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PARADISE IT'S BLESSINGS AND HOW TO GET THERE

Paradise is the ultimate goal towards which the Believers in God of all ages have striven for. It is the greatest desire of the righteous Believers. Reaching Paradise is the hope for which they look throughout their lives. In many cases Paradise has been the motive for good deeds, even in the face of great dangers, and when following the truth has meant certain death (to the Believers in God who perform righteous deeds). Paradise is the abode of the pious, God-fearing people; it is the home of those whom God has blessed.

In the Holy Qur'an, God described Paradise in such a marvelous way that it is as if we had seen it. God, the Most Beneficent, the Almighty says: "The Righteous (will be) amid Gardens and fountains (of clear-flowing water). Their greetings will be: 'Greet here in Peace and Security.' And we shall remove from their hearts any lurking sense of injury; (they will be) brothers (joyfully) leaning each other on thrones (of dignity). There no sense of fatigue shall touch them, nor shall they (ever) be asked to leave." Qur'an 15:46-48

God will admit those who believe and work righteous deeds; to Gardens beneath which rivers flow; they shall be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearls; and their garments there will be of silk." Qur'an 22:23

(Here is) a parable of the Garden which the righteous are promised; in it are rivers of water incorruptible, rivers of milk of which the taste never changes; rivers of wine, a joy to those who drink; and rivers of honey pure and clear. In it there are for them all kinds of fruits; and Grace from their Lord (can those in such bliss) be compared to such as shall dwell for ever in the fire, and the given to drink boiling water so that it cuts up their bowels (in grief)? Qur'an 47:15

And those foremost (in Faith) will be foremost (in the Hereafter). These will be those nearest to God; in Gardens of Bliss. A number of people from those of old, and a few from those of later times. (They will be) on Thrones encrusted (with gold and precious stones), reaching on them, facing each other. Round about them will (sever) youths of perpetual (freshness), with goblets (shining) breakers, and cups (filled) out of clear-flowing fountains. No after-taste will they receive therefrom; nor will they suffer intoxication; and with fruits any that they may select; and the best of loaves; any that they may desire. And (there will be) companions with beautiful, big and lustrous eyes, five and pearls well-guarded. Aheadward for the deeds of their past (life). No frivolity will they hear therein, nor any lament of ill, only the saying, 'Peace! Peace!'

And those who feared their Lord will be led to the Garden in crowds; until they reach their wives; it's gates will be opened and it's Keepers will say: "Peace be upon you! Well have you done! Enter here; to dwell therein." Qur'an 39:73-74

But the such as fear the time when they will stand before (the Judgment Seat) On that Lord, there will be two Gardens. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Containing all kinds (of trees and delights); Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny. In them (each) will be two springs flowing (freely). Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them will be the fruits of every kind, two and two. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? They will recline on Carpets, whose inner lining will be of rich brocade; the Fruit of the Gardens will be made (and easy to reach). Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them will be (Maidens), Chaste, restraining their glances, whom no man or jinna before them has touched. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Like unto robes and coral. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Is there any reward for Good, other than Good? Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? And besides these two, there are two other Gardens. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Dark-green in color (from plentiful watering). Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them (each) will be two springs pouring forth water in continuous abundance. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them will be the fruits, and dates and palm-branches. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them will be fat (Carpenters), good, beautiful. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Carpenters restrained (as to their glances); in (goodly) garments. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Whom no man or jinna before them has touched. Reaching

on green Cushions and rich Carpets of beauty. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Blessed is the name of your Lord, Full of Majesty, Bounty and Honor." Qur'an 55:66-78

And because they were patient and constant, He will reward them with a Garden and garments of silk. Reclining in the (Garden) on raised thrones; they will see there neither the sun's (excessive heat) nor the moon's (excessive cold). And the shades of the (Garden) will come low over them, and the bunnies (of fruit) there, will hang low in humility." Qur'an 55:66-78

DESCRIPTIONS OF PARADISE: The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) described Paradise in depth and appealing detail; the Paradise which God has promised to the Righteous. The believers and the Righteous find reassurance in this information and the revelation (and this knowledge).

THE FIRST PEOPLE TO ENTER PARADISE: The Messenger of Allah (God) (Peace be upon him) said: "On the day of Resurrection, I will come to the gate of Paradise and ask for it to be opened. The gatekeeper will ask: 'Who are you? And I will answer: 'Muhammad.' Then he will say: 'You are the one before whom I was ordered not to open the gate for anyone.' (Muhammad). The children of Adam will all be under my banner on the Day of Resurrection, and I am the first one for whom the gates of Paradise will be opened."

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRST GROUP TO ENTER PARADISE: "The first group of people to enter Paradise will be sitting like the Kill moon, and the next group will be shining like the brightest star. They will pass neither urine nor stools nor mucus; neither will they spit. Their clothes will be made of gold, their sweat will be musk, and their fingers/burners will be made of silverwood. Their companions will be *al-Hur al-Ayn*, (Beautiful but females). Their hearts will be as the heart of a single man. They will be in the image of Adam, his height being sixty cubits. (Agreed upon).

THERE IS NO DEATH IN PARADISE: "When the people of Paradise enter Paradise, a voice will call out to them: 'You will live and never die; you will remain healthy and never fall ill; you will remain young and never grow old; you will enjoy a life of ease and never suffer.' (Muslim).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE: "The people of Paradise will enter Paradise healthy, as if with Khol in their eyes, and eyes thirty or forty times years. There will enter Paradise people whose hearts are like the hearts of birds." "The Believer in Paradise will be given such and such strength for sexual intercourse." He was asked: "O Messenger of Allah, will he be able to bear that?" He said: "He will be given the strength of a hundred men." "Whoever enters Paradise will enjoy a life of ease and not suffer his clothes will never become worn and his youth will never fade." (Muslim).

THE WOMEN OF PARADISE: "I am of the women of Paradise were to look towards the people of earth, she would illuminate the space between the heavens and the earth, and in it with perfume. The veil on her head is better than the world and all that is in it." (Abul-Bakr). "The wives of the people of Paradise will sing to their spouses in the best voices anyone has ever heard."

THE FOOD AND DRINK OF THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE: "The people of Paradise eat and drink, but they do not pass stools, mucus, or urine. Their horns are like the shell of musk. Fasting Allah (God) will be as natural to them as breathing." Muslim. "In Paradise there is a sea of water, a sea of honey, a sea of milk, and a sea of wine; rivers will flow from these seas."

THE APARTMENTS OF PARADISE: "The people of Paradise see the people of the standard above them as if they were shining stars, settling on the horizon, because of the difference in status between them. They asked: "O Messenger of Allah, are these (only) apartments the abode of the Prophets alone, which nobody else can reach? He said: "No, by Him in Whose hand is my soul, (it may also be reached by) the man who believes in Allah and His Prophets." (Agreed upon). "In Paradise there are apartments whose outside can be seen from the inside, and whose inside can be seen from the outside. Allah has prepared them for those who give away food, who speak to people with kindness, who keep up regular fasting, and who pray at night when people are asleep."

THE PALACES OF PARADISE: The Messenger of Allah said: "I entered Paradise where (I found myself) in a palace of gold. I said: 'Whose is this?' They said: 'It is for a man from Quraysh.' I thought I was free, and I said: 'Who is he?' They said: 'Uthman bin al-Khattab.' And nothing stopped me from entering it. O son of al-Khattab, except what I know of your jealousy (i.e. regarding his family and womanhood). Umar said: 'would I be jealous of you, O Messenger of Allah?' (Agreed upon).

THE TREES, GARDENS AND SOIL OF PARADISE: "The Believer in Paradise will have a tree made from a single hollowed-out palm sixty miles high. The Believer there will have wives and will visit each of them in turn; none of them will be able to see the others." (Agreed upon). "The Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'Then Allah took me up until I reached the Lulube (al-Sidra al-Muntaha) in the Seventh Heaven, which was covered with colors. I don't know what they are! Then I was admitted to Paradise, and in it were domes and tents made of pearls, and its soil was musk.' (Agreed upon).

"Two gardens, their vessels and everything in them are of silver, and two gardens, their vessels and everything in them are of gold. And there is nothing between the people and their seeing their Lord except the veil of majestically concealing His face in the Paradise of Eden." (Agreed upon).

THE TREES OF PARADISE: "In Paradise there is a tree (so big that) they s wellfed and well-trained horse could travel for one hundred years and still not be clear of its shade." (Agreed upon). "There is not a tree in Paradise whose trunk is not made of gold."

THE MARKET OF PARADISE: "In Paradise there is a market which the people will go to every Friday. A wind will come from the north and blow dust into their faces and clothes. This will increase their beauty, and they will return to their wives that increase in beauty. Their wives will say: 'You have increased in beauty since we last saw you. And they will say: 'You too have increased in beauty since we last saw you.' (Muslim).

THE RIVERS OF PARADISE: The Messenger of Allah said: (Peace be upon him) "I entered Paradise and found myself standing in a river whose banks were tents of pearls. I struck the water flowing in it with my hand, and found it was the finest-smelling musk. I asked: 'What is this, O Lord?' He said: 'It is al-Kawthar which your Lord has given you."

THE GREATEST BLESSINGS IN PARADISE: "The Messenger of Allah said: (Peace be upon him) 'When the people of Paradise enter Paradise, and the people of Hell enter Hell, a voice will call out to them: 'O people of Paradise Allah has made a promise to you which He wishes to fulfill.' They will say: 'What is it? He said: 'Allah has increased (the weight of) our good deeds in their balance, and whitened our faces, admitted us to Paradise and saved us from the fire? Then the veil will be lifted and they will see Him. By Allah, Allah has not given them anything more dear and precious to them than that they see Him."

THE WAY TO PARADISE OF THE PIOUS-GOD-FEARING PEOPLE: Allah (God) and His Messenger Muhammad (Peace be upon him) clearly described Paradise and how to get there. First and foremost the believers must believe that there is none worthy of worship except God and His Messenger Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the Messenger of God, God and His Messenger are to be obeyed in true sincerity. The believers must establish regular prayer, pay zakat (charity), fast in the month of Ramadan and perform Hajj (pilgrimage) to the Holy city of Makkah. We must believe that God has created this universe and He is controlling it by His Power, His Knowledge, His Will and His Wisdom. We must not associate anything or any human beings (whether they are His Prophets or Messengers) with God. He has no son and no partner. We must not worship anything whatsoever besides God. He alone has the exclusive right to the worship. We must believe and follow all of the Messengers of God, and all of the divine revelations that were revealed to them. We must believe in the angels and the timeless Knowledge of God, to execute His Plans throughout the universe. We must believe that we will return to God and be called to account and be rewarded or punished accordingly for our deeds, good or bad that were performed by us during our earthly life.

This is the way to Paradise, so let us please ourselves to spend eternal life in Paradise.