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Friday Sermon

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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on: **"Patience, Perseverance and Endurance"**.

To succeed in establishing in his soul beautiful qualities, such as patience, perseverance, endurance, the Muslim must absolutely resort to various verses of the Holy Quran and explicit Hadiths on the subject. Certainly the Holy Quran gives us clear examples that make us think, to boost us to take this path and succeed. Without patience, perseverance and endurance, the believer will not succeed in opening himself spiritually to the understanding of religion - in this case, Islam - and the essence of faith in itself.

Our Lord, Allah (swt) tells us in the Holy Qur'an:

"Give good tidings to the patient, those who, when disaster strikes them, say, 'Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.' Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided." (Al-Baqara 2 : 156-158).

“O you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy; vie in such perseverance; strengthen each other; and fear Allah; that you may prosper.” (Al-Imran 3 : 201).

“We will surely give those who were patient their reward according to the best of what they used to do.” (An-Nahl 16 : 97).

“Be patient, your patience is not but from Allah.” (An-Nahl 16 : 128).

“Bear anything that happens to you steadfastly, for this is firmness (of purpose) in (the conduct of) affairs.” (Luqman 31 : 18).

“And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs.” (Al-Sajda 32 : 25).

“The patient will be given their reward without account.” (Az-Zumar 39 : 11).

These are some blessed verses from the Holy Qur'an that God the Exalted has sent down to humanity for all times. They show that where patience and endurance prevail, success is a sure cure. To these two elements forming the character of man, we must certainly add faith and piety as a whole. It is then that the divine blessing falls. For Allah (swt) reminds the *Ummah* through the Qur'anic verses of the value of patience and endurance.

Indeed, among the virtues that constitute the adornment of a Muslim, there is patience and endurance. These two elements, adopted with conviction help to combat the harm of others for the sake of Allah. Patience is simply the constraint of the soul to accept what is repugnant to it and to endure with impassivity, with constancy the evil that reaches it.

In times of trials, Muslims and especially my disciples of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam must restrain themselves and persevere in the accomplishment of good deeds and become models of virtues. You must not be alarmed or irritated or angry. On the contrary, you must have complete trust in Allah. Remember that the difficulties you are experiencing are only trials that you must overcome for the sake of Allah. These are tests, exams that God makes you undergo to bring out your true value and your true faith.

Remember that bad manners are simply evils for an event already past. You must stay away from all evil that can separate you from God. Remember that your mission is to get closer to God, and to bring people together in the way of God so that they too receive the same divine blessings as you did.

What has happened has already passed. It's the past. You must now build your future on solid foundations, and strengthen your bond with Allah. And for that, patience and endurance in difficult times is de rigueur. Then think of a healthy and spiritual future, devoid of anything harmful to your physical, mental, and spiritual health, by putting you completely to the Creator because it is in this submission that there is your salvation.

Keep in mind that anger does not solve anything. On the contrary, the situation degenerates, and very often the believer loses patience and hope. So, you have to restrain yourself without reserve. All that happens to the human being here on earth is only temporary. This is just a test/ trial that you must pass to earn your pass for the afterlife. To fall prey to anger and to be trapped in the evils of this world is only an insult to the Almighty God. Do not despair. Despair brings only anxiety and a lack of confidence in the Almighty. Whatever the trial affecting the individual, especially the Muslim, he must be comforted by the souvenir/ remembrance of Allah (swt) and have the pure and pious conviction that it is HIM and HIM ONLY who grants what He desires. There is no better example of human patience than in the story of Hazrat Ayub (as), prophet Job. Indeed, the life of this prophet of Allah is simply a model for all humanity.

The trial of Hazrat Ayub (as) lasted eighteen years (18 years) through the most atrocious diseases. Faced with any ordeal, the comfort of the Muslim comes from his rapprochement with Allah (swt). It is to Him that we must turn to seek help, comfort, relief, patience, endurance, well-being. Whatever the problem, there is no alternative but to ask the Creator for all His help. And the best way is to sacrifice oneself by putting oneself before Him during the *Salat-ul-Tahajjud*, an hour of tranquillity, serenity, solitude, and a most blessed rendezvous with your Creator. This is the best time to talk to your *Rab* and seek refuge from Him, while prostrating and pouring out all your pain or worries before Him, and delivering to Him also all your joy and your hope for your future on this earth and in the hereafter. It is a special moment where you can devote yourself to glorifying Allah.

“Seek help through patience and prayer.” (Al-Baqara 2: 46, 154).

According to verses 46 and 154 of the Surah Al-Baqara of the Holy Qur’an, it is defined that perseverance, patience and endurance are part of the heart’s duties. These elements are considered as catalysts to slow down the soul and to force it to bear what opposes its inclinations or to abandon its pleasures. These three human values can be classified into different movements.

1. To be patient while keeping away from what Allah has forbidden.
2. Endure in difficulties and hardships
3. Persevere in the practice of what Allah has made obligatory.

Our beloved Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) said:

“Whosoever would be chaste and modest; Allah will keep him chaste and modest and whosoever would seek self-sufficiency, Allah will make him self-sufficient; and whosoever would be patient, Allah will give him patience, and no one is granted a gift better and more comprehensive than patience.” (Bukhari, Muslim).

“Strange are the ways of a believer for there is good in every affair of his and this is not the case with anyone else except in the case of a believer for if he has an occasion to feel delight, he thanks (God), thus there is a good for him in it, and if he gets into trouble and shows resignation (and endures it patiently), there is a good for him in it.” (Muslim).

The spiritual value of these three key elements that form the character of a Muslim:

1. **Perseverance:** To compel the soul to apply the religious obligations that Allah has ordained, for example: the permitted and forbidden hours for the *Salat*, the month fixed for the *Sawm*, i.e., obligatory fasting, the fixed month for the Hajj, among others.
2. **Patience:** Prevent the soul from committing what Allah has forbidden. This requires a very great effort to constrain one’s soul and hold it to commit forbidden things. *Example:* Being lazy and avoiding *Salat*, seeking excuses so as not to fast for Ramadan, to find excuses not to pay *Zakat*, to consume alcohol, to indulge in games of chance, among others. Therefore, to be

patient means to remain faithful to one's faith throughout one's life for Allah's sake despite the mountains of hardship and difficulties and to trust Him in what He has decreed for the believer.

3. **Endurance:** To endure the difficulties with regard to what disturbs one's soul: suffering, evil, difficulties of all sorts, sadness because of problems, a death, among others. To think at all times that life on earth is indeed the abode of adversity and trials, as well as the abode of labour, while the hereafter is the abode of the settlement of accounts.

May Allah help each of us to become models of patience, perseverance and endurance for His pleasure. The more patience and endurance we experience in all situations of life, in our material and spiritual life, the more we will reap the help, pleasure, and love of Allah. Allah tests us and it is up to us to pass the test of faith. It is incumbent upon us to make God, our Allah proud of us, proud of His creatures whom He loves with infinite love. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*