

Pandemic, Quarantine,
Isolation, and nearness
To Allah, Subhanahu Wa Taala

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahamatullahi wa Barakatuhu

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Today's topic of discussion is "Pandemic, Quarantine, Isolation and nearness to Allah SWT"

The whole world was afflicted by COVID-19 about a year back. 80 million people has been attacked by this virus and more than 1.8 million died. The world order has changed completely. People maintain safe distance from each other. If it is confirmed that a person has positive COVID-19 she/he is immediately isolated and quarantined for 14 days. If the case is serious the patient is put to ventilator.

The World has come to complete stop. Schools, Colleges, Universities are closed. Bar, Clubs Shopping malls are shut. Airlines are not flying Planes. Business, Economics are slattered. Lot of people are out of job.

After elapse of about a year a new variety (strain) are attacking people. This new strain of COVID-19 is more contagious. The Whole World is more scared now. Affected people are isolated immediately.

What a believer should do when isolated.

Isolation is a chance to be nearer to Allah SWT. Covid affliction and isolation is a time, when all the near and dear ones are absent, the believer feel full tawakkul to Allah SWT. This is feeling of nearness Allah SWT.

When all are absent, there is One. One with you and always, He is Allah SWT. He does not maintain any distance. When all maintain it, when all are afraid of nearing you. He drags you nearer, Subhan Allahu.

These verses of Quran revealed by Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala. On this topic

1. And be Patient (O Muhammad), for the decision of your Lord.

Surah 52 At Tur, Ayat: 48

وَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ فَإِنَّكَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ حِينَ تَقُومُ

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Now await in patience the command of your Lord: for verily you are in Our eyes: and celebrate the praises of your Lord the while you stand forth,

2. Then be Patient for the decision of your Lord (O Muhammad).

Surah 68 Al Qalam, Ayat: 48

فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُنْ كَصَاحِبِ الْحُوتِ إِذْ نَادَى وَهُوَ

مَكْظُومٌ

So wait with patience for the Command of your Lord, and be not like the Companion of the Fish- when he cried out in agony.

3. So be Patient for the decision of your Lord.

Surah 76 Ad dahr/Al Insan, Ayat: 24,25

فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَطِعْ مِنْهُمْ آثِمًا أَوْ كَفُورًا

Therefore be patient with constancy to the Command of your Lord, and hearken not to the sinner or the ingrate among them.

وَإِذْ كُرِئَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

And celebrate the name of your Lord morning and evening,

Hadith of Prophet (Pbuh)

1. He reported Allah's messenger as saying, the magnitude of the reward goes along with the magnitude of the affliction. When Allah who is great and glorious loves people. He afflicts them, and those who accept it gladly receive Allah's good pleasure, but those who are displeased receive Allah's displeasure.

(Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah)

2. The Prophet (pbuh) said, when Allah loves a slave, calls out Jibrail and says, I love so- and-so, so love him. The Jibrail loves him. After that he (Jibrail) announces to the inhabitants of heavens that Allah loves so- and- so. So love him; And the inhabitants of the heavens (Angels) also love him and then make people on earth love him.

3. Hadith of dua:

O Allah, I am your slave and the son of your male slave, and the son of your female slave. My forehead is in your hand (i.e. you have control over me) Your judgement upon me is assured and your decree concerning me is just. I ask you by every name that you have named yourself with, revealed in your book, taught any one of your creation or kept unto yourself in the knowledge of the unseen that is with you, to make the Qur'an the spring of my heart and the light of my chest, the banisher of my sadness, and the reliever of my distress.

(Ahmad 1/391 Sahih)

4. The Messenger (Pbuh) of Allah SWT said,

Verily if a servant is destined for a rank he has not achieved by his good deeds, Allah puts him to trial in his body or his wealth or his children

(Abu Dawud 3090)

Therefore, Brothers and Sisters let us pray to Allah SWT for salvation of departed souls, who died due to COVID affliction.

The people, who have not been afflicted must be thankful to Allah SWT and should think that one day they will die and be accountable for their deeds in this world.

Recovery rate is much more than death. (death is less than one percent of affected people) those who have been cured by Allah SWT should believe that the power of Allah SWT is supreme and should also believe that One day she/he will die and will be accountable for the deeds of this world.

So let us do righteous deeds in this world. May Allah SWT help us. Ameen.

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