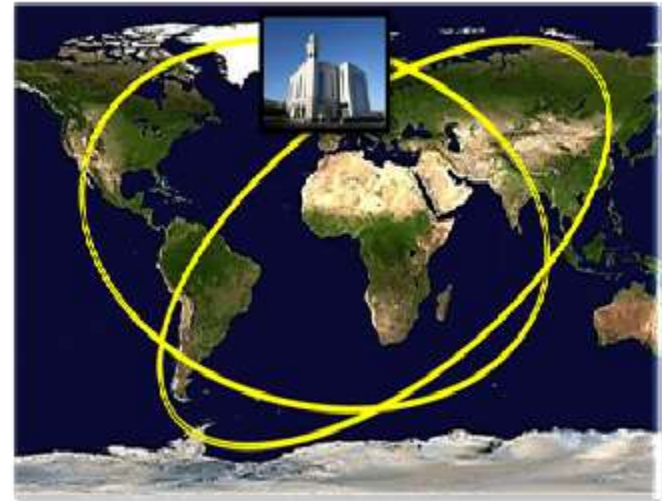


THE ESSENCE OF TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS



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Tribulations should not be considered bad.

One who considers tribulations as bad is not a true believer.

Allah the Exalted states: 'And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'

When such difficulties descend on Prophets of God they bring them glad-tidings of blessings and when the same difficulties descend on the wicked they ruin them.

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Some people allege that Allah the Exalted does not listen to their prayers or people are critical of saints that their such and such prayer was not accepted.

In fact these people are foolish and unaware of Divine laws.

Anyone who has experienced such a thing will be fully aware of the principle that Allah the Exalted has presented two aspects whereby He listens and also has Him listened to.

The Promised Messiah(as) has said that those who are patient are blessed.

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Patience does not mean
one is not saddened at
a loss.

It means one does not
let it get the better of
one and lose one's
senses in the process.

It is OK to be saddened
but this should be
followed by a renewed
resolve to better one's
practices more than
ever.

It should also be remembered that only those who are
patient know the realities of prayer.

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A lot of damage was sustained in the recent fire in two ancillary halls of the Baitul Futuh Mosque. It was a very intense fire.

When different media reported it some malicious people expressed joy at the burning of the Mosque, in fact they said it is not a mosque, these people are not Muslim, and so it is their place of worship which is on fire.

Later they expressed regret that only two halls were burnt and the Mosque in itself did not burn!

Such is the way of some Muslims today. But all are not the same.

God saved us from any loss of life. One person was working in the library and had no idea what was going on outside. When he finished his work and tried to leave the library a gust of black smoke hit him. Anxious, he tried to run but jet black smoke filled the area and he could not see anything. He struggled to breathe. With great difficulty he fumbled for the corridor wall and started walking along it.

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Death of Chaudhry Mahmood Ahmad Mubasher Sahib, dervish of Qadian, Khalid Saleem Sahib, a long-term sincere Ahmadi from Syria and another Syrian Ahmadi who passed away after being hit by shrapnel in the Syrian conflict.

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