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## PATIENCE AND THANKS

Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh, Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem, Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Awwalin wal Akhirin, Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya As'habi RasuLillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina, Sheykh Abdullah Daghestani, Sheykh Nazim al-Haqqani. Dastur. Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.

This world is the place of trials. People who believe in Allah (JJ) and believe that everything is from Him, whatever illness or anything that comes, they know it is from Allah and are patient. And Allah gives them their reward. People now ask why a certain thing befell them. It is said "What is done is done/You cannot change what is done and the one who died". Be patient if something has occurred. Saying it is from Allah and being patient with it causes great rewards and good deeds for that person.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, "It has a reward even if the slightest thing happens, even if a mosquito bites." This is a kindness of Allah, a favor of Allah in Islam. Nothing goes in vain, not even the smallest thing. That is why we should be patient and wait. We need to glorify<sup>1</sup> Allah. If something that is not wanted like a calamity or an illness occurs, it has happened already and we say Alhamdulillah. If Allah grants us good things, we are thankful for them too, as blessings both increase and continue through thankfulness.

Thanks be to Allah that we are living in this land of Islam. Thanks be for the blessing of Islam. Thanks be for everything. This time around, people are getting sick from the cold and other things. We need to be thankful for it too, as Allah gives them to us to increase our station and forgive our sins. These are petty things. He gives them to us so we may go to the hereafter clean. Illness is cleanliness. Glory be to Allah for it too.

However, as we said the most important thing, our reason for thankfulness, is His creating us as Muslim. It would have been useless if He had created us as infidel<sup>3</sup>. Kafirs deserve whatever calamities befall them. Their unbelief has no use for them. Because they do not recognize Allah (JJ) so Allah does not recognize them. He gives them those calamities as a trouble. Allah forbid. May Allah not separate us from iman Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq.

Al-Fatiha.

1. Hamd 2. Nimat

3. Infidel

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