



Allah swt chose Muhammad SAWS to be the leader of all the ummah. Nabi SAWS was the most humble person. He SAWS never took revenge or showed his anger. He SAWS was so humble that he would always listen to the people, young and old, no matter how long the story he would listen.

Arrogant people don't know who they are or who is Allah swt.

The Prophet SAWS went through different stages of nurturing. Before the age of 40 he was respected and honoured by the people. But when he SAWS brought the message the people began to change towards him SAWS. People would make fun of him SAWS and insult the Prophet SAWS.

One time Nabi SAWS was praying and prostrating. The kuffar, Abu Jahal and his companions decided to put the intestines of a camel on the back of the Prophet SAWS when the Prophet SAWS put his head down to prostrate. And while the Prophet SAWS was in this position they laughed and laughed. The Prophet SAWS didn't move his head and remained in the same position until Fatimah RA (the Prophet's daughter) came and removed the intestines from the Prophet's SAWS back.

It was so difficult for Nabi SAWS. The Prophet SAWS said three times:
"Oh Allah I cannot take revenge, you take care of them."

The Prophet SAWS made du'a to Allah swt. Others would protest to the people, or take revenge. But the Prophet SAWS didn't go to anyone, he went to Allah swt. Allah swt took care of them but in time. The bodies of all those involved were later found in the Qalib (one of the wells) of Badr.

With all these difficulties, Allah swt would console the Prophet SAWS.

Chapter (6) sūrat l-an'ām (The Cattle)

قَدْ نَعْلَمُ إِنَّهُ لَيَحْزَنُكَ الَّذِي يَقُولُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا يَكَذِبُونَ وَلَكِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعَاثَ اللَّهُ
يَجْحَدُونَ

6:33 We know that you, [O Muhammad], are saddened by what they say. And indeed, they do not call you untruthful, but it is the verses of Allah that the wrongdoers reject.

People are accusing and insulting the Prophet SAWS but Allah swt is sending ayat consoling the Prophet SAWS at this critical time. They belie Allah's ayat. The battle is between them and Allah swt, not between the disbelievers and the Prophet SAWS.

Abu Lahab (uncle of the Prophet SAWS)

People would listen to Abu Jahal (Father of Ignorance). He would say 'Muhammed is still prostrating in front of your eyes and you are not doing anything'. The people said 'we cannot do anything'. Abu Jahal said 'if I see him with my eyes I will step on his back and push his face in the sand'.

On one occasion Abu Jahal saw Nabi SAWS prostrating. The people were watching to see what Abu Jahal would do as he said he would do something. Abu Jahal was about to come close to Nabi SAWS to fulfil his intention but suddenly he appeared to be going backwards shielding himself with his hands. The people asked 'What is the matter with you? You said you would step on his head but what prevented you.'

Abu Jahal said 'I saw a trench full of fire and wings between me and the Prophet.'

The Prophet SAWS later told the sahabah that "If Abu Jahal had come closer to me the malaika would snatch Abu Jahal limb by limb." Allah swt would defend Nabi SAWS.

The kuffar are not stopping their persecution of the believers. Once 'Amro bin 'Aas (ra) asked, 'what is the worst which has been done to the Prophet SAWS by the kuffar?' While the Prophet SAWS was praying in the masjid one of the disbelievers took the Prophet's clothes and tied them around the Prophets neck trying to strangle him. Abu Bakr RA tried to help but was beaten up by the kuffar. When Abu Bakr RA woke up he asked why are you trying to kill a man who believes 'My Lord is Allah'.

For us knowing what the Prophet SAWS went through makes it easier for us to deal with what we are going through. By comparison what we are going through is nothing. The Prophet SAWS went through the worst of what all the people went through, what all the sahabah went through.

Waraqah said 'Anyone who brings anything like you do, they will be treated with enmity'. People will drag you out of your country'. But the Prophet SAWS thought it was impossible that his people would push him out of his country.

When we are in Islam, when we are guided, people may make fun of you but remember Nabi SAWS went through more than this. If you appreciate the blessings which Allah swt gave you, Islam, you are a Muslim Subhana Allah, you pray, you do good deeds. For the shayateen, the followers of shaytan Iblis, for sure he wants you out of Islam; he wants you to leave the prayer, he wants you to leave Islam.

Shaytan wants you to be like him. So what will shaytan do?

He will make the people press your buttons by saying some words. Shaytan wants you to leave your religion, he wants you to leave Islam. So shaytan will work on the disbeliever's, the people who are like him.

Islam is a big blessing, faith is a big blessing but of course there are challenges. With the challenges comes the truth. There are people who reject the truth, there are people who accept and say this is my choice. It is different when you accept Islam for the sake of somebody or I accept Islam because I am really so convinced. Easily if you accept Islam for somebody else you can leave it. Alhamdulillah,

when Allah swt gives you Islam you always need to strengthen your faith. The tests are there, people will try to remove your Islam, this is work of the shaytan.

Always we ask Allah swt to keep our faith strong. What happened to Nabi SAWS gives us so much consolation because of what he went through. And he went through worse than what we are going through. May Allah swt make our problem's easy.

Uthman bin Affan (ra)

The sahabah also went through a difficult time. Uthman bin 'Affan (ra) was rich and held a high position. Even someone from a noble family was tortured. His uncle would tie him with palm leaves and set fire under him.

Musaib bin Umair (ra)

Musaib bin 'Umair (ra) was the most spoiled young boy in Makkah by his mother. His mother would even provide him with a midnight snack. His mother pampered him. He accepted Islam and his mother tortured him and deprived him of food. He had such a luxurious and pampered life and because he accepted Islam his family changed and removed everything away from him. He didn't leave Islam and his mother eventually got fed up.

Ammar bin Yassir

Bilal went through an extremely difficult time. He was severely beaten by his master when he came to know of his conversion to Islam.

Ammar bin Yassir's whole family was tortured. Nabi SAWS would go to them but he couldn't do anything for them. Abu Jahal would tell the mother Sumaiyah to insult the Prophet SAWS, she refused so Abu Jahal killed the mother in front of the Ammar. Then they killed the father, Yassir. Then they went to the son Ammar who was scared and in a weak moment insulted the Prophet SAWS. Ammar said to the Prophet SAWS 'I have become weak and I insulted you.' The Prophet SAWS said 'It is not from your heart, they are just words you said because you were afraid.'

Immediately the following verse was revealed:

Chapter (16) sūrat l-naḥl (The Bees)

مَنْ كَفَرَ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ إِيمَانِهِ إِلَّا مَنْ أُكْرِهَ وَقَلْبُهُ مُطْمَئِنٌّ بِالْإِيمَانِ
وَلَكِنْ مَنْ شَرَحَ بِالْكُفْرِ صَدْرًا فَعَلَيْهِمْ غَضَبٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ



16:106 Whoever disbelieves in Allah after his belief... except for one who is forced [to renounce his religion] while his heart is secure in faith. But those who [willingly] open their breasts to disbelief, upon them is wrath from Allah, and for them is a great punishment;

They went through so many trials because of **la ilaha illAllah**. Nabi SAWS would go to those being tortured and ridiculed and tell them 'Be patient, you will certainly find your place in Paradise'.

The Prophet SAWS would not protest, but said to be patient. However, the sahabah could no longer be patient so they went to Nabi SAWS to complain that they cannot handle anymore torture or persecution. The Prophet SAWS was sitting in the shade of the Kaba. They asked the Prophet SAWS 'Why I are you not making du'a for us to remove all this difficulty from us.' and The Prophet SAWS sat up his face became red before he responded.

To be continued.