

Allah ﷻ has created us for tests. These tests are inherently designed to change and challenge us, thus we must always be ready for these.

(2:153) يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ

Allah ﷻ tells us, when they come, whether marital, family, health, financial, home, job, children, problems, come to me in:

1. FAITH

2. PATIENCE

3. PRAYER

Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه returned from a trip; he was informed his brother died. He did Wudu & prayed 2 Rak'at. Ya Abbas you didn't ask **WHEN, WHY, HOW?**

“Allah ﷻ told me to be patient and pray, so I did”

When you seek help with Faith, Patience & Salah, Allah ﷻ will be with you. **إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ** – He is with the truly patient – Thus He will turn:

Sickness > Health, Poverty > Wealth, Stress > Joy, Death > Life!

وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ – Give Glad Tidings

To everyone being tested? To the ones who are patient? **NO**

Sometimes we are patient because there's no other choice.

Patience without being content in/with Allah ﷻ, is not patience!

Patience is accepting the Qadr Allah ﷻ, expecting the reward from Him.

وَجَزَاهُمْ بِمَا صَبَرُوا جَنَّةً وَحَرِيرًا
أُولَئِكَ يُجْزَوْنَ الْغُرْفَةَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيُلَقَّوْنَ فِيهَا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلَامًا

When the calamity hit: house damaged, accident, fired, cancer stage 4 ...

إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ - قَالُوا

First Response - **ثُمَّ قَالُوا - NOT** قَالُوا

Instantly Say - قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

When Allah ﷻ is with you, even death, biggest calamity, turns into life.

5 TESTS GUARANTEED IN LIFE 100% - Might be tested in 1, 2, 3, 4 or ALL 5

خوف – FEAR

جوع – HUNGER

أموال – WEALTH

أنفس – LIFE

ثمرات – ASSETS

We will be tested, but بِشَيْءٍ a little bit – we can't handle the whole!

Little bit of hunger, shortage of wealth, lose job/deal, contract, bankrupt, lose someone dear, assets or Barakah in life. Always بِشَيْءٍ - a little bit.

We say this statement, but have we ever pondered on what it means?

**I belong to Allah ﷻ, my spouse, children, wealth, business, health...
He has the right to take it back **WHATEVER** & **WHENEVER** He wants.**

What's the comfort/reward of this Du'a?

أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ - These are the ones who get praise/mercy

Allah ﷻ boasts about them in front of His angels

وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ - And these are definitely the guided ones (2:157)

When these Ayaat end - the topic changes dramatically to Hajj!?

Doesn't seem like a logical connection? إِنَّ الصَّافَا وَالْمَرَّوَةَ مِنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ

Safa, Marwa & Hajj, revolves around 3 people, **Ibrahim, Hajar & Ismail** ﷺ

Hajar ﷺ was tested with all 5 – **FEAR, HUNGER, WEALTH, LIFE, ASSETS**

Ibrahim ﷺ took Hajar & Ismail ﷺ & put them in a desolate valley!

FEAR - Barren Land, No Safety

HUNGER - Seeking Water & Food

WEALTH - No Shops No Resources

LIFE - No People No Homes

ASSETS - Alone, No Crops, Nothing

She was **TESTED** with a bit of **ALL 5 BUT KEPT FAITH PATIENCE & PRAYER**

Imagine dropping your wife plus baby in a dessert?

No shelter, food, people, protection, safety, fear, wildlife?

Especially with that baby that you've waited a lifetime for?

يَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ، اللَّهُ أَمَرَكَ بِهَذَا؟ قَالَ نَعَمْ - قَالَتْ إِذَا لَا يُضَيِّعُنَا

O my beloved husband, father of our beloved son, did Allah ﷻ order this?
He replied with just one word, **YES**, then walked away.

Hajar ﷺ replied then **ALLAH WILL NEVER DISAPPOINT US!**

Hajar ﷺ **CHANGED & TRANSFORMED HER TESTS & SO CAN YOU!**

Whoever Enters Makkah is Safe & Secure

Hunger in Makkah? Every time a Haji makes a mistake; give Dam

Shortage of Money in Makkah? Most expensive real estate on earth

Shortage of People? 24-7, 365 days, millions of people, never abandoned

Shortage of Assets? Hundreds varieties of dates, Zam Zam & products