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VERSES FROM THE QURAN:
THE FIRST VERSE

Allah (تعالی) says:

﴿ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ • ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِينَ • وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ
مِّنْ غَلٍّ إِخْوَانًا عَلَى سُرُرٍ مُّتَقَابِلِينَ • لَا يَمَسُّهُمْ فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَمَا هُمْ مِنْهَا
بِمُخْرَجِينَ ﴾

Surely, the righteous will be in gardens and springs. (They will be told) “Enter it, safe and secure.” And we will remove whatever feelings of anger is in their breasts, (so they will become as) brothers, on couches facing each other. No tiredness will touch them there and they will never be removed from there.¹



¹ The Quran, Sūrah al-Ḥijr, 15:45-48

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T H E S E C O N D V E R S E

﴿ يَا عِبَادِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ تَحْزَنُونَ • الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ • ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ • يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصِحَافٍ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ ۖ وَفِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهُهِ الْأَنْفُسُ وَتَلْدُّ الْأَعْيُنُ ۗ وَأَنْتُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ • وَتِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ • لَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ مِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴾

Oh my servants, there is nothing for you to be afraid of today, and you will not sad – (you) who believed in our verses and were Muslims. Enter Paradise, you and your wives, in happiness. Circulated among them will be plates and vessels of gold, and therein is whatever the souls desire and whatever delights the eyes, and you will stay there forever. And that is Paradise which you are given for what you used to do. There you will have fruits in plenty which you will eat.²



² Sūrah al-Zukhruf, 43:68-73

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T H E T H I R D V E R S E

﴿ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي مَقَامٍ أَمِينٍ • فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ • يَلْبَسُونَ مِنْ سُندُسٍ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٍ
مُتَقَابِلِينَ ﴾

**Indeed, the righteous will be in a place of safety (Paradise) in gardens and
springs, dressed in fine and thick silk, facing one another.³**

And Allah says:

﴿ يَدْعُونَ فِيهَا بِكُلِّ فَاكِهَةٍ آمِنِينَ • لَا يُدْرِقُونَ فِيهَا الْمَوْتَ إِلَّا الْمَوْتَةَ الْأُولَىٰ ۖ
وَوَقَاهُمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ • فَضْلًا مِّن رَّبِّكَ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴾

**They will call therein for every kind of fruit in peace and security. They will
never taste death therein except the first death (of this world), and he will
save them from the torment of the blazing fire – a favor from your Lord;
that is the greatest reward.⁴**



³ Sūrah al-Dukhān, 44:51-57

⁴ Sūrah al-Dukhān, 44:51-57

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T H E F O U R T H V E R S E

﴿ إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ • عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ • تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ نَضْرَةَ
النَّعِيمِ • يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَخْتُومٍ • خِتَامُهُ مِسْكٌ • وَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ
الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ • وَمِزَاجُهُ مِنْ تَسْنِيمٍ • عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا الْمُقَرَّبُونَ ﴾

Indeed, the righteous will be in pleasure, on decorated couches, looking. You will recognize in their faces the radiance of happiness. They will be given to drink pure, sealed wine, the smell of which is musk. So for this let the competitors compete. It (that wine) will be mixed with *Tasnīm*, a spring from which those near (to Allah) drink.⁵



⁵ Sūrah al-Muṭaffifīn, 83:22-28

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H A D I T H 1

Jābir (رضي الله عنه) said that the messenger of Allah, Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), said:

« يَأْكُلُ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ فِيهَا وَيَشْرَبُونَ ، وَلَا يَتَغَوَّطُونَ ، وَلَا يَمْتَخِطُونَ ، وَلَا يَبُولُونَ ،
وَلَكِنْ طَعَامُهُمْ ذَلِكَ جُشَاءٌ كَرَشِحِ الْمِسْكِ ، يُلْهَمُونَ التَّسْبِيحَ وَالتَّكْبِيرَ كَمَا يُلْهَمُونَ
النَّفْسَ »

The people of Paradise will eat and drink there, but they will not defecate, blow their noses, or urinate. Their food will be digested producing belches that smell like perfume. They will be made to declare Allah's perfection and greatness as easily as they breathe.⁶



⁶ Recorded by Muslim

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H A D I T H 2

Abū Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : أَعَدَدْتُ لِعِبَادِي الصَّالِحِينَ مَا لَا عَيْنٌ رَأَتْ ، وَلَا أُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ ، وَلَا خَطَرَ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ ، وَاقْرَأُوا إِنَّ شَيْئَكُمْ : ﴿ فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُمْ مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴾ »

Allah (تعالى) said, "I have prepared for my righteous servants what no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard of, and what has never been imagine by a human heart." Recite if you like: ﴿ **And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of delight for eyes as reward for what they used to do.** ﴾^{7, 8}



⁷ Sūrah al-Sajdah, 32:17

⁸ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 3

Abū Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) said that the messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« وَلُ زُمْرَةٌ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ عَلَى صُورَةِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ عَلَى أَشَدِّ كَوْكَبٍ دُرِّيٍّ فِي السَّمَاءِ إِضَاءَةً ، لَا يَبُولُونَ ، وَلَا يَتَغَوَّطُونَ ، وَلَا يَتْفُلُونَ ، وَلَا يَمْتَخِطُونَ ، أَمْشَاطُهُمُ الذَّهَبُ ، وَرَشْحُهُمُ الْمِسْكُ ، وَمَجَامِرُهُمُ الْأُلُوَّةُ - عُوْدُ الطَّيِّبِ »

The first group of people to enter Paradise will be shining like the full moon on a clear night. Then those who come after them will be like the brightest, most shining star in the sky. They will not urinate, defecate, spit, or blow their noses. Their combs will be of gold and their sweat will smell like musk. Their incense will be aloes-wood.⁹

And in another ḥadīth recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim:

« لَا اخْتِلَافَ بَيْنَهُمْ ، وَلَا تَبَاغُضَ ، قُلُوبُهُمْ قَلْبٌ وَاحِدٌ ، يُسَبِّحُونَ اللَّهَ بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيًّا »

They (the people of Paradise) will have no differences or disagreements between themselves, and there will not be any hatred between them. Their hearts will be like a single heart. And they will glorify Allah in the morning and afternoon.



⁹ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 4

al-Mughīrah Ibn Shu'bah (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« سَأَلَ مُوسَى رَبَّهُ : مَا أَدْنَى أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ مَنْزِلَةً ؟ قَالَ : هُوَ رَجُلٌ يَجِيءُ بَعْدَ مَا أُدْخِلَ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ الْجَنَّةَ ، فَيُقَالُ لَهُ : ادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ ، فَيَقُولُ : أَيُّ رَبِّ كَيْفَ وَقَدْ نَزَلَ النَّاسُ مَنَازِلَهُمْ وَأَخَذُوا أَخْدَاتِهِمْ ؟ فَيُقَالُ لَهُ : أَتَرْضَى أَنْ يَكُونَ لَكَ مِثْلُ مَلِكٍ مَلِكٍ مِنْ مُلُوكِ الدُّنْيَا ؟ فَيَقُولُ : رَضِيْتُ رَبًّا ، فَيَقُولُ : لَكَ ذَلِكَ وَمِثْلُهُ وَمِثْلُهُ وَمِثْلُهُ ، فَقَالَ فِي الْخَامِسَةِ : رَضِيْتُ رَبًّا ، فَيَقُولُ : هَذَا لَكَ وَعَشْرَةٌ أَمْثَالِهِ وَلَكَ مَا اشْتَهَتْ نَفْسُكَ وَلَدَّتْ عَيْنُكَ ، فَيَقُولُ رَضِيْتُ رَبًّا ، قَالَ : رَبِّ فَأَعْلَاهُمْ مَنْزِلَةً ؟ قَالَ : أَوْلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ أَرَدْتُ ، غَرَسْتُ كَرَامَتَهُمْ بِيَدِي وَخَتَمْتُ عَلَيْهَا فَلَمْ تَرَ عَيْنٌ وَلَمْ تَسْمَعْ أُذُنٌ وَلَمْ يَخْطُرْ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ »

Moses asked his Lord, "Who is the lowest person in position of the people of Paradise?" He replied, "It is a man who will come after the other people of Paradise have been allowed into Paradise. He will be told, 'Enter Paradise,' but the man will ask, 'My Lord, how, when all the people have settled into their homes and taken their belongings?' He will be told, 'Would you be happy if you had like the kingdom of one of the kings of the worldly life?' The man will answer, 'I would be happy, my Lord.'" He (Allah) will say to him, "That is for you and as much like it, and as much like that, and as much like that, and as much like that." On the fifth time (that Allah doubles his kingdom), the man will say, "I am happy,

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my Lord!” Allah will then tell him, “This is for you and ten times as much like it, and you will have whatever your soul desires and whatever delights your eye.” The man will say, “I am happy, my Lord.” He (Moses) asked, “And who is the highest of them in position?” Allah will answer, “They are the ones I want. I have planted, set their honor with my own hand and sealed it. So no eye has seen it, no ear has heard of it, and it has never been imagined by a human heart.”¹⁰



¹⁰ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 5

Ibn Mas'ūd (رضي الله عنه) said that the messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنِّي لِأَعْلَمُ آخِرَ أَهْلِ النَّارِ خُرُوجاً مِنْهَا ، وَآخِرَ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ دُخُولاً الْجَنَّةَ ، رَجُلٌ يَخْرُجُ مِنَ النَّارِ حَبْوًا ، فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ لَهُ : اذْهَبْ فَادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ ، فَيَأْتِيهَا ، فَيُخَيَّلُ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهَا مَلَأَى ، فَيَرْجِعُ ، فَيَقُولُ : يَا رَبِّ وَجَدْتُهَا مَلَأَى ! فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ لَهُ : اذْهَبْ فَادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ ، فَيَأْتِيهَا ، فَيُخَيَّلُ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهَا مَلَأَى ، فَيَرْجِعُ ، فَيَقُولُ : يَا رَبِّ وَجَدْتُهَا مَلَأَى ، فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ لَهُ : اذْهَبْ فَادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ ، فَإِنَّ لَكَ مِثْلَ الدُّنْيَا وَعَشْرَةَ أَمْثَالِهَا ، أَوْ إِنَّ لَكَ مِثْلَ عَشْرَةِ أَمْثَالِ الدُّنْيَا ، فَيَقُولُ : أَتَسْخَرُ مِنِّي ، أَوْ تَضْحَكُ مِنِّي وَأَنْتَ الْمَلِكُ ؟ »

I certainly know of the last person of the fire to get out of it, and the last of the people of Paradise to enter it. It is a man who will come out of the fire crawling. Allah will tell him, “Go and enter Paradise.” He will come to it and it will seem to him that it is full. So he will return and say, “My Lord, I saw that it is full!” Again, Allah will tell him, “Go and enter Paradise.” He will again come to it and find it full and return, saying, “My Lord, I saw that it is full.” So Allah will say, “Go and enter Paradise, and you will have like the whole world and ten times as much,” or he said, “You will surely have ten times as much as the entire world.” The person will then ask, “Are you making fun of me?” or “Are you laughing at me while you are the King?”

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Ibn Mas'ūd said: I looked at Allah's messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and saw him laughing or smiling so much that his back teeth could be seen, and he was saying:

« ذَلِكَ أَدْنَى أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ مَنْزِلَةً »

That is the lowest of the people of Paradise.¹¹



¹¹ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 6

Abū Mūsá (رضي الله عنه) said that the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنَّ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ لَخَيْمَةً مِنْ لَوْلُؤَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ مُجَوَّفَةٍ طُولُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ سِتُّونَ
مِيلاً ، لِلْمُؤْمِنِ فِيهَا أَهْلُونَ ، يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمُؤْمِنُ فَلَا يَرَى بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضاً »

A believer will have in Paradise a tent made of a single, hollowed-out pearl that will be sixty miles in the sky. The believer will have his family with him and he will visit them and they will not be able to see one another (in that tent).¹²



¹² Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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Ḥ A D İ T H 7

Abū Saʿīd al-Khudrī (رضي الله عنه) said that the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ شَجْرَةً يَسِيرُ الرَّكَّابُ الْجَوَادَ الْمُضَمَّرَ السَّرِيعَ مِئَةَ سَنَةٍ مَا يَقْطَعُهَا »

There is a tree in Paradise that a rider riding fast on a race animal could ride for a hundred years and still not go all the way around it.¹³

In another ḥadīth of Abū Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim:

« يَسِيرُ الرَّكَّابُ فِي ظِلِّهَا مِئَةَ سَنَةٍ مَا يَقْطَعُهَا »

A rider could ride in its shade for a hundred years and still not pass beyond it (its shade).



¹³ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 8

Abū Saʿīd al-Khudrī (رضي الله عنه) said that the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنَّ أَهْلَ الْجَنَّةِ لَيَتَرَاءُونَ أَهْلَ الْغُرْفِ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ كَمَا تَتَرَاءُونَ الْكَوْكَبَ الدُّرِّيَّ
الْغَايِرَ فِي الْأُفُقِ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ أَوْ الْمَغْرِبِ لِتَفَاضُلِ مَا بَيْنَهُمْ »

The people of Paradise will look at those in the higher places above them as you look at a shining star in the eastern or western horizon. That is the difference in superiority between them.

The prophet's companions said, "Messenger of Allah, but those are the places of the prophets which no one else will get." He said:

« بَلَى وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ ، رِجَالٌ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَصَدَّقُوا الْمُرْسَلِينَ »

No, I swear by the one in whose hand is my soul (Allah), (they are also for) men who believed in Allah and accepted what the messengers said as truth.¹⁴



¹⁴ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 9

Abū Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« لَقَابُ قَوْسٍ أَحَدِكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا تَطْلُعُ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ وَتَغْرُبُ »

A space in Paradise equal to the length of one your bows is better than all that the sun rises and sets upon (in this life).¹⁵



¹⁵ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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HADĪTH 10

Anas (رضي الله عنه) said that the messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ سُوقًا يَأْتُونَهَا كُلَّ جُمُعَةٍ ، فَتَهْبُ رِيحُ الشَّمَالِ ، فَتَحْتُو فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ وَثِيَابِهِمْ ، فَيَزْدَادُونَ حُسْنًا وَجَمَالًا فَيَرْجِعُونَ إِلَى أَهْلِيهِمْ ، وَقَدْ اِزْدَادُوا حُسْنًا وَجَمَالًا ، فَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ أَهْلُهُمْ : وَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ اِزْدَدْتُمْ حُسْنًا وَجَمَالًا ! فَيَقُولُونَ : وَأَنْتُمْ وَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ اِزْدَدْتُمْ بَعْدَنَا حُسْنًا وَجَمَالًا »

In Paradise there is a market that people will visit every Friday. The northern wind will blow and shower fragrance on their faces and clothes and because of that, they will become more beautiful and attractive. They will then return to their families who will also have become more beautiful and attractive. Their families will say to them, “By Allah, you have become more attractive and beautiful!” They will reply, “And by Allah, you too have become more attractive and beautiful since we left.”¹⁶



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Sahl Ibn Sa'd (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنَّ أَهْلَ الْجَنَّةِ لَيَتَرَاءُونَ الْغُرَفَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ كَمَا تَتَرَاءُونَ الْكَوْكَبَ فِي السَّمَاءِ »

The people of Paradise will see the upper places of Paradise as you see the stars in the sky.¹⁷



¹⁷ Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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HADĪTH 12

Sahl Ibn Sa'd (رضي الله عنه) also said: I was in a sitting in which the prophet (صلى الله عليه) described Paradise. At the end of his talk, he said:

« فِيهَا مَا لَا عَيْنٌ رَأَتْ ، وَلَا أُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ ، وَلَا خَطَرَ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ »

In it is what no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard of, and what has never been imagined by any human heart.

He then recited:

﴿ تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ • فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُمْ مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

Their sides leave their beds to call upon their Lord in fear and hope, and they spend (charity) out of what we have given them. And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes as reward for what they used to do. ^{18, 19}



¹⁸ Sūrah al-Sajdah, 32:16-17

¹⁹ Recorded by al-Bukhārī

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HADĪTH 13

Abū Saʿīd and Abū Hurayrah (رضي الله عنهما) both said that Allah's messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِذَا دَخَلَ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ الْجَنَّةَ يُنَادِي مُنَادٍ: إِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَحْيَوْا ، فَلَا تَمُوتُوا أَبَدًا ، إِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَصِحُّوا ، فَلَا تَسْقَمُوا أَبَدًا ، وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَشَبُّوا فَلَا تَهْرَمُوا أَبَدًا ، وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَنْعَمُوا ، فَلَا تَبْأَسُوا أَبَدًا »

When the people of Paradise have entered Paradise, a caller will call out, “You will live forever and never die again. You will be healthy forever and never be sick again. You will be young forever and never grow old again. And you will be happy forever and never be sad again.”²⁰



²⁰ Recorded by Muslim

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H A D I T H 1 4

Abū Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) said that the messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِنَّ أَدْنَى مَقْعَدٍ أَحَدِكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ أَنْ يَقُولَ لَهُ : تَمَنَّ ، فَيَتَمَنَّ وَيَتَمَنَّ فَيَقُولُ لَهُ : هَلْ تَمَنَيْتَ ؟ فَيَقُولُ : نَعَمْ ، فَيَقُولُ لَهُ : فَإِنَّ لَكَ مَا تَمَنَيْتَ وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ »

The lowest place of any of you in Paradise will be that he is told, “Wish.” So he will wish and wish for things. He will then be asked, “Have you wished (all you want)?” and he will answer, “Yes.” Then he will be told, “You will have all you wished for and the same amount like it.”²¹



²¹ Recorded by Muslim

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H A D I T H 1 5

Abū Saʿīd al-Khudrī (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's messenger said (صلى الله عليه وسلم):

« إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَقُولُ لِأَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ: يَا أَهْلَ الْجَنَّةِ، فَيَقُولُونَ: لَبَّيْكَ رَبَّنَا وَسَعْدَيْكَ، وَالْخَيْرُ فِي يَدَيْكَ، فَيَقُولُ: هَلْ رَضِيْتُمْ؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: وَمَا لَنَا لَا نَرْضَىٰ يَا رَبَّنَا وَقَدْ أَعْطَيْتَنَا مَا لَمْ تُعْطِ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ، فَيَقُولُ: أَلَا أُعْطِيكُمْ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: وَأَيُّ شَيْءٍ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: أُحِلُّ عَلَيْكُمْ رِضْوَانِي فَلَا أَسْخَطُ عَلَيْكُمْ بَعْدَهُ أَبَدًا »

Allah will say to the people of Paradise, “Oh people of Paradise.” They will answer him, “At your service, our Lord, and all good is in your hand.” He will ask them, “Are you happy?” and they will answer, “How could we not be happy, our Lord, when you have given us what you have not given to anyone else of your creation?” Allah will then ask, “Should I give you something even better than that?” “And what could be better than that?” they ask. “I will give you my pleasure and will never again be angry with you.”²²



²² Recorded by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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H A D I T H 1 6

Jarīr Ibn ‘Abdullāh (رضي الله عنه) said: We were once with the messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and he looked up at the full moon on a clear night and said:

« إِنَّكُمْ سَتَرُونَ رَبَّكُمْ عَيَانًا كَمَا تَرُونَ هَذَا الْقَمَرَ ، لَا تُضَامُونَ فِي رُؤْيَيْهِ »

You will all see your Lord with your own eyes just as you see this moon. You will have no problem in seeing him.²³



²³ Recorded by Muslim

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HADĪTH 17

Ṣuhayb (رضي الله عنه) said that Allah's messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« إِذَا دَخَلَ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ الْجَنَّةَ يَقُولُ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى : تُرِيدُونَ شَيْئًا أَزِيدُكُمْ ؟ فَيَقُولُونَ : أَلَمْ تُبَيِّضْ وُجُوهَنَا ؟ أَلَمْ تُدْخِلْنَا الْجَنَّةَ وَتُنَجِّنَا مِنَ النَّارِ ؟ فَيَكْشِفُ الْحِجَابَ ، فَمَا أُعْطُوا شَيْئًا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ »

When the people of Paradise have entered Paradise, Allah (تبارك وتعالى) will ask them, “Do you want something more?” They will say, “Have you not already brightened our faces? Have you not already let us enter Paradise and saved us from the fire?” The screen will then be removed and they will have not been given anything more beloved than looking at their Lord.²⁴

Allah (تعالى) says:

﴿ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ يَهْدِيهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِإِيمَانِهِمْ ۖ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ • دَعَوَاهُمْ فِيهَا سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَتَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ ۖ وَآخِرُ دَعْوَاهُمْ أَنْ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴾

Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds, their Lord will guide them by their faith. Beneath them rivers will flow in the gardens of

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pleasure. Their call therein will be, “Exalted are you, oh Allah,” and their greeting therein will be, “Peace.” And the last of their call will be, “All praise and thanks are for Allah, the Lord of the worlds.”²⁵



²⁵ Sūrah Yūnus, 10:9-10