

## **ALI 033: Themes from Sura al-Baqarah**

### **Session Three – verses 153-157**

#### **Hadith**

1. *Surely we are Allah's* is acknowledgement by us that we belong to Him, *and to Him shall we return* is acknowledgement by us that we shall die.

**Imam Ali (a)**

2. You will not achieve what you like except through patience at what you dislike.

**H: Isa (a)**

3. Almighty Allah has said: I have given the world as loan to My servants . . . and from whoever I take something (and he is patient) I grant him three things which if I granted the angels they would be well pleased; blessings, mercy, and guidance.

**Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (a)**

4. Allah tries His servants through different types of difficulties . . . and puts them through various displeasures, to remove pride from their hearts, and place humility in their souls, and to make that a door toward His Grace.

**Imam Ali (a)**

5. Then I began to think whether I should fight or endure calmly the blinding darkness of tribulations wherein the grown ups become feeble and the young grow old and the true believer acts under strain until he meets Allah. I found that endurance thereon was wiser. So I adopted patience although there was pricking in the eye and suffocation in the throat. I watched the plundering of my Khilafat until the first went his way but handed over the Khilafat to Ibne Khattab.

**Khutba Shaqshaqiyyah**

**Khutba #3, Nahjul Balagha**