

LESSON 11.

31) PATIENCE (SABIR) 32) BENEVOLENCE (İSÂR) 33) DESPAIR (YEİS)

31) PATIENCE: → Means enduring pain, aches; staying strong in front of the incidents and events that are unbearable and hard to endure;

→ *“Believer’s state requires appreciation; why shouldn’t it, as everything a believer does is a blessing and no one else except the believer is granted that. When he is in situations that bring joy and happiness, he is thankful, and it is a blessing for him; whereas in situations that bring sorrow or difficulties, he shows patience, which is also blessing for him.” (HADİS)*

→ Patience is divided to the following parts, according to the issues when patience is used:

1. Patience in **worshipping (ibadet ü taat)** when difficulties of servanthood to Allah should be beared.
2. Patience towards the overwhelming feeling of **disobedience (mâsiyet duygusu)**, when the path of sin seems pleasant to our carnal soul.
3. Patience towards all types of **calamities (semavî ve arzî belâlar)**; requiring content with the destiny and fate of the Thruthful One.
4. Patience focused on **safeguarding** one’s **Koranic attitude (Kur’ânî çizgiyi koruma)** from attracting beauties of the world, without going astray.
5. In the jobs that require some time, showing patience towards the **maddening influence (zamanın çıldırtıcılığı)** of time.
6. Grasping the subtleties of obeying and being attached to the orders, showing patience towards the fervent **desire to reunite (vuslat iştiyakı)** untill the divine decree of **إِرْجِعِي** is announced.

(ÇN 1 - Sabır)

(Fasıldan Fasıla 4 - Sabır)

32) BENEVOLENCE: → Means the attitude when a person prefers others to him/herself

→ Considers the benefit and interests of others before his personal benefits and interests

→ Means existing with the pleasures of giving life rather than just living, experiencing those pleasures

→ Direct opposite of benevolence is stinginess and protection of personal interests.

→ *“They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation.” (Al Hashr, 9)*

(KZT 2 - İsâr)

33) DESPAIR: → Has a meaning of hopelessness.

→ With the expression of Said Nursi, the teacher of the time, “Despair is an obstacle in any kind of development.” In this consideration, people who are on the way of self development and self actualization should not fall into despair and think: “will I ever overcome this struggle!”

→ *“Despair is a swamp that drowns you if you fall in it,*

So, hold on tight to hope, and watch what you become with it!” (M.Akif Ersoy)

(Prizma 4 - Yeis Batağı)

Match the following words to the definitions:

Patience	Is when a person is enduring no matter what
Benevolence	Means hopelessness
Despair	Means existing with the pleasures of giving life

Fill in the following gaps:

With the expression of Said Nursi;, is an obstacle in any kind of development. Those who caught a disease of hopelessness are not able to walk towards development and perfection. The fact that a person sees himself as an impotent, weak and imperfect should not lead him towards hopelessness; on the other hand, it should encourage him to complete his needs with eagerness and motivate his serious attempts.

The feeling of is a very important quality in Islam. The Holy Koran brings this feeling to light, in direct and hidden context, many times. We also can define the quality of as preferring others to his own desires, even when in need. For example, when a person needs something but uses it in order to complete someone else's need, it is a great example of the quality of

..... is of different kind; and consistency in worshipping, in staying away from sinning and in times of difficulties are the most well known types of.....