

Warning to the disobedient

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Disobedience cannot enter into our character unless we forget our faith and become discontent. Iblis was told that he had no authority over the Messenger's followers except those deviators who would follow him, and that hell is the promised place for them all.

We must ask Allah through His Messenger not to let us weaken in the faith and make firm our feet because when we become weak-hearted, we begin to dispute about our affairs and our duty—this leads us to disobey even after we are shown the right path.

The Holy Qur'an says: "We have certainly created man to face difficulties," meaning even when difficulties confront us, when we believe in Allah and obey Him we are able to endure the difficulties. Advancement travels along a path of hard struggle. We are conceived in a struggle; we come into this world in a struggle; we must struggle to grow and struggle to survive, then in the end we and our children can enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Look at the Messenger of

Allah; in order to bring about a spiritual, moral and mental awakening and advancement of the Black man, the Messenger of Allah had to struggle. It is not easy, it is not a picnic, it requires long hours and exceedingly hard, dedicated work, but because he has complete faith in Allah, and Allah created him for this work, he can face it and he is successful.

When a man is raised to life, as we are raised by Messenger Muhammad, then the suggestions and the promptings of the devil, which are evilness and disobedience, should cease to affect us and cause us to fall. The devil's nature is to try and make us slip, for he knows this will cause us to turn back. They make evil deeds and disobedience look attractive, and we then turn to the devil and make the devil our patron.

Let us remember—for our good deeds Allah intends good for us and there is none who can repel it; but by the same token, for our evil deeds and disobedience, Allah afflicts us with harm and there is none who can remove it but Him.

Allah has decreed: "It is I and My Apostle who must prevail, for Allah is One full of Strength and able to enforce His Will."