

Characteristics and Description of Al-Jannah (Paradise)

Al-Jannah is the home of eternity and honour, which Allah prepared for His righteous slaves. It involves bliss which no eye has ever perceived, no ear has ever heard of, and no heart has ever imagined. Allah the Most High said,

﴿فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُم مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾ [السجدة: ١٧]

“No soul knows what is kept hidden for them of joy as a reward for what they used to do.” [As-Sajdah: 17]

It is of grades and ranks, whereby the stations of the believers vary according to their deeds. Allah the Most Perfect said,

﴿يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ﴾ [المجادلة: ١١]

“Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge. And Allah is Well-Aware of what you do.” [Al-Mujadalah: 11]

They will eat and drink whatever they desire. Therein are rivers of water unpolluted, rivers of milk whereof the flavour does not change, rivers of clear-run honey and rivers of wine delicious to the drinkers; and their wine is unlike the wine of this world.

﴿يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِكَأْسٍ مِّن مَّعِينٍ * بَيْضَاءَ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ * لَا فِيهَا غَوْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ عَنْهَا يُنْزَفُونَ﴾ [الصافات: ٤٥-٤٧]

“A cup from a gushing spring is brought round for them, White, delicious to the drinkers. Neither they will have pain, from that, nor will they suffer intoxication therefrom.” [As-Saffaat: 45-47]

They will be given young virgin women, who do not age, (*Hoor al-'Ein*) as their wives. The Messenger of Allah (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said, “*And if a woman among the women inhabiting Paradise were to appear to the people of the earth, she would illuminate and fill up what is between the (the heavens and the earth) with light and a pleasant scent.*” [Transmitted by Al-Bukhari: 2796]

The greatest bounty of the people of Paradise is the glance they will have in the face of Allah the most Purified and Exalted. Furthermore, they will neither urinate nor defecate, nor have any other bodily discharge. They will have combs made of gold, and their perspiration is musk. This bounty is permanent, without any interruption or decrease. The Messenger of Allah (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said, “*He who enters Paradise (will be made to enjoy such an everlasting) bliss that he will neither become destitute, nor will his clothes wear out, nor will his youth decline.*” [Transmitted by Muslim: 2836]

The share of the least of the people of Paradise, who will be the last person to leave the Hellfire among the faithful believers and enter Paradise, is ten times better than this entire world.

All praise is due and belongs to Allah, with whose bounty righteous deeds are perfected and accomplished.