

ISLAMIC TEACHINGS ON REWARDS

1. A reward is a recompense given to a person in reference to something good done. According to Islam, a person who is rewarded is one who does something that pleases Allah.
2. In Islam, a person who does a good deed, can be rewarded more than his deed unlike in sinning where one is punished for only the transgression made.
3. On the day of Judgement, a person whose good deeds will outweigh the bad deeds, will be rewarded by Allah accordingly as He says in **Q (39:35)**;

“Thus Allah will do away with their evil deeds and reward them according to their noblest actions”

4. According to **Q (39:10)**. Allah highly recommends His people to be good so that He can reward them with paradise.
5. Allah is very generous that even if one has not done something good but had the intention to do it but unfortunately fails, Allah rewards him as one who has actually done it.
6. In Islam, the best amongst Allah’s creatures is one who fears and gets the best reward.
Q (39:10) says; *“Say; O you my servants who believe! Fear your Lord, the reward is for those who do well in this world...”*
7. The reward for the good doers will be paradise. This is the garden house of Allah full of all articles pleasure which He prepared for the righteous.
8. In order to perfect their reward, the residents of paradise will be nearest to Allah and will be seeing Him.
9. They will occupy places decorated with precious materials like gold and diamond and they will be near each other in order to form a mutual society.
10. Believers in paradise will be served with all sorts of fruits all the time accompanied by opposite sexual mates with virginal purity, grace and beauty.
11. They will never experience anything similar to sorrow such as boredom, sickness, regret, frustration and the like.
12. The best reward to be enjoyed by the righteous will be seeing Allah with their naked eyes. He will unfold His full structure, strength and power.
13. The reward for the righteous on earth is that people like them and find life easier for them.
14. It is reported from the Prophet PBUH that the righteous person Allah likes him and instructs all angels in heaven to like him. Allah then forces all people to like him.

Guiding questions

- a) *Discuss the concept of punishment as taught by Islam.*

- b) Discuss the causes of crimes in your society and using the holy Qur'an, suggest the solutions to prevent these crimes.*
- c) Discuss the concept of punishment from the historical point of view and show the importance of such punishments to man.*
- d) Explain the kind of punishments which Islam prescribes for wrongdoers in society today.*
- e) Discuss the Islamic concept of reward and punishment.*
- f) 'God used to punish those who rejected the faith.' Give an account of the above events as taught in the holy Qur'an.*