

His Enduring Hardship in the Path of Allah Ta'ala

And Allah Ta'ala mentions: "So persevere like the messengers of firm resolve persevered before you, and do not seek haste due to them."

The patience that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) exercised in the path of Allah is greater than that of any other patient individual that ever existed; and his endurance in spite of the vast array of difficulties those against him had put him through, this endurance was greater than the endurance of the rest of all of creation.

How much torture did he not receive from the foolish of the Quraysh, their hard-hearted, rude, rigid, and afflicting approach?! There is no doubt that the evil speech and reproach of the indecent abusive people harmed the prophet, and his good natured companions. They were physically affected by this conduct much more than anyone else. They were also mentally affected by this conduct much more than anyone else, by those people who had no character and no concern.

How do you think the internal condition of the prophet was, which is the embodiment of perfect character and virtue, and is also the source of its definition??

Anas (radhiAllahu anhu) narrates that the Messenger (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: "I have been tested with situations of fear in the path of Allah, the likes of which no-one else has had to experience. And I have been put through such persecution in the path of Allah, the likes of which no-one else has had to experience. Without doubt, thirty days had passed at one stage, where there wasn't food that any living being could stomach, except for that which Bilal could hide [and bring] underneath his arm."

(Narrated by Ahmad and Tirmizi)

The Mushrikeen (idol-worshippers) boycotted the prophet out of hate and animosity. They confronted him with a vast array of difficulty and torture, both in large groups and on an individual basis, even the women and children of them joined in harming the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam).

(STORY #1)

Ibn Mas'ud (radhiAllahu anhu) narrates: One day Rasullulah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) was praying near the Ka'bah, when Abu Jahl and his henchmen were sitting. They had recently slaughtered a camel the day before. So Abu Jahl said, "Who will stand and take these intestines of this camel and throw it between the shoulders of Muhammad when he prostrates?"

So they sent forward the worst of their nation that day; Uqbah Ibn Abi Muayt, so he took the intestines, and when Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) made sajdah, he threw the intestines between his shoulders. So the Mushrikeen began to laugh and jeer, and fall over one another.

Ibn Mas'ud continues narrating: This all happened while I was standing nearby looking on, if only I had the strength, or a group with me. The intestines were thrown onto the blessed shoulders of the Prophet while he was prostrating, and he could not raise up out of sajdah. Then one person went and informed Fatima (radhiAllahu anha) who was close to a teenager [in age] at the time, and she came, removing the intestines from the shoulders of her father, and condemning the actions of the Quraysh.

When Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) finished his salah, he raised his voice and he supplicated to Allah against them. It was his noble habit, if he would say something [important], he would say it three times, and if he asked something, he would ask three times.

Then he said, "O Allah, I hand over Abu Jahl ibn Hisham's affairs to you, and Utbah ibn Rabi'ah's affairs to you, and the affairs of Ummayyah ibn Khalaf, and Uqbah bin Abi Muayt. He mentioned a seventh, and I don't remember who it was [Ibn Mas'ud is narrating].

By that being that has sent Muhammad with the truth! I had seen the one's the Messenger had named [in this du'a against them] flattened and laid out [dead] on the battlefield of Badr, and then their bodies were thrown into the empty well there by Badr."