

Be mindful of Allah, and you will find Him in front of you. Recognise and acknowledge Allah in times of ease and prosperity, and He will remember you in times of adversity. And know that what has passed you by [and you have failed to attain] was not going to befall you, and what has befallen you was not going to pass you by. And know that victory comes with patience, relief with affliction, and hardship with ease.

Hadeeth 20

On the authority of Abu Masood Uqbah bin 'Amr al-Ansaree al-Badree (may Allah be pleased with him) who said:

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Verily, from what was learnt by the people from the speech of the earliest prophecy is: If you feel no shame, then do as you wish."

It was related by al-Bukhari.

Hadeeth 21

On the authority of Abu 'Amr — and he is also called Abu 'Amrah — Sufyan bin Abdullah ath-Thaqafee (may Allah be pleased with him) who said:

I said, "O Messenger of Allah, tell me something about al-Islam which I can ask of no one but you." He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Say I believe in Allah — and then be Steadfast."

It was related by Muslim.

Hadeeth 22

On the authority of Abu Abdullah Jabir bin Abdullah al-Ansaree (may Allah be pleased with him) that:

A man questioned the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and said, "Do you think that if I perform the obligatory prayers, fast in Ramadhan, treat as lawful that which is *halal*, and treat as forbidden that which is *haram*, and do not increase upon that [in voluntary good deeds], then I shall enter Paradise?" He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) replied, "Yes."

It was related by Muslim.

Hadeeth 23

On the authority of Abu Malik al-Harith bin al-Harith al-Asharee (may Allah be pleased with him) who said:

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Purity is half of *iman* (faith). '*al-hamdu lillah* (praise be to Allah)' fills the scales, and '*subhan-Allah* (how far is Allah from every imperfection) and '*al-hamdulillah* (praise be to Allah)' fill that which is between heaven and earth. And the *salah* (prayer) is a light, and charity is