
How to handle a blessing or a calamity

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹ said, “If you are given a blessing then do not [just] take it as a blessing, becoming merry and happy. It is a blessing, there is no doubt about that, but know that you are being tested by it, [tested] to see whether you will give due thanks for it or not.

If some harm comes your way, then be patient, for that too is a trial and test from Allaah the Mighty and Majestic to test whether you will be patient or not. And if you are patient and hope for the reward from Allaah, then Allaah said, “**Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without reckoning.**”^{2 3}

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² سورة الزمر – Soorah Az-Zumar [39:10]

³ Tafseer Juz Amma, p. 128.