

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

The Reward of Making Sabr

After the Battle of Uhud, the blessed aunt of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, Sayyidah Safiyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha*, came on to the battle field so that she could see her blessed brother, Hadrat Sayyiduna Hamza *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*. However, when the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* realised the state of his blessed uncle, he advised his cousin, Hadrat Sayyiduna Zubair *Radi Allahu 'Anhu*, not to allow his blessed aunt to see the body.

However, Sayyidah Safiyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha* replied, “I have come to know about the actual state of my brother, yet, I do not consider that I have made the ultimate sacrifice to Allah *azza wajal*.”

After the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* had given her permission, Sayyidah Safiyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha* then approached the body of her

beloved brother. When she saw that his ears, his nose and his eyes were gorged out and that his liver had also being chewed, she silently read *Inna lillaahi ...* and made Du'a for her brother's forgiveness. After this, Safiyah *Radi Allahu 'Anha* returned home. (Zarqani, 3/287)

Lesson

Those who in times of difficulty and stress read these words have been especially praised in the Holy Qur'an.

In Surah Baqarah, verses 155 to 157, the Qur'an declares:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ
وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ^ط وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ^{لا} الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَ
إِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ^ط أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ ^{قف} وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُهْتَدُونَ ^{١٥٤}

“And We will surely test you with some fear and hunger, and with paucity of wealth and lives and crops; and give glad tidings to those who patiently endure. - Those who say when calamity befalls them, ‘Indeed we belong to Allah and indeed it is to Him we are to return.’ These are the people upon whom are the blessings from their Lord, and mercy; and it is they who are on guidance.”

A true Muslim is that Muslim who never turns away from obeying Allah *azza waja*l in any state whatsoever. Whether it is in times of happiness or in times of difficulty. To be able to see the body of one's brothers in this state in which he was completely mutilated,

but to remain firm in spite of this, is certainly making sure that one is obeying the Divine Command of Allah *azza wajal*.

It may look extremely difficult for some people, however, those who have in their presence Allah *azza wajal* and His beloved Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and wish to achieve the Pleasure of the Allah *azza wajal* and the pleasure of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, they are those blessed souls who are able to endure these trials and calamities with an open chest. By doing so, they become entitled for even more Divine Grace and Mercy.

We should also learn that in these times as well, we should not abandon patience and forbearance and we do not become victims of complaints and utter words of impatience and anger. We must bear in mind that if we behave in an un-Islamic manner, this difficulty will not move away. In fact, we will only be robbing ourselves of immense Divine Grace.

At the same time, it must be remembered that one of the greatest sources of reward is to display forbearance and patience at the very beginning of this difficulty and test. The reason is that after this, people find it easy to make Sabr or have patience.

It is mentioned that one day the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* was passing by a lady who was weeping at a certain grave. He told her, "Fear Allah *azza wajal* and have patience." Since she was in deep grief, she did not know or recognize who had said these words from behind. In this state, she replied, "Move away from me, my difficulty has not reached you."

The Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then continued walking to his home. However, when this lady was informed that the person who had given her advice was actually the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*, she became extremely embarrassed. She then went and met him and she explained that she did not know that it was him who had uttered these words. The Noble Messenger of

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Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* again reminded her, "Patience is displayed at the very beginning of sadness." (Mishkaat Shareef)

We also make Du'a that Allah *azza wajal* give all Muslims the strength to make Sabr. Aameen.