

Summary

In order to attain Divine nearness the Holy Qur'an draw our attention to humility and humbleness

The life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is the perfect example for believers to follow. He demonstrated an exemplary model of patience and humility

Unless the spirit of the Qur'anic commandment '**And seek help**' is understood it is not possible to ascertain ways of piety, and the spirit of '**And seek help**' is generated with humility

It should not be assumed that it is easy to adopt humility.

May we, as a Jama'at and each Ahmadi individually, reach that stage of humility and humbleness, where our patience is real and our worship of God is also real and gain His acceptance



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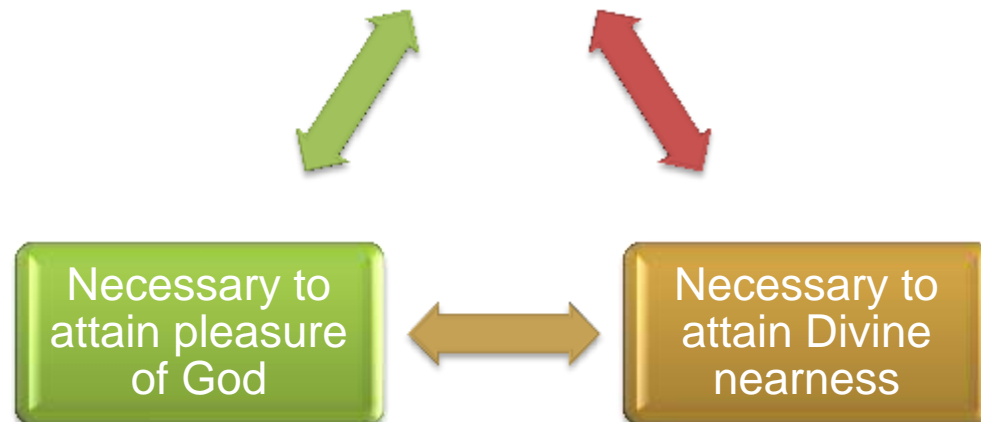
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'And seek help with patience and Prayer; and this indeed is hard except for the humble in spirit, Who know for certain that they will meet their Lord, and that to Him will they return.'
(2:46 – 47)

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These traits are develop in a true believer if he follows God's commandments. Elucidating '**...and it increases humility in them.**' [\(17:110\)](#)

Following commandments of God takes one to humility and humbleness

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says that the Word of God enhances humility and meekness in them.



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A believer cannot truly follow the word of God unless he is humble and meek

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Whereas, with humility and humbleness worship of God and other good deeds attain high standards

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Prophets of God propagate this objective and they lead by their own blessed examples. Among all the Prophets of God the supreme example is that of the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)



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'Allah the Exalted is Ever Merciful and Compassionate. He nurtures man in every way and has mercy on him. It is by virtue of His mercy that He sends His Apostles and Messengers so that they may save people of the world from sinful life.

Arrogance, however, is a most dangerous affliction. Arrogance brings about spiritual death of a person. I know for certain that this affliction is worse than murder. An arrogant person becomes Satan's brother because it was arrogance which disgraced Satan.

Therefore, it is conditional for a believer that he should not have any arrogance.



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On the contrary, he should have humility, meekness and modesty. God's Apostles are exclusive in this regard; they have extreme humility and humbleness. More than the others, this characteristic was paramount in the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

One of his servants was asked as to how did the Prophet (pbuh) treat him. He replied that the truth was that the Prophet served him more than the servant served him. Bless O Allah Muhammad and the people of Muhammad and grant him blessings and security. This is a supreme example of morals and humility.

It is true that among one's associates it is mostly those who serve/servants who are present around one most of the time. Therefore, if one needs to ascertain someone's humility, humbleness, forbearance and tolerance, it can be found out from them.'



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His lofty standard of worship

- God has stated that he should declare that his worship is only for the sake of God and he did not wish to seek anything for himself through his worship of God.

His lofty standard of worship

- The level of the declaration: '**Say, 'My Prayer and my sacrifice and my life and my death are *all* for Allah, the Lord of the worlds.'** [\(6:163\)](#) is so high that none other than the Holy Prophet (pbuh) could reach it.

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- God states about patience: '**But none is granted that save those who are steadfast; and none is granted that except the one who possesses a large share of excellence.'** [\(41:36\)](#)



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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) demonstrated an exemplary model of patience in Taif

.. in spite of being injured by the troublemakers [of Taif], he said no to the destruction of this city

When his own followers requested him to pray against a certain body of people, he prayed for the guidance of those people and thus advised his followers to be patient

Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'We have been given a perfect model to attain nearness to God Almighty. And God has commanded us to emulate it and has also given us various directives and has stated that if we follow them we will attain His nearness.'

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One cannot abide by the commandments of God if one does not seek God's grace with humility.



One should seek God's help for His grace with humility and humbleness.



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It is important to comprehend that one's own qualities cannot make one worthy of blessings; it is the grace of God alone that can enhance our worldly and the next life.

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We should pray to God with utter humility
O God, in Your mercy and grace, come to our help and
teach us ways which please You; teach us those ways of
worship and patience that please You

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'Sabr'
[Arabic word for patience]

Enduring pain with dignity and without creating clamour

To remain content with the will of God with complete gratification

To maintain and uphold one's loyalty and strength of faith for God under any circumstance

To remain steadfast on His teaching

To remain connected to God and to only rely on Him



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God never wastes His sincere people

God states that adhering to the practice of patience makes one recipient of God's blessings

When a person relies solely and completely on God, God rewards such patience.

Patience does not signify to simply sit back; grin and bare.

On needs to focus on Salat with due diligence



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Salat signifies

the prescribed Prayer

Dua (prayers)

turning to God

turning to Him in humility

and seeking His grace

A person who is free from egotism can pay the dues of such 'Salat', one who has no conceit.

The Salat of a person who does not have these attributes is not real Salat. God does not care for such a person



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God specifically addressed the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and said that He liked his humble ways

God cares for the person who has great humility and has a resilient, enduring connection with God.



One should turn to God with humility and resolve ...

.. if one wishes to taste the fruit of patience

And have one's prayers accepted



This is what will save from Satan, this is what will strengthen faith and also grant Divine nearness.



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There is much egotism, indolence and greed for this world and other interests that do not let one be humble

We should always be mindful that God wants His servants to display patience of the order and offer worship of the standard in which he does not even momentarily think of any other but God.

This is not easy and is not possible to attain without His grace.

Therefore, one should turn to God and seek His grace with firm belief in: **'and that to Him will they return'**.



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The blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) should note embraced out of ardent love for him



The Promised Messiah (as) said

This is the condition that makes a believer a true believer



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God states that one who follows this is blessed with '**then will Allah love you**' and also given an insight into '**to Him will they return**'.

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When we pray to God mindful of Him having power and control over everything and also mindful of our own utter insignificance and we wish for Him to accept our prayers and grant us humility, then we also need to try and stay firm with patience and



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We
pray to
God

- to forgive us if our prayer, our endeavours, or our apparent humility has any element of dishonesty and our sense of humility is mere deception of self.
- to be included among the truly humble people about whom the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that owing to their humility God raises them to the seventh heaven.
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- to enable us to live our lives in the way His beloved Prophet (pbuh) wished us to live
- for us to come up to the expectations that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had of his Jama'at



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)
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'Our Jama'at should pay attention to the
matter that when one is embroiled in a lesser
sin, no matter how small, it gradually takes one
to greater sins.

All manner of defects get embedded in such a
covert manner in a person that it becomes
difficult to rid of them.

Man, who is a humble being, beings to feel
pompous and becomes conceited and haughty.

One cannot rid of such matters unless one
considers oneself most lowly in the way of Allah.



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.... Man should always consider himself to be lowly and consider his being insignificant. When each person, no matter how grand his lineage, reflects over himself, in some manner or the other and providing he has the insight, he will definitely consider himself unworthy and lowly compared to the cosmos.

Man can never be granted entry into God Almighty's kingdom unless he extends the same courtesy to an old and helpless old woman, that he would or should extend to a person of aristocratic background and unless he saves himself from all kinds of pride, conceit and arrogance.



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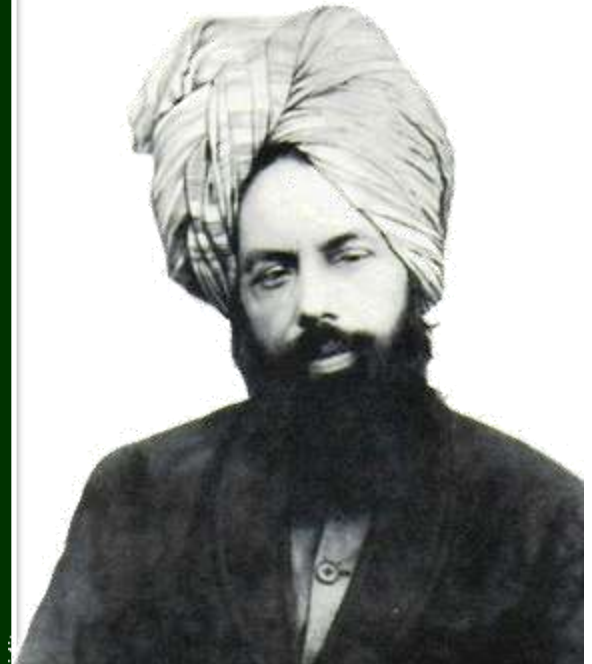
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With the slightest of variation good morals can change into bad morals. Allah the Exalted has only opened one door for the good of His creation, that is, prayer.

When a person enters this door weeping and crying, the Noble Lord covers him with purity and encompasses him with His greatness to such an extent that the person runs miles from useless matters and misdemeanours.

What is the reason that in spite of believing in God, man does not avoid sin?





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The fact of the matter is that there is an element of atheism in man and he does not have complete and absolute belief and faith in Allah the Exalted. Otherwise, if he knew that there is a God Who will recompense and can destroy him in one moment, how could he commit sin?

Hadith explains that no thief commits theft in a state of being a true believer and no fornicator fornicates in a state of being a true believer. One can only be rid of wickedness once the insight and awareness is instilled in one that God Almighty's chastisement comes down like lethal lightening and destroys like raging fire. It is then that the greatness of God is embedded in hearts that all wicked acts are dissolved..”



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Thus, there is salvation in spiritual awareness/knowledge. Love is enhanced with spiritual awareness, ... Two aspects increase love; beauty and favour. How can a person love who does not know the beauty and favours of Allah the Exalted? Thus, Allah the Exalted has stated: **'...nor will they enter Heaven until a camel goes through the eye of a needle...'** (7:41) That is, the disbelievers will not enter Heaven until a camel passes through the eye of a needle. Commentators interpret this in the apparent sense.

However, I say that the seeker of salvation should trim down his uncontrolled, refractory self through spiritual endeavours to such an extent that he can pass through the eye of a needle. As long as the self is corpulent with worldly pleasures and selfish desires it cannot pass through the sacred path of Shariah and enter Paradise.

Bring about a death on worldly pleasures and trim yourself down with fear and awe of God, then alone will you be able to pass through it and this passage will be a source of your salvation in the Hereafter by taking you to Paradise.'



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May we, as a Jama'at and each Ahmadi individually, reach that stage of humility and humbleness, where our patience is real and our worship of God is also real and gain His acceptance.

May our patience and prayers bear fruit in the Hereafter as well as this world in a way that the world may witness that we are the Jama'at established by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace); a Jama'at that submits to God with humility, pays the dues of worship of God and abides by His every directive with humility. That it is a Jama'at which seeks God's pleasure and will bring about a revolution in this world with patience and prayer.



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Prayers should be said for Ahmadis in Pakistan as they are going through a difficult period. May God strengthen their faith and enhance them in their connection with the Divine. Pakistani Ahmadis should specifically pray a lot for their own faith. May God enable everyone to gain God's nearness!

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