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Patience, the Lost treasure (5)

Patience of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

All praise is to Allah, who allowed us to learn about the most important quality of the believer, which is patience i.e. Sabr.

Today is the last class regarding the topic of Patience the lost treasure". InshaAllah we will learn about the brilliant example of patience i.e our beloved Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

Allah, the Allmighty reminded Prophet Mohamed to be patient in spite of any difficulty or affliction.

- Surat (Hud) (11) - V:12.

- Surat Qaf (50) - V:39.

- Surat (10) V:109.

- Surat (16) V:127.

- Surat (18) V:28

- Surat (52) V:48

- Surat (40) V:55

- Surat (38) V:17

Throughout the period of his mission, The Prophet

Mohamed (S.A.W) experienced all manners of difficulty.

But the Prophet of mercy (as Allah said in Surat (21) - V 107.

"And We have sent (O Mohamed ^{relayed in the Quran, 1, 6,} ﷺ) not but as a mercy for Alamin. ¹¹

displayed the greatest patience in all circumstances.

Indeed the life of our beloved Prophet Mohamed

2 (S.A.W) presents before us the shining example of a man of extraordinary patience and endurance.

. His Father died before his birth, his mother died when he was only 6 years old, and the grandfather who took up his guardianship also died soon.

. Then it was his uncle Abu-Talib, who protected him.

. And when Allah appointed him, His last Prophet. it was the disbelievers from among his own people who insulted him most terribly - even calling him a magician or a madman. Others wanted to kill him and even ^{tried} to do so.

The records of the Prophet's life, clarified that: during the 13 years of his life in Makkah as the messenger of Allah, he faced all forms of abuse, expulsion and threats of physical violence. And yet the patient prophet (S.A.W) never moved an inch away from his mission.

And all the while, he was gentle, considerate and

sympathetic even with his enemies. We will learn about

Patience with the obedience of Allah's commands

It was during the early days of Istisra Revelation that

the people of Makkah had approached him through his uncle Abu-Talib and they tried with him (Prophet Mohamed S.A.W) very promising offers such as: the leadership of the city of Makkah, the most beautiful girl in marriage and wealth of immense proportions.

The Prophet refused all these efforts and said "

I swear by the name of Allah, Ouncle, that if they place the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left hand in return, for giving up this matter

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(Calling the people to Islam), I will never desist until either Allah makes it triumph or I perish defending it.

This steadfastness and constancy against temptations was unusual in an Arab of those days. But it is the true sincere belief in

Allah and the patience for His sake.

4 The Hijra (days of Patience).
Let us imagine the day, when the Prophet has to leave his home, his city (Makkah which he liked the most) and his people - and emigrate to another place (The Hijrah); as the emigration of the Prophet from Makkah to Madinah is known, it was a great sacrifice and a painful decision for the Prophet at the time. Why?

Because Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) Loved Makkah the most)

But he (S.A.W) always remembers the

patience regarding command of Allah which is conveying the message of Islam all around.

So his personal comforts, likes and dislikes had

no value in the face of the important task before him.

Let's remember the time, when he (S.A.W) and

his companion Abu-Bakr were almost overcome

in the Cave of Thaur. When Abu-Bakr

was worried about the Prophet's life as the enemies

were very close to them. But Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)

told him with full trust in Allah: "Not to grieve, as

5 Allah is with us". It was the patience and the full trust in Allah that helped them to escape to Madinah. In Surah AL-Tawba (9) V.(40), Allah mentioned this

story. It was always the obedience to Allah's commands through patience, belief and trust. Patience with Allah's decree regarding hardships

Also in the matter of traumatic experiences e.g the

death of his beloved wife Khadeja (who was supporting

him strongly) was in the same year of the death of

his uncle Abu-Talib, the one who protected him from

the people of Makkah. Losing those 2 sincere

supporters was a great calamity to Prophet "Mohamed" but

he remained patient with Allah's decree, Who

always made an outlet for him from any disaster.

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2- Prophet Mohamed lost all his children (except one

Fatima during his life. He lost 3 daughters and 2 sons, but
he was always patient and accepting Allah's Decree.
On one occasion, he observed a woman who had

lost a child occupied in loud crying over
her child's grave. He admonished her to be patient
and to accept Allah's decree. The woman did not
know that she was being addressed by the Holy
Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W), so she said:

If you have ever suffered the loss of a child
as I have, you would have realized how
difficult it is to be patient under such
an affliction. The Prophet (S.A.W)
said: I have suffered the loss not of
only one but of many children. and
passed on.

This is the true sincere patience of
our Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

The Prophet's belief that Allah was with him when he was struggling with adverse circumstances, is evident from this teaching:-

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" Strange are the ways of the 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 Allah, thus there is good for him in it and if he gets into trouble and endures it patiently, there is a good for him in it.

3- The Prophet (S.A.W) was always patient and gentle with all around him so he earned their Love and respect as Allah says in Surah Al-Imran (3) V(159).

4- The Prophet (S.A.W) never pressured those around him to accept the religion, nor imposed conditions on him - but he was always patient, trying to explain the ~~rules of Islam to them~~ as Allah told him in (Surah Qaf: V45)
Let's learn An incident at the prophet's mosque in Madinah

demonstrates how kind and patient, the Prophet (S.A.W) was to ignorant people. Abu-Huraira reports:

(A) "A bedouin urinated in the mosque and some people rushed to beat him. The Prophet (S.A.W) said:

"Leave him alone and pour a bucket of water over it. You have been sent to make things

easy and not to make them difficult" وَاللَّيْلِ

(B) It is always the Patience "Sabr" which the Prophet (S.A.W) is calling his companions for. Once

a man approached the prophet seeking advice,

and the Prophet said "Do not get angry" the

man asked for advice many times, and the

Prophet (S.A.W) replied every time "Do not get angry" وَاللَّيْلِ

and the question is how and why?
Why?

The answer is that anger makes you under the control of Shaytan, who is trying to deviate Muslims from obedience of Allah.

How? Through Patience with the command of Allah.
"And follow not the Foot steps of Shaytan"

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III The Patience with the enemies

The Day of
Taif
The Day of
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(A) The Day of Taif and the patience of Prophet Mohamed (s.A.W).

In the 10th year of the mission and because of the continuous torture given by the Qurish Prophet Mohamed decided to preach the word of Allah to the people of AL-Taif. When he reached there, the elders incited the youth against him, who started throwing stones upon the prophet (s.A.W) so that he was wounded and was bleeding so he called on Allah saying:

Alif

O my lord, unto you I bewail my weakness, inability and disregard of mankind towards me. O Most merciful of the merciful, you are the Lord of the weak and my Lord. Unto whom, shall you deliver me? Unto one who is distant and shall glower at me, or unto an enemy

whom You have given authority over me? If you are not angry against me then I do not care what befalls me, as Your gifts of well-being are more commodious for me. I seek refuge in the light of Your face that has overcome all darkness and through which all matters of this life and the hereafter have been established in justice, that Your retribution ^{c.b.c} should fall upon me, or Your ^{dis} disdain should befall me. Unto You is all appeasement until you are appeased and no one has power or ability except in You"

At that moment Angel Gibil appeared and addressed him saying Allah has heard what your people said to you and how they replied to you. Allah has sent the angel of the Mountains to you so that you may order him to do whatever you wish to these people.

The angel of the Mountains then appeared and said: "O Mohamed, Order what you wish. If you like - I shall cause Mountains surrounding Al-Taif to fall upon them. because they know not the Prophet replied "No for I hope that there shall be among them children, those who will worship Allah alone and said O My lord guide these people"

III The patience with the enemies :- (A) The Day of Taif
(B) The Day of Makkah

(B) The Day of Makkah Victory:

The Prophet (S.A.W) reentered the city of Makkah after 10 Long years of living in Madinah. Practically there was no opposition as he was accompanied by an overwhelming number of muslims. The whole of Makkah lay at his feet as he marched in. His enemies stood in surrender awaiting his decision and he could very well cried "let slip the dogs of war" as the commanders of those days used to ^{do}.

Instead, in a historic break from old tradition, The Prophet of Islam announced forgiveness to all his former enemies. He told them simply "You may go, you are a free people."

Accordingly, the whole community of Makkah thereafter embraced Islam, out of the patience and kindness of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) with them.

also it was the Quranic rule (let there be no compulsion in religion) Surat 2 (AL-Baqara, V(256)).

In conclusion :-

- 1- We must realize that: there were people with varying characters and ideas that surround the prophet (S.A.W), throughout his life, however, he showed an interest in each and every one, and tried to educate them all the matters. That patient - compassionate - tolerant and understanding attitude of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) was the means by which many people's hearts warmed to Islam and developed a genuine love for the Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)
- 2- We believers must remember the lesson of things Allah's Messenger was patient for, and take him as a model when dealing with their own difficulties. Those who despair at the slightest problem, who are unable to bear the smallest objection,

who stop preaching the religion of Allah, or who lost hope, ~~for~~ when their business dealings go wrong - all those must be aware that: such behavior is against the commands of the Quran and the sayings and deeds of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

Believers must always be patient, take Allah as their helper and give thanks to him, adopt the superior morality of the Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) - and hope for the mercy, compassion and Paradise of our Lord

Let's all in the month of Ramadan - The Month of
patience - let's promise Allah the All-Mighty that we will ^{have} follow our beloved Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) as role model regarding his patience with Allah's commands - Allah's Decree and with all the people.

∴ In summary we learn that:-

Patience is the most important traits that Quran

While emphasises upon: (Eman) sincere belief in Allah, Oneness and Taqwa (fear and love of Allah)

are definitely that most important qualities to develop for a believer. However, patience is the foundation of both taqwa and eman (true faith in Allah),

because unless we have patience we will not

be able to obey all Allah's commands regarding do and not to do,

② We will not be able to accept

Allah's decree with no complaint

and ③ We will not be able

to bear adversities and commands for a reward

which we will have it in the Hereafter and not now.

And because of all the above - We must believe

that (A) patience (sabr) is the single best character trait that a person can have. When Allah mentioned the traits of the people of Paradise and what made them entitled to it, He mentions patience, Allah says:

"Peace unto you for that you persevered in patience, Now how excellent is the final abode

لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَزَاجٌ مِّمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَرْضَوْنَ

(let every one of us have a pause here and question him (her) self; what is better in this life than this reward !! The Paradise + greetings of the angels

(2) Allah describes the best of people as

"الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهَوْنَ"

"Those who are patient seeking the countenance of their Lord"

(3) More over, Allah described patience as the best of the possible behaviours. He says "But if you would show patience, for it is indeed the best (course)

For those who are patient.

• Patience is needed for the believer in every minute of his life in order to keep his emaan in practice.

• All acts of righteousness draw strength from this great quality as Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: No one is granted a greater and more comprehensive gift than patience.

• Allah enjoins patience upon the best of His servants Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W), when Allah said in the Quran
وَابْتَغِ الْوَعْدَ بِالْحُسْنِ ۚ

" And be patient, for your patience is but from Allah "

• Patience is among the most serious and difficult achievements that a person can attain:
وَبِالصَّبْرِ يُكْمَلُ الْفَعْلُ ۚ

• Patience is an indication of faith and of a

good relation with Allah and its reward is without count

Also in our worldly life responsibilities, it is the patience that helps us to achieve our goals as it lightens our spirits and our ways in life

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: Patience is light.

And because of ^{the} above, Allah has commanded Prophet

19 Mohamed (S.A.W) to give glad tidings

to those who persevere patiently,

In Surah Al Baqara, He (Allah) says, But

give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere who say when afflicted with calamity:

To Allah we belong and to Him is our return.

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① Allah our Lord, We beg You to make us among those who observe patience when afflicted and tried - and among those who offer praise when granted good, and among those who seek forgiveness after committing sin. We seek Your forgiveness and mercy for You are All-Forgiving and Merciful