

SUMMER IMMERSION

THE MYSTERIES OF TRAILS AND TESTS



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Benefit 15 - Prevents Arrogance

- The author says, "Tribulation and hardship prevents one from evil, vanity, boastfulness, arrogance, ostentation, and oppression."
- The Prophet (SAW) said - (Weak Hadith) "There are some of my servants, they can only survive off of success and wealth. And some people whom Allah has preserved their iman through difficulty." Why because this is how our iman is preserved.
 - فَأَمَّا الْإِنْسَنُ إِذَا مَا أُبْتَلَنَهُ رَبُّهُ، فَأَكْرَمَهُ، وَنَعَمَّهُ، فَيَقُولُ رَبِّنِي أَكْرَمَنِي
 - [89:15] Now, whenever a human being is tested by their Lord through 'His' generosity and blessings, they boast, "My Lord has 'deservedly' honored me!"
- What Izzideen is trying to make us understand is that when we experience these hurdles, appreciate them.
 - This is what made our Prophet so unique - he was always the same.
 - Abu Bakr (RA) described how the Prophet (SAW) left Makkah in a state of tears and how he returned in a state of tears and his head lowered while entering Makkah as the new leader
- Power can mislead people
 - If Namrud never had power, he would have never argued with Ibrahim (AS).
 - Ibrahim was more intellectual, a Prophet of Allah, he would say something and people would levitate towards his sayings.
 - What do you think made Firoun say "I am your Lord most High." [79:24]
 - If he were to be tried, he would have never said that statement.

- Thinking you're better than others is destruction. Ibadah must be followed by purification.
 - Al-Hasan said, "Do you know what humility is? Humility is that you leave your house and you do not meet any Muslim but that you view him as better than yourself"
- Izzideen is reminding us to be comfortable with where Allah has placed you.
 - **كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَنَ لَيَظْهَرُ ۚ أَنْ رَّعَاهُ أُسْتَفْنَىٰ**
 - [96: 6-7] - Most certainly, one exceeds all bounds. once they think they are self-sufficient.
 - Allah speaks on how easily the Insan can change.
 - Make sure you're content with being placed where you are. Grow gradually and make sure that the growth is intentional for Allah's sake.
- Being patience with those suffering
 - **وَأُصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدُوَةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَهُ**
 - [18:28] And patiently stick with those who call upon their Lord morning and evening, seeking His pleasure
 - The Prophet was criticized here. It was said that this was revealed about the nobles of Quraysh when they asked the Prophet to sit with them on his own, and not to bring his weak Companions with him, such as Bilal, `Ammar, Suhayb, Khabbab and Ibn Mas`ud. They wanted him to sit with them on his own, but Allah forbade him from doing that. Allah commanded him to patiently content himself with sitting with those people (the weak believers).
 - Who cares about their wealth or success? We're working with hearts here.
 - As people are experiencing something, their hearts are closer to Allah.
 - These weak people were always mocked, but they were the people who led the world.
 - Going through difficulty is a filtering process. Some are purified through it, others just judge and complain to Allah.

- We need people to support us as we experience a shake
 - أَمْ حَسِينُتُمْ أَنْ تَذَخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مِّثْلُ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ مَسْتَهُمُ الْبَأْسَاءُ وَالْضَّرَّاءُ وَزُلْزِلُوا حَتَّىٰ يَقُولَ الْرَّسُولُ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَعَهُ، مَتَّنِي نَصْرُ اللَّهِ أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ
 - [2:214] Do you think you will be admitted into Paradise without being tested like those before you? They were afflicted with suffering and adversity and were so 'violently' shaken that 'even' the Messenger and the believers with him cried out, "When will Allah's help come?" Indeed, Allah's help is 'always' near.
 - The Sahaba were there for one another when they were shaken at Ahzab
 - وَلَمَّا رَءَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْأَخْزَابَ قَالُوا هَذَا مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
 - [33:22] When the believers saw the enemy alliance, they said, "This is what Allah and His Messenger had promised us
 - They were seeing complete defeat at the time, but it's a necessity to have people around us that remind us during difficult times
 - It's normal to ask when Allah's help coming. Our responsibility is to remind them, "Do you think you will be admitted into Paradise without being tested like those before you?"