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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "Is it true that Allaah tests whom He loves, because we hear these kind of statements a lot?"

Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez bin 'Abdullah bin Baaz (May Allaah have mercy upon him): "Yes, there comes in the Hadeeth that when Allaah loves a servant He tests him. And the Prophet [(sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said:

["The people who are tried the most are the Prophets, then the righteous, then those who are like them."]

Although they are Allaah's beloved ones. Thus the beloved ones are tested with trials so that He (Allaah) may purify them, raise their ranks and that they may be an example for others. Others would subsequently be patient; so that they may be emulated. This is why the Prophet [(sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said:

["The people who are tried the most are the Prophets, then those who are like them."]

And in another narration:

["The righteous, then those who are like them. The individual is tested according to his steadfastness (upon the religion)."]

If there is strength in his religion the level of his trial is increased. That is why Allaah tested the Prophets with great trials. Some were killed, some tortured, from them was he whose illness became severe and lasted for a long time like Ayoob [(‘alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him] and our Prophet [(sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] was harmed in Makkah and Madeenah a great deal but despite that he [(sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] remained patient.

The point is that the people of 'Eemaan and Taqwaa are afflicted with harm according to their Taqwaa and 'Eemaan."

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إذا أحب الله عبداً ابتلاه فهل هذا صحيح؟

للشيخ عبد العزيز بن باز رحمه الله

هل صحيح أن من أحبه الله ابتلاه، حيث أننا سمعنا هذه العبارات دائماً؟

نعم جاء في الحديث أن الله إذا أحب عبداً ابتلاه، والنبى -صلى الله عليه وسلم- يقول: (أشد الناس بلاء الأنبياء، ثم الصالحون، ثم الأمتل فالأمتل وهم أحبب الله، فالابتلاء يبتلى به الأحباب ليمحصهم، ويرفع درجاتهم وليكونوا أسوة لغيرهم حتى يصبر غيرهم يتأسى بهم، ولهذا قال النبى -صلى الله عليه وسلم-: (أشد الناس بلاء الأنبياء، ثم الأمتل فالأمتل)، وفي رواية: (الصالحون، ثم الأمتل فالأمتل يبتلى المرء على قدر دينه)، فإن كان في دينه صلابة اشدد عليه في البلاء، ولهذا ابتلى الله الأنبياء ببلايا عظيمة، منهم من قتل، ومنهم من أذى، ومنهم من اشتد به المرض وطال كأيوب، ونبينا أذى كثيراً في مكة وفي المدينة ومع هذا صبر -عليه الصلاة والسلام-، فالمقصود أن الأذى يقع لأهل الإيمان والتقوى على حسب تقواهم وإيمانهم