

LIFE IN PARADISE AND HELL

PARADISE (JANAH)

1. Paradise is the garden house of Allah full of all articles of pleasure and enjoyment for rewarding the righteous on the Day of Judgement.
2. The righteous in paradise will enjoy a lot of blessings that cannot be conceived of man in this life of the world. Allah says in **Q (32:17)**;
“No soul knows what delights of the eye are hidden in reserve for them as a reward for their deeds”
3. The Prophet PBUH said in relation to the blessings of paradise;
“Allah says; ‘I have prepared for my righteous servants what no eye has ever seen and no ear has ever heard and what mind of man has ever perceived.’”
4. The roof of paradise is the Throne of Allah, the most merciful, under which there are rivers of water that never get stagnant and its pebbles are pearls and coral. Its soil is sweet scented musk.
5. It has eight gates and each gate will be entered by a believer according to his rank, faith and piety. For example, the gate for those who observed fasting is called Rayan.
6. In order to perfect their reward, the residents of paradise will be nearest to Allah seeing Him with their naked eyes, occupying places decorated with precious materials like gold, silver, diamond and others.
7. Residents of paradise will form a mutual society. That is, they will not be isolated like the pagans of hell.
8. In paradise, there will not be any more struggle for survival for example struggling to get food and drinks, medical care, housing, love and the like.
9. Fruits will be a matter of choice in paradise and amazingly, believers will never suffer any disadvantage of eating or drinking like loss of appetite, stomach pains, and the rest.
10. The residents of paradise will be very beautiful and graceful (elegant). They will enjoy divine peace that man has never enjoyed.
11. The righteous in paradise will never experience any form of sorrow. For example, boredom, sickness, regret, frustration and anything similar to that will be unheard of.
12. The believers in Jana will see Allah with their naked eyes and talk to Him directly. There will not be more struggles for worship e.g praying, paying Zakat, fasting e.t.c.
13. They will rest under shades of trees which will spread widely. Under each shade, there are tents of carved pearls with a width of sixty miles. The believer will have a companion in each corner.

14. As far as sexual intercourse is concerned, residents of paradise will have opposite sexual mates with virginal purity and beauty accompanied by full love and they will all be of the same age.

Allah says in **Q (56:22)** says; *“And there will be companions with beautiful, big and lustrous eyes”*

15. The residents of paradise will remain in the youth stage and their clothes will never fade. Men will be fully grown but youthful without beards. They will be of the same young age.
16. They will also occupy places under which rivers of honey, milk and wine are gushing without channels and a believer will be able to make them flow as he wishes.
17. The Prophet’s followers will drink on a pool called **Kauthara** whose water is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey.
18. According to **Q (83:22-28)**, they will be given to drink of pure wine securely sealed to quench their thirst.
19. They will have shining faces full of joy and smiles. They will lie up on soft coaches (beds) and gaze at the unbelievers.
20. In short, the righteous will stay in paradise forever and ever, well pleased with Allah and also Allah well pleased with them.

Allah says in **Q (98:8)**; *“Their reward is with Allah in Paradise beneath which rivers flow, they will dwell in it forever. Allah well pleased with them and also well pleased with Him...”*

21. In conclusion, paradise can be summarized as a place of forgiveness, peace and satisfaction to be extended to the believers by Allah as a result of His merciful kindness.

HELL

1. Hell will be the final abode for those who will be condemned on the day of judgement. It is the punishment which Allah prepared for the sinners.
2. The holy Qur’an describes hell by different names such as *Hawiyya* (deep place by which the bottom cannot be reached), *Jahiim* (blazing fire), *Naar* (the fire), *Sa’iir* (kindled/lit fire), *Hutwamat* (Vehement/vigorous fire) and many others.
3. The residents of hell are people who deny Allah and His messengers, those who associate Him with partners and those who say that Allah has a son or a spouse.
4. The residents of hell also include people who eat others’ wealth through ribah and unlawful means and those who make pictures or statues of human beings or animals.

Allah says in **Q (104:1-4)**; *“Woe to every backbiting slanderer, who piles up wealth and lays it by, thinking that his wealth would*

make him last forever. By no means! He will be thrown into vehement fire”

5. Hell was prepared for women who beautify themselves for others other than their husbands and those people who commit adultery and suicide.
6. The Prophet (PBUH) said that hell was ignited for a thousand years until it turned red, and kept burning for another thousand years until it turned white, and continued for another thousand years until it turned black.
7. According to **Q (56:41-44)**, the residents of hell will be the companions of the left hand and will be in the midst of a fierce blast of fire and in boiling water.
8. They will have no good place to rest but they will be in the shades of black smoke with nothing to refresh or to please.
9. The flames of hell never fade away while its heat is seventy times more severe (hotter) than the hottest fire of this world.
10. The body of the people of hell will be made to grow so that he or she tests the torture of the fire more severely while their skin will be very thick and it will be changed with a new one every time it burns so as to feel the pain of the scorching (hot) punishment.
11. The prophet PBUH said that the distance between the sinner’s shoulders in hell will cover a three days’ journey on a horse and the size of his or her molar tooth will be like mountain Uhud.
12. Their food is the flesh and blood that washes off from the residents of hell. They will also feed on the curst tree called *Zaqqam* mentioned **Q (17:60)**, which is very sour and grows at the bottom of hell.
13. The residents of hell will have nothing cool to drink but hot water mixed with bloody lust which cut through the intestines of the people in hell. Allah says **in Q (78:24-25)**;

“Nothing cool shall they taste therein, nor any drink, save a boiling fluid, dark, muddy and deeply cold”.
14. Hell has seven big gates which unbelievers will enter according to their level of disbelief, dressed in garments made from fire.
15. Wrongdoers will be thrown in blazing flames by fearful and strong angels of punishment led by *Malik*, tied in chains and shackles.
16. Hell is full of scorpions and snakes which will cause pain to its residents forever and ever with neither friends nor supporters.
17. It will be fueled by people and stones. The prophet PBUH said that the least punished will have two burning coals placed on the soles of his or her feet and by this, his or her brain will boil.

- 18.** Some scholars maintain that hell is everlasting while others uphold that after sometime, the residents of hell will be shown Allah's mercy and be removed from hell basing on the following prophet's traditions;

“Surely, a day will come over hell when it will be like a field of corn that has dried up after flourishing for a while.”

“Surely, a day will come over hell when there shall not be a single human being in it”

- 19.** In conclusion, the residents of hell will never see Allah nor will they hear His voice. They will be scattered from one another to a distance of seventy miles journey and will be in severe pain throughout their remaining entire life.

Guiding questions

- a) *To what extent is resurrection a reality?*
- b) *Discuss the events of the day of resurrection.*