

AFTER PATIENCE COMES EASE AND RELIEF

Dear Believers!

Patience does not mean contempt or apathy. It does not mean weariness or helplessness either. It means forbearance, continuing worship, and obedience to Allah with the awareness of servitude to Him. It means endurance, breasting numerous tests and trials of the world. It means tawakkul (reliance on Allah): being satisfied and contented with the divine decree after making every effort and taking all necessary measures. And patience means, a requirement of faith, a gate to salvation, and a heavenly treasure.

Dear Believers!

Then, let us know the value of such a rare blessing as patience. Let us keep in mind that Allah will test us with both the existence and lack of something and that every test and trial can be overcome with effort and patience. Let us never give up our hopes that Allah (swt) shall help us and be merciful to us.

As I conclude the khutbah, I would like to share the following verse in the Holy Qur'an, "Whoever fears Allah and is patient, then indeed, Allah does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good."³

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
إِنَّهُ مَنْ يَتَّقِ وَيَصْبِرْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ
الْمُحْسِنِينَ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
مَنْ يَصْبِرْ يُصْبِرْهُ اللَّهُ وَمَا أُعْطِيَ أَحَدٌ مِنْ عَطَاءٍ
خَيْرٌ وَأَوْسَعُ مِنَ الصَّبْرِ.

Honorable Muslims!

On one occasion, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) said, "Whoever remains patient, Allah will make him patient. Nobody can be given a blessing better and greater than patience."¹

Dear Muslims!

Sometimes people fail to display patience even in the face of trivial problems. Some other times they lose patience due to great calamities and fall into the swirl of hopelessness. The good news in the Qur'an, however, is quite clear: "For indeed, with hardship [will be] ease."² Many a grace is hidden in many a trouble. An evil-looking and foul matter may bring about unexpected auspicious and fair outcomes. What matters most is that the servants of Allah should keep their patience and resoluteness. What matters most is that people should keep up the faith that Allah is always with the patient.

¹ Muslim, Zakat, 124.

² Sharh, 94/5-6.

³ Yusuf 12/90.