him to sacrifice his son.

## WHAT TO THINK WHEN YOU ARE BEING TESTED?

MY friends! All Prophets, Sahaba and Akabireen (pious predecessors) were tested; therefore, if we are going through difficult phases in our life today, like poverty or disease or if things are going against our will, we should not lose hope, instead we should focus on these three points:

Firstly, this test might be an outcome of my own sins. If this is the case, we must be thankful to Allah that despite so many sins He is being lenient in testing me. We should





think that despite so many of our sins Allah with His immense mercy is not being severe with me. If we think like this, we will be categorized among those who are pleased with the decree of Allah.

Allah says:

Surah Faatir : 45 :

وَلَوْ يُؤَاخِذُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بِمَا كَسَبُوا مَا تَرَكَ عَلَى ظَهْرِهَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ  
وَلَكِنْ يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى

And if Allah were to take mankind to task for what they did, he would have not left a living creature on its back, but he delays them upto an appointed time.

If Allah ﷻ starts holding people accountable for their sins and disobedience then no one on this earth would be spared. Therefore, when inflicted with trials we should always think that I deserved a more severe punishment because of the uncountable sins that I have committed, however, Allah ﷻ has been kind on me and given me a very small punishment.

## THE SOURCE OF FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Secondly, one should think that when going through difficulties, Allah ﷻ is wiping away my sins in this world. This too is a great favour of Allah ﷻ that we are saved from the guilt and humiliation on the Day of Judgement. Therefore, we should again be thankful so that we are categorized with the people who are content with the decree of Allah.





Thirdly, we should think that inflicting tests and trials is Allah's way of raising and elevating our ranks. Then we wouldn't need to spend this lavishly on health care as we do today. In this era, men are not just physically unhealthy but they are suffering from psychological disorders as well, because they have developed this desire of remaining protected from all kinds of worries and diseases.

## NECESSITIES OF THIS WORLD

My friends! This world is a testing place; therefore there will be ups and downs. In Jannah, however, everything will be according to our desire. (InshaAllah)

Allah says:

Surah Haa Meem Sajdah:31

وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهُىْ اَنْفُسُكُمْ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَدَّعُونَ

“And for you here is whatever your souls desire; and for you here is whatever you call for”

In Jannah everything will be according to our will, unlike in this world where sometimes things are in our favour and sometimes they are not. Therefore, we should not make this temporary life of ours difficult. We should not worry about its problems and difficulties to the extent that we become restless and psychologically unwell. Mostly the people who suffer from depression are those who make this life their focal point. They always want to be successful in this life and better than everyone, in all





walks of life. They forget that this is not possible in this temporary world. In this life, someone will have a better car than mine. If I am beautiful someone else will be more beautiful than me. If Allah has blessed me with talented children, someone else's children will have more potential than mine. If Allah has given me a job, someone else can have a better position than mine. So, one should keep in mind that ups and downs are a part of life, therefore, to live a content life one should always think that whatever state Allah has put me in ,it is for my own good.

## CHANGE THE WAY OF LIFE

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubarak  used to say that before my heart was kindled with the light of eman, I used to befriend those belonging to upper class. A greater part of my life was spent in the company of those who belonged to the upper class. I was spending a very restless life because someone always had better vehicle, business or dressing than mine. Then Allah, with His mercy changed the course of my heart and blessed me with His love. Soon I understood that whatever Allah had planned for me is for my own benefit therefore I became content with his decisions. Embracing Allah's decisions became beloved to me and my life became so peaceful that I tasted the joys of Jannah in this life.

## THE STATE OF WOMEN

These days, women are always upset on their return





from gatherings. This happens because someone else was wearing better clothes or jewellery than hers in the gathering. So when they return they are in a state of unrest. This happens because we haven't set our priorities wisely, we have made our lives difficult for us. Allah ﷻ, on the other hand, did not want us to live a restless life. He even gifted us with a perfect set of rulings, which if we follow, will make our life easier and peaceful.

## THE STRANGE CONDITION OF A BELIEVER

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to say,

عَجَبًا لِأَمْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِذَا أَصَابَهُ سَرَاءٌ شَكَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ وَإِنْ  
أَصَابَهُ ضَرَاءٌ صَبَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ

“The case of a momin is very strange, if Allah blesses him with bounties and He thanks Allah for it, then this will make His aakhira better, and if Allah tests him and He is patient even this would beautify his aakhira.”

## THE JOYS OF JANNAH IN THIS WORLD

My fellows! If you want to taste the joys of Jannah in this world, then you have to learn to remain content with the decisions of Allah. We have to instil this understanding in our hearts that whatever Allah has planned for us is for our own benefit. Otherwise, our unrest will never end and our depression will continue to grow.

Therefore my friends! If Allah takes away something, we





should not become hopeless and sad; rather, we should think that this is for my own benefit.

To learn to remain content with the decisions of Allah we need to understand a few things:

## LOVE ELIMINATES PAIN

Firstly, we should fill our hearts with the love of Allah, because when the heart is full of love, it is unable to feel pain. When love becomes Ishq , then even in pain, one feels joy.

Allah says on Qur'an:

Surah Yusuf :31

فَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ بِمَكْرِهِنَّ أَرْسَلَتْ إِلَيْهِنَّ وَأَعْتَدَتْ لَهُنَّ مُتَّكًا وَعَآتَتْ  
كُلَّ وَحِدَةٍ مِّنْهُنَّ سَكِينًا وَقَالَتْ أُخْرِجْ عَلَيْهِنَّ فَلَمَّا رَأَيْنَهُ أَكْبَرْنَهُ  
وَقَطَّعْنَ أَيْدِيَهُنَّ وَقُلْنَ حُشَّ لِلَّهِ مَا هَذَا بَشَرًا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا مَلَكٌ كَرِيمٌ

"So,when she heard of their taunting comments,she extended an invitation to them and arranged for them a comfortable place (to sit and dine) and gave everyone a knife and said (to Yusuf) "come out to them".So when they saw him ,they found him great and (were so stunned that they) cut their hands and said , "Oh God,He is no humanbeing . He is but a noble angel "

## THE STATE OF PRINCESSES

The princesses of Egypt were so mesmerized by the beauty of Hazrat Yusuf ﷺ that they ended up cutting





their fingers rather than the fruit and they were unable to feel the pain. Now imagine if this happens in love for creation (Ishq e majaazi) then what will be the state of a person who is deeply in love with Allah (Ishq e haqeeqi). How can a person feel pain if his heart is brimming with love for The Divine?

You might have heard that people get the name of their beloved inscribed on their bodies. What is it? It is a demonstration of the extreme emotions of love that a person has for his loved one. The person in love endures pain to give evidence of his love to his beloved. Love eliminates the feeling of pain. In reality, if a person develops love for Allah in his heart, if he strengthens his connection with Allah, then that person will not feel pain, he will understand that this is Allah's way of showing His love for me.

## THE LOVE OF SAHABA FOR ALLAH

We see that the lives of Sahaba  were full of difficulties and problems, yet they were steadfast in their love for Allah. This was because their hearts and minds were brimming with intense love for Allah. Therefore, there was no possibility of them complaining with their tongues. Rather they would consider these difficulties as an honour for themselves.

## THE SIGNS OF LOVE FOR RASOOLULLAH

When Hazrat Khubaib  was being hanged, one of the non-believer said, : "O khubaib ! What if we spare your





life and hang Muhammad ﷺ instead? “

Hazrat Khubaib ؓ winced with pain and said , “ you senseless people , you haven’t understood my love for Allah and His prophet ﷺ, your method of measuring my love was wrong. By Allah! I would not tolerate if my life was spared and the foot of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was pricked by a thorn.”

## **DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE**

Now a day, when we embark on the journey of Deen, it becomes very difficult. When our young daughters cover their faces out of modesty (haya) and start observing shar'ai pardah, and when our sons in order to lead a sinless life, boycott the things and sources leading to sin, they end up suffering a lot in the process. But we should not worry in such circumstances. O my friends! These are the ways in which Allah expresses His love. All these difficulties and heart wrenching attitudes of people are for our success, they are sources of Allah ‘ s abundant blessings. Therefore we should not get afraid rather we should remain steadfast.

## **GOOD NEWS GIVEN BY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ**

The people who are steadfast, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ says about them:



طُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ الَّذِينَ يُصَلِحُونَ مَا أَفْسَدَ النَّاسُ مِنْ بَعْدِي مِنْ  
سُنَّتِي

“O Allah! Bless my ummatis who because of treading on the path of deen begin to look strangers, whose marriages, happiness and domestic environment start looking strange because of following deen, due to their beards and because of their pardah their appearance looks strange, O Allah ! Bless these people and grant them success.”

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is praying for these daughters, sons, sisters and Muslims who remain strong and instead of following the trends, they choose to tread upon the opposite path and relive his Sunnah.

## WHY THE PIOUS SEEM UNFAMILIAR

Once a young girl called me and said that Maulvi sahab when I am attending social gatherings, I am the only one observing parda (veil), due to which I face a many difficulties. These are the daughters for whom Prophet Muhammad ﷺ prayed that O Allah! The girls and daughters who look strange because they cover themselves up and the young boys who look strange because they lower their gaze out of modesty, they don't look at or talk to strangers (na-mehram), to whom people criticize and ask what kind of life is it that they are trying to live and that they cannot stay connected with people this way.

My friends! So what if we don't remain connected to



people? Our relation with Allah and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ should not be compromised. Our only concern while we are alive in this temporary world should be that Allah and His Messenger ﷺ are happy with us. We should not make them upset. No matter if the whole world gets upset with us, we should not be bothered about it.

## DEVELOP LOVE FOR ALLAH

My friends! Being content in all circumstances is a big blessing from Allah. We should not worry and should try to develop Allah's love in our hearts. We should always stay connected to Allah by talking to Him. We should remember Allah with our hearts and our tongues. When we constantly remember and praise someone, sooner or later we develop feelings of love for them. When we try to improve our relationship with someone, feelings of love develop in our hearts. By asking Allah, by remembering Him and by recalling His blessings, we can increase His love in our hearts. InshaAllah, the barkat of doing so will help us attain contentment over every decision of Allah.

Secondly, we should think that Allah could have inflicted a difficulty greater than this one, but He protected me from that. We should think that if my foot got hurt my head is saved, if head gets hurt my eyes are still sound, I could have been tested more severely but Allah just tested me leniently.

Thirdly, we should think that this difficulty or test has been inflicted upon me to raise my ranks and to uplift my deeds.





Fourthly, we should think that I have proclaimed my love for Allah, I have accepted Kalima-e-Tayyaba with my tongue and heart " لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ " , I have accepted Allah as my creator and master, so now when Allah is testing me, I have to prove my love and be successful in this test. We should develop this understanding from the depths of our hearts that Allah is testing our love for Him.

## THE WORLD IS A TESTING PLACE

Allah Almighty says:

Surah Ankaboot :2 :

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ

"Do people think that they will be left (at ease)only on their saying ,"we believe" and will not be put to any test?"

O you who believe! Do you think that only proclaiming is enough? That you will not be tested? This is the way Allah differentiates between believers and disbelievers, by testing them. The previous Ummahs have also been tested.

## THE PURPOSE OF TRIALS

Allah says in Qur'an:

Surah Ankaboot:3 :

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ  
الْكٰذِبِينَ





"Indeed we have tested those who were before them, So ALLAH will surely know the ones who are truthful, and he will surely know the liars."

We have tested those before you as well to see if they are honest or they are hypocrites, if they are true in their faith or not, to see whose friendship with Allah is pure enough. Although, Allah knows everything about His creation but He is setting an example for all the people by showing them that My servant remained truthful to me even when I tested Him. It's very easy to praise Allah when we are surrounded with blessings but when we are deprived of them, that is actually the time to praise Him and be thankful to Him. Even in those difficult times we should be expressing our love for Allah; even then we should stay content and happy with His decisions.

## THE EASIEST WAY

My friends! The easiest way to remain at peace in this worldly life is to stay pleased with the decree of Allah. Endearing what Allah likes.

May Allah grant us the ability to stay content with His decisions and help us practice more than we can say or hear.

Ameen







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