

LESSON 22.

64) TEST (İMTİHAN) 65) ANGUISH (IZDIRAP) 66) EXIGENCY (IZDIRAR)

64) TEST :

- It means trial and examination.
- Yes, Allah knows how we will act, but at the same time He sends us to this world to test us in ways that would aid in our realizing the responsibilities on our shoulders and developing our skills.
- Life is a chain of trials from beginning to end. The trials start from childhood and continue until the spirit leaves the body. To those who can sense and understand, these accumulating small trials are about elimination and finding out which souls are left to the finale with the testimony of human conscience and the eyes of spiritual beings...
- Trials come in various forms and endure for a lifetime, with different depths and heights: Admission tests for a school, passing a grade, a final exam, trials inflicted from a child to a father (and vice versa), and many others...
- The most important thing of the trial elements is (in my opinion) as Quran states in a verse, "We thus test you by each other." being tested by each other among the believers themselves who serve the religion and belief. Such a test is the scariest of tests and is the closest one that can make someone slip into failure when they are set for success.

(ÇN 2 / Buhranlar Anaforunda İnsan - İmtihan)
(Prizma 3 - İmtihan Unsurları)

65) ANGUISH:

- It means pain, pressure and distress.
- To me, sorrow and anguish are more acceptable than the sincerest of prayers. Especially if the sorrow is to save others' faith and eternal lives. It can be said that feeling anguish for one minute for such a purpose is more fruitful deed than completing voluntary Hajj several times or sacrificing one hundred animals. Every sigh coming from the heart is answered. No voice rising toward Him from the heart is neglected as long as we make our voice one with our heart.
- From an angle, anguish is a very important factor that encourages prayer. That is why I could say that instead of praying for five hours, suffer anguish for half an hour until your head throbs from the torment of your thoughts, clutch your groin from the pain, and wander in corridors in a frenzy in the name of Ummah of Muhammad (pbuh), and beg in anguish, dying over and over and reviving, saying, "Oh My Allah, kill me hundred times but revive Ummah of Muhammad (pbuh) please."

(KT 10 / Cemre Beklentisi - Tevekkül ve Izdırap)

66) EXIGENCY :

- It means being in a dire situation.
- There is nothing that hastens the acceptance of prayer like anguish and exigency.
- So, believing hearts should recognize the absence of anguish and sorrow as a disaster, and groan in anguish saying, "Alas! Woe to this situation of ours!" for the situation of mankind. The believers must groan and run in to their prayer rug, while the prayer rug kisses their forehead, they should reveal their hearts saying, "Please my Lord, we depend solely on you!". Such an anguish and distress can be a propel us to mobilize. Then, like a firefighter, we can take out our water hoses and run to emergencies and extinguish fires.
- In fact, if one opens his/her eyes and looks around with the feeling of impotency and poverty and with the spiritual state of neediness and exigency, one will realize the existence of many blessings and the many dimensions and depths in those blessings which one was not aware of before.

Match the following words to the definitions:

Anguish

Trial, examination

Exigency

Being in a dire situation

Test

Pain, pressure, and distress

Fill in the following gaps:

Also, distress and must not lead one to hopelessness, make one's willpower paralyze and bring one's psychological state to a point of complete despair. As you know, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who is the leader of all prophets was sent as a blessing to all of mankind and His heart was beating for all of humanity and whose glorified and admired sensitivity in this matter was modulated by Divine Revelation.

Sometimes even if everything is in the right place, there might not be a complete consideration in men of revival. In this case Allah, does not respond according to the amount of their reviving struggle for them to turn to Allah in mind state and in compelling sincerity by the Almighty Allah putting them through various pressures, attacks, and stresses.

Besides the merciless and cruel enemy, there are by hands of disloyal friends. Indeed, this is the most difficult to bear.