

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَلْتَبْلُوْنَكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالْفَمَرَاتِ  
وَبَشِيرِ الصَّابِرِيْنَ  
وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: الصَّبْرُ مِنَ الْإِيْمَانِ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الرَّأْسِ مِنَ الْجَسَدِ

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "No fatigue, illness, anxiety, sorrow, harm, or distress befalls a Muslim – not even a thorn that pricks him – except that Allah expiates some of his sins by it." (Bukhari)

In another noble hadith, he said: "If Allah wills good for His servant, He afflicts him with a trial." (Bukhari)

### Respected Brothers and Sisters!

Patience is required not only at times of calamity but also in showing consistency in worship and refraining from forbidden acts. Leaving the warm bed for the morning prayer, enduring hunger while fasting, living within the lawful, and protecting the ego from sins – all are part of patience.

True patience is that which is shown at the first moment of affliction. Indeed, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The accepted patience is that shown at the first blow of calamity." (Bukhari)

### Dear Muslims!

The believing person does not fall into despair in the face of difficulties. He knows that with every hardship comes ease. Patience matures a person; haste often leads to regret.

Our Lord states in the Noble Qur'an: "Only those who are patient will be given their reward without account." (Az-Zumar, 39:10)

Therefore, come, let us cling to patience, not rebellion, in the face of difficulties. Let us follow the commands of our Lord, not the desires of our inner-self. Let us increase our supplications (dua) rather than complaints on our tongues. In every event that befalls us, let us seek the wisdom of our Lord.

I conclude my khutbah with a noble verse: "Be patient, for Allah does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost." (Hud, 11:115)

### Dear Believers!

The topic of today's khutbah will be patience (sabr). The success of the son of Adam in this world and the Hereafter depends on patience. To attain excellence in knowledge, to be consistent in worship, to find blessing in trade, to preserve family life, and to possess good character are only possible through patience.

The impatient farmer cannot reach the harvest, the impatient student cannot advance in knowledge, and the impatient person cannot attain the perfection of servitude.

Patience means not rebelling against calamities, restraining the inner-self from forbidden things, and showing perseverance upon Allah's commands. Patience is the greatest support of the believer.

Indeed, our Lord, the Almighty and Glorious, states in the Noble Qur'an: "Be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient." (Al-Anfal, 8:46)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Patience is to faith like the head is to the body." (Bayhaqi)

### Respected Muslims!

The life of this world is a place of trial. A person may encounter illness, poverty, loss, hardship, and various calamities in this world. There is no escape from them. What is important is not to lose our servitude in the face of events that befall us and to act in accordance with the pleasure of our Lord.

The Almighty says: "And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient." (Al-Baqarah, 2:155)

Just as the rose is created with its thorns, the life of this world is created with difficulties and trials. The path to Paradise passes through patience in worship that is difficult for the nafs, refraining from sins, and submitting to Allah's decree in every circumstance. Patience shown at the time of calamity raises the rank of the servant and becomes an expiation for his sins.