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Encouraging others to observe patience and staying firm on this path during the period of the occultation (as was mentioned in the previous section) is another responsibility that the true believers must perform.

One must command and encourage his family, friends, brothers and sisters to observe patience and stay firm on the true faith.

The Messenger of Allah (S) has said:

وَفِي عَلَيٍّ نُزِّلَتْ [وَ الْعَصْرِ] وَ تَفْسِيرُهَا: وَ رَبِّ عَصْرِ الْقِيَامَةِ، [إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ]: أَعْدَاءُ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ [إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا] [بَوَالِيَّتِهِمْ] وَ عَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ [بِمُؤَاَسَاةِ إِخْوَانِهِمْ] وَ تَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَ تَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ [بِالصَّبْرِ فِي غَيْبَةِ غَائِبِهِمْ]

“Surat al-’Asr was revealed about ‘Ali (as) and its exegesis is as follows: I swear by the time, I swear by the Lord of the Day of Judgement. Verily all of mankind is at loss, the enemies of the family of Muhammad Except for those who believe in their (the Ahlul Bayt’s) wilayah, And perform righteous actions showing kindness to their brothers in the faith, and encourage others to observe the truth and encourage others to observe patience they encourage the observing of patience during the occultation of the one who is in occultation.”¹

¹. al-Iqbal, pg. 457

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