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Patience: An urgent reminder after Ramadan

"To remain steadfast in obedience of Allah after Ramadan"

Al hamdu li Allah, we all learn that: The ultimate purpose and the highest aim for which Allah has created everyone is to worship Him alone, with no partner or associate i.e to attain uboodiyyah (being a slave of Allah in the truest and fullest sense) as Allah said in Surat (51) - V56.

(worship)

This was achieved in most beautiful manner during Ramadan, when we saw people going to the houses of Allah, and we saw them striving to perform the obligatory prayers on time and Salat AL-taraweh also they give in charity i.e always with. competing one another in doing good deeds.

But, After the end of Ramadan, the people will be divided into various types, let's learn the two most prominent types:-

1- The First type are those whom you see

in Ramadan striving hard in worship. They are always either standing in prayer or reading Quran or weeping, or giving in charity i.e full and complete obedience to Allah. You even feel compassion for them because of the intensity of their efforts and striving. Yet hardly has the month ended, before they go back and turn all their attention to their desires and become negligent regarding the sincere worship of Allah.

These are the occasional worshippers, who only acknowledge Allah on certain occasions, then after that, there is no more obedience or worship.

These are mentioned in the Quran in Surah (16)

AL WAHL - V (92).

This is the case of the mushrik who goes back on his obedience and sincere worship of Allah. He is shown like a stupid woman who has no resolve, She spins her yarn and then breaks it, leaving it in loose

thread. No honourable person would compromise himself to look so idiotic as the woman who spends her life doing what is of no use and no value whatsoever.

3 Whoever, fails to do righteous deeds after Ramadan, and follows the ways of Shaytaan, this is a sign of humiliation and being deprived of Allah's help - as al-Hassan - al-Basri (a sincere scholar) said:

They were no longer of any significance to Allah, so they committed sins. If they had mattered to Him, He would have protected them." When a person becomes insignificant to Allah, Allah will no longer honour him. As Allah mentioned in Surah Al-Hajj (22) - V (18).

So I hope that we realize: "How terrible it is, when people only acknowledge Allah during the month of Ramadan; ^{then after Ramadan} They prefer

the path of Shuytaan so that they commit sins and do things that anger the Most Gracious- The Most Merciful. In reality, they are the true losers.

Regarding: The second type are those who feel distressed at the departure of Ramadan, because they have tasted the sweetness of being safe from sin, and the bitterness of patience became insignificant to them, because they came to realise ① the true nature of their weakness and ② continuous need to obey their Lord. They fasted in a true sense and stood in prayer at night out of Love, so when they bade farewell to Ramadan, their tears flowed and their hearts were broken.

Those are the winners in this life and the hereafter as they always try to be steadfast in obeying Allah all the year not only the month of Ramadan as they believe that the

Lord of Ramadan is also the Lord of the rest of the months of the year. The Only Lord of the heavens and the earth. These are the true believers in the Oneness of Allah, accordingly, they make Ramadan an opportunity to turn over a new leaf by repenting, persisting in worshipping and obedience of Allah. They are aware that Allah is watching over them at every minute and every hour. They live after Ramadan, the continuation of the way, they were during Ramadan i.e. avoiding sins and striving to obey Allah's commands.

We need to know and realize that: Those who are steadfast after Ramadan will have a lot of blessings :-

They are doing the most beloved deeds to Allah. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said

"O people, you must do whatever you can of

"good deeds, for Allah does not get tired until you get tired. The most beloved of deeds to Allah are those who are continuous, even if they are little.

The Family of Mohamed (S.A.W) - when they did something, they would persist in doing it".

When the Prophet (S.A.W) was asked about which deeds are most beloved by Allah, he said "Those which are continuous even if they are little"

This is a rule in Islam. "Persistence and Continuation are proofs of sincerity and true belief," i.e if I believe that obedience of Allah's commands is the way to Paradise, so the proof of my belief is my ^(Persistence) continuation to obey Allah's commands. And in the case that I stop obedience, this means that Shaytaan succeeded to deviate me, out of my weak sincerity and belief.

Blessings of those who remain steadfast in obedience
after Ramadan.

2- They are the dearest to Allah:-

The true believers in the Oneness of Allah i.e
they believe that Allah is the Only Power and Will.

- Allah is the Controller of all the affairs

- Allah is the Provider and Sustainer.

- Allah is the Source of the Mercy.

- Allah is the One Who can
remove the harm and cause the

- Allah is the One to ^{benefit} ~~see~~ make Paradise their destination.

Those are the ones whom they feel the real
tranquility, peace and calmness in this

worldly life out of their belief in their Lord

Also they are the ones whom they are obedient
to Allah out of Love - believing and belief.

So they live their lives as an act of worship
to Allah, trying day and night to Please Him
through obedience, taqwa and sincerity.

Whether it is Ramadan or Muharram, i.e. at any time and all the time, it is their believing spirits that are looking for obedience of Allah.

Allah said about them in the Quran in surah (49): 13

"Verily, the most honourable of you with Allah is that (believer) who has taqwa (belief in Allah's Oneness, totally, continuous obedience of Allah)

So if you are truly having your goal to

Please Allah and to have the Paradise as your d.

∴ check your deeds after Ramadan, try to remind yourself about this verses of the Quran.

• be patient with obedience of Allah after Ramadan so that you can prove for your self that you are from the dearest believers to Allah the Almighty

This must be the goal of every believer in this worldly life.

Blessings of being steadfast in obedience of Allah after¹ Ramadan

2 - Acceptance of good deeds:-

7 The sincere believer always fears Allah and strives to obey Him all the times, enjoins what is good and forbids what is evil. For the true believer, his days and nights in this world are storehouses, so he is trying to deposit continuously in them so that they can be his way to Paradise.

The scholars said:-

"Among the signs of acceptance (of good deed) is that Allah causes one hasanah (good deed) to be followed by another, for the hasanah says (my sister, my sister!), also the (evil deed) says: (my sister, my sister!) - So when Allah accepts a person's Ramadan, and he has remained steadfast in obeying Allah after Ramadan i.e. he is persistent in obedience of His Lord, then he deserves the acceptance of his good deed and

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the Paradise is his reward."

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In Surat Fussilat (41) - V.30-31.

This is the reward for the acceptance of the good
deeds i.e the reward for being steadfast in
obedience of Allah all the time i.e during Ramadan
and after it.

This is the obedience and persistence which are
based on the belief that "My Lord is Allah,"

A declaration which is alive in one's consciousness,
and is proved by his deeds.

This sincere belief deserves the abundant grace
Allah grants him: a friendly relation with the angels
who reassure him with sweet words that they will
be his guardians in this world and in the hereafter
also - they (angels) clarified that: Paradise will be
his final destination where they will have
all that he desires and is pleasing to him.

Blessings of being steadfast in obedience to Allah
after Ramadan, i.e. all the time.

3- Acceptance of Dua:-

The one who is steadfast in obeying Allah is the one whose dua will be answered, the Dua which he repeats more than 25 times each day in Surat Al-

9 Fatihah: "Guide us to the straight path"

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

It is the guidance of Allah, that lightens the spirit of the believer and makes it easy for him to obey Allah every time i.e. in Ramadan and during the whole year.

4- Expiation of the sins

Prophet Mohamed S.A.W said:-

"From one prayer to the next, from one Ramadan to the next, from one Hajj to the next, this expiates for whatever sins were committed from one to the next, so long as you avoid ^{major} sins"

Allah said in Surat Hud (11) V-114

" Verily, the good deeds remove the evil deeds (that is a reminder for the mindful "

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said :-

" Follow a bad deed with a good one, for it will wipe it out. "

In conclusion:

If you are looking for expiation of your bad deeds, try to be steadfast all the time in obedience of Allah.

- Also must realize that during the month of Ramadan:-

• Allah has blessed you with fasting

• Allah ~ ~ ~ ~ giving charity.

• Allah ~ ~ ~ ~ Salet - Al qaim and taraweh - prayer.

• Allah ~ ~ ~ ~ Duaa.

So do not forget to take care of these good deeds and do not let them to be wiped out.

by bad deeds

So strive to (1) cultivate goodness and happiness on your way

to (2) keep the company of those who remain steadfast as they will always remind you of the great reward of steadfastness and also will help you to avoid any of shaytan whispers.

to (3) Seek Allah and His Messenger and the Home of the hereafter, where it will be said to you ; receive glad tidings of the Paradise, a reward for your steadfastness in obedience of Allah.

. A man came to Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) and said: "advise me" - he (S.A.W) said :
" Say : I believe in Allah and remain steadfast "

The man said: "O Messenger of Allah, all the people say that. He (S.A.W) said "some people who came before you said that, but they did not remain steadfast."

✓ Dear sisters: it could be hours - minutes or even less before one departs this life.

Don't you think it is wise for one to obey the commands of Allah so that the eternal life will be in the Paradise.

We are also reminded to fast the six days of the month of Shawwal in accordance with the Hadith where the Prophet (S.A.W) "Whoever fasts the month of Ramadan and follows it with fasting the six days of Shawwal, would be almost similar to fasting a full year"

○ Allah, Our Lord
We call on You, to help us to persist in doing good deeds and to remain steadfast in Your obedience. Verily You are the Most Gracious the Most Merciful.