

## Fast 9

### Steadfastness and patience in difficulties:

*Note:* In all the verses below, the Holy Prophet Muhammad is addressed. The word “you” is in the singular, and the command “be patient” and other commands are also in the singular.

“These are announcements relating to the unseen which We reveal to you; you did not know them — (neither) you nor your people — before this. So be patient. Surely the (good) end is for the dutiful.” — 11:49

“So be patient; surely the promise of Allah is true; and let not those disquiet you who have no certainty.” — 30:60

“To this (message) then go on inviting, and be steadfast as you are commanded, and do not follow their low desires, and say: I believe in what Allah has revealed of the Book, and I am commanded to do justice between you. Allah is our Lord and your Lord. For us are our deeds, and for you your deeds. There is no contention between us and you. Allah will gather us together, and to Him is the eventual coming.” — 42:15

“So have patience (O Prophet), as men of resolution, the messengers, had patience, and do not seek to hasten on for them (i.e. for the opponents their doom). On the day when they see what they are promised, (it will be) as if they had remained only an hour of the day. (Your duty is) to deliver. Shall then any be destroyed except the transgressing people?” — 46:35

“So be patient with a goodly patience.” — 70:5

“and for the sake of your Lord, be patient.” — 74:7

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*Notes:* In adverse circumstances, when complete lack of success would have been so demoralising, the Holy Prophet was reminded to be patient, that is, to wait patiently for success, and to be steadfast in sticking to his mission. If you are doing the right thing, you will succeed in the end. Unfortunately, today’s Muslims think they can triumph in the world by abandoning all self-control and taking emotive measures forbidden by Islam, and do not realise that they have to take the long, hard and slow road of self-reform and steadfast propagation of Islam.

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“And bear patiently what they say and turn away from them with a dignified withdrawal.” — 73:10

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*Notes:* The Holy Prophet is instructed here to bear patiently any abuse, ridicule or mockery from his opponents, and then to withdraw from their company in a dignified, well-mannered way, not in a way descending to their level of misbehaviour, rudeness and abuse. This has an important lesson for Muslims of today.

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