

Lesson [24]: Fitnah - Why We are Tested - The Wisdom of Fitnah and Trials for The Believer



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- <https://youtu.be/M-YIJpXQm5I> 3 major tests in the Donya (world)
- <https://youtu.be/RHdH8Lwl1Vs> Why Allah is testing us

1. Linguistic Meaning of the word Fitnah:

- a. It is to expose the gold to very high temperature to separate the gold from other material.
- b. The gold smith is called Futan.

2. Not only we want to be tested, but we are looking for harder tests:

- a. Dead people are not tested. We want to live. We want to have long life, which is a harder test
- b. People who don't have freedom are not tested. We want to be free and we want more freedom, which is a harder test. With freedom comes responsibility.
- c. Poor people have much less test than rich people. We want to be wealthy and we want to increase our wealth, which is a harder test.
- d. Powerless people have much less test than powerful people. We want power. We want more power, which is a harder test. With power comes responsibility. Power increases the circle of influence.

3. Reasons for Fitnahs (tests and trials)

- a. [\[Ankabot 29:2-4\]](#)
- b. We all know how to say La Ilaha Illa Allah and read Al-Fatiha

- c. Identification of the ones who worship on the edge [[Hai 22:11](#)]
- d. Allah doesn't like evil but he likes the good that comes out of the evil. How to fight evil. Allah doesn't like Fasad [[Baqara 2 :205](#)].
- e. People have different levels of faith. Fitnahs are going to sort them.
- f. Source of purification from sins.
- g. Raise the ranks (purification) or punishment. How do you if a fitnah is a relief or a curse. If you pass the test, then it is a blessing. Allah punishes with Fitnahs as well. 5th grade test for 4th grade students versus 12th grade test for 4th grade students.
- h. Allah tests you because he wants to hear your voice praying to him for relief.
- i. The result of the Fitnah will prove to the slave that he deserves hell or heaven. No F grade without a test.
- j. Love of Allah. Prophets have the hardest Fitnahs, followed by the righteous, followed by the less righteous, ... The best has harder tests than the less.

4. Types of Fitnah

- a. Testing us against each other. Poor is a test to rich and vice versa. Powerful is a test to powerless and vice versa. Ruler is a test to ruled people and vice versa. Men are a test to women and vice versa. [[Forqan 25:20](#)]
- b. Tests on different levels Individuals, community, national and international.
- c. Tests for Muslims is in money. When the Prophet said that Muslims were so poor. Prophet said when the money came from Bahrain, I am not worry about you when you are poor. I worry that Allah would open the doors of wealth on you. Rat race for the money. You will be destroyed.
- d. Test of money. Money corrupts. Qaron test [[Qasas 28:76-83](#)]
- e. Tests of the children of Israel are women.
- f. Tests of submission (islam small i) Dos and Donts.
- g. Social Media is a Fitnah, video games are Fitnahs.
- h. Fitnah of being a celebrity.
- i. The test of good things and the test of bad things [[Anbia 21:35](#)]
- j. Soliman and horses. [[Sad 38:31-33](#)]
- k. The worst kind of Fitnah is the Fitnah of the Dajal, i.e., the false deceiving messiah. Happens at the end of time but it exists in a less serious fashion at all times.

- l. Fear, hunger, shortage of supporters, shortage of food and calamities [[Baqara 2:155-157](#)]

5. Results of Fitnah:

- a. Purified heart.
- b. Fitnah makes us stronger
- c. The one who accepts the fitnah, his heart will turn into evil state. Dark dots or white dots.
- d. Reward to the patient ones. The reward level is proportional to the hardship level.
- e. Waiting for the relief with patience is the among the best worship.
- f. Increase the immunity against harder Fitnah.

6. More facts about Fitnah:

- a. The Prophet predicted that this Umah will be tested.
- b. Hadith in Muslim. It is an obligation on every Prophet to warn his followers from what he knows. My Umah will be tested so much at the end of times and will be less tested in early times.
- c. Never Ask Allah for a Fitnah. Always pray for no Fitnah.
- d. Also, always pray for protection against specific severe Fitnah such as the death of a loved one.
- e. Don't test yourself and run away from Fitna as fast as you can. Run away from Fitna as you run away from the lion.
- f. You might not be looking for Fitnah, but it comes in front of you
- g. Seek ways to prevent Fitnah. Marriage is a protection from Fitnah.
- h. The Prophet SAW said that worshiping Allah during the time of Fitnah is like making an immigration to me. See the Muslims suffering hardships around the world. Praying is very difficult to them.
- i. We should increase our worship of Allah (SWT). A fitnah is meant to make us better and more pure. During times of fitnah, we should increase our worship, our nawafil prayers, our sadaqat, our recitation of the Qur'an, and we should race with one another in doing good deeds.
- j. The Fitnah is even worse than killing [[Baqara, 2:191](#)], i.e., to cause Fitnah to someone to leave his religion is worse than killing.

- k. According to the hadith, a time will come when a person will go to sleep as a believer and wake up as a disbeliever or wake up as a believer and go to sleep as a disbeliever. Why? The reason is that he will sell his own religion for the price of this world. May Allah (SWT) protect us from this situation.