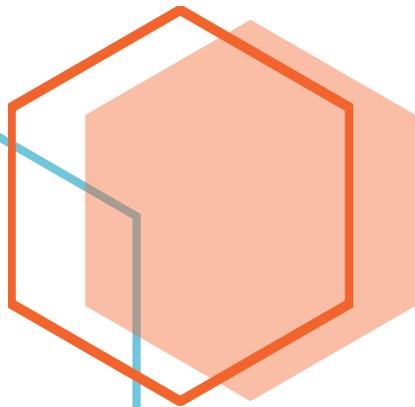




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During a trial, we need to be connected to the Qur'an and we need to be connected to good people just as the Companions of the Cave. The good companions will help you to be firm in the times of trial. The other kind of companion i.e. and evil companion will pull you down and perhaps you will lose your faith.

Ayah 28

وَأَصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ
يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَهُ، وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنَاكَ عَنْهُمْ تُرِيدُ زِينَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا
وَلَا تُطِعْ مَنْ أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَن ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ
فُرُطًا

And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His countenance. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, desiring adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect

Allah commands the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and his followers to patiently hold yourself with the good companions. This will make us to be steady in the time of the trial. To be patient is a form of worship. Allah told the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم who is our leader to be firm and patient with the people who call their Rabb for nurturing and who seek the face of Allah. Here Allah is commanding the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to accompany the good people and to be with them because there is a lot of benefit in their companionship. These are the people who invoke and call their lord for their nurturing and they are always seeking the face of Allah.

There is endless benefit in accompanying good people, It keeps the people united and together they can even face a big trial.

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Allah tells the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to not to turn your eyes away from the good companions otherwise they will be distracted by the glamor of the world. This tells us the importance of accompanying good people. We should not let our eyes overlook the good companions because it will make you desire the adornment of the worldly life.

Wanting the Duniya makes the heart attached to the Duniya and then all your thinking imagination and dreams will be about the Duniya and this will remove the desire of the hereafter from the heart. The glitter of the Duniya can hypnotize the brain and will make one forget the remembrance of Allah and such a person will follow his desires and fall into sin. He will be among the losers.

From here we learn the importance of the eyes. We need to look at the good people which increase your connection with Allah. Accompanying good people is a protection from the desire and attachment of the Duniya.

Allah tells the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to not obey someone whose heart is negligent from Allah's remembrance. If someone is neglectful in remembering Allah then Allah will make him to be more forgetful and heedless. Such a person is always following his desire. He is a loser as all his matters are lost. When you obey someone then you will follow his example. i.e. an evil person will only call you to his evil characteristics e.g. if this person is a liar then he wants you to be a liar too.

The most important thing is faith as it will save us from falling in fitnah deen.

Benefit of this Ayah.

The one you need to obey is someone whose heart is filled with the love of Allah and it will flow on his tongue so always he remembers Allah. He precedes Allah's pleasure over his desire so he is protected and guarded. He protects the people who follow him. His time will be protected and all his situations and conditions will be reformed. He is calling the people to whatever Allah bestowed on him. **This is the person who deserves to be a leader.** We need to be patient on worshiping Allah which is the highest level of patience and this is only possible when we are with good companions.