

## Chapter – 19

## Ultimate world

(عالم آخرت)

❖ *Introduction:*

God says:

كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ

{For everything on the earth is annihilation. (55:26)}

Here annihilation perhaps means the present shape would change to a new shape. Because if we look at the Universe it appears that its many things are getting extinction, however these do not vanish totally but changing its state. Similarly is the case with man. He spends for some time in this Material World and death comes to him apparently. But in fact he is transferred to the Transitional World.

Allah (SWT) has not created anything in this Universe which is useless or totally lost. As such, any movement or tranquility, any good deed or bad deed, any activity or saying, nothing is lost. Wisdom also do not except to this thought that “man acts good deeds for his whole life, but in the end he would see only pain”! Similarly, it is also not possible that ‘anyone tortures to mankind for his whole life and in the end he would get only luxury and delight’!

‘Good’ and ‘Bad’, can they be equal? No! Never! ‘Good’ should get reward and ‘Bad’ should get punishment. Therefore there must be one world in which all Human beings will go for appraisal. According to Islam, it is the “Ultimate World”, and here everyone has to face this check and should expect his place of stay accordingly.

God says in Quran:

يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَيُحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا  
وَكَذَلِكَ تُخْرَجُونَ

{He brings forth the living from the dead, and brings forth the dead from the living, and He revives the earth after its death; and this how you will be raised. (30:19)}

God also says that:

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ - وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

{So whoever does a good deed equal to the weight of the minutest particle, will see it and whoever does an evil deed equal to the weight of the minutest particle, will see it (99:07&08)}

❖ **Resurrection (قيامة):**

When the trumpet of Israfil would be blown by the order of God and this Material World will come to its end, it is called “Resurrection” (قيامة). Quran says:

يَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ فَتَأْتُونَ أَفْوَاجًا

{The day when the Trumpet will be blown, you will therefore come forth in Multitude. (78:18)}

The first stage of entering into the Ultimate World is the day of Resurrection. Everyone will gather in front of God and they will be audited for reward and punishment. That day Allah (SWT) will be All in All. God says in Quran that:

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

{Owner of the Day of Recompense (01:04)}

Among the signs of Resurrection are: Sun would be almost cool, dark and would be having no gravitational attraction in it. That is why the whole Universe will be misbalanced and totally disturbed. When the situation of Sun will be like this, then one can imagine what would happen with other stars. Nonliving things, plants and animals all will lose connection with the Human souls. Earth will rupture from place to place. Lava will erupt with all its intense. Water of the oceans will dry out. Some say that a galaxy will come down to earth and it will crush the earth and finally Resurrection or a Revival of this world will take place.

As regards the signs and reasons of all these happenings, God says in Quran:

يَوْمَ تَمُورُ السَّمَاءُ مَوْرًا - وَتَسِيرُ الْجِبَالُ سَيْرًا

{A day on which the heavens will shake with a visible shaking, and the mountains will move with a visible movement (52:09)}

وَفُتِحَتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ أَبْوَابًا - وَسُيِّرَتِ الْجِبَالُ فَكَانَتْ سَرَابًا

{And the heaven will be opened, and will becomes gateways, and the mountains will be moved and they will become like mirages (78:19&20)}

إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ - وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ - وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ - وَإِذَا الْعِشَارُ

عُطِّلَتْ - وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ - وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ - وَإِذَا النُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ

{When the sunlight is rolled up, and when the stars fall down, and when the mountains are driven, and when she camels are abandoned, and when wild animals are gathered, and when seas are filled with flame, and when the souls are paired (81:01to07)}

إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا - وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا - وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا -

يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا

{When the earth is shaken with its appointed tremor, and the earth throws out its burdens and man says “What has happened to it? On that day earth will narrate its news (99:01to04)}

#### ❖ *Ultimate World:*

So one day the journey of each and every soul, passing through the Supernatural World, Material World and Transitional World will terminate at the Ultimate World. After that the final destination will be determined as per the “Day of Judgment”.

The Ultimate World is based on two parts. One is Paradise or Heaven, and another is Hell or Hell-fire.

Paradise is for people of good deed. Quran says:

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

{And those who believe and do good deed, they are the people of Paradise, they will abide there forever. (02:82)}

At another place Quran says:

وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

{And rush towards forgiveness from your Lord, and towards a Paradise that can hold all the heavens and the earth in its width, prepared for the devotees. (03:133)}

And Hell is the place for the people of evil deed. Quran says:

مَنْ يُحَادِدِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَأَنَّ لَهُ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا

{One, who opposes Allah and His Noble Messenger, is the fire of Hell, to remain in it for ever. (09:63)}

For the disbelievers and with evil deed, God also says that:

قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَعْتٌ مَّا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ وَتُحْشَرُونَ إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ وَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ

{Say to those who disbelieve, “You will be overcome and gathered together to Hell, and wretched is the resting place. (03:12)}

Be noted that people are of three kinds. First category is that whose faith is good as well as the acts are also good. They will live in Paradise right from the day first till last. Second category is that whose belief is good but their deeds are not always good. They will be placed in Hell for some period then will be shifted to the Paradise. And the third category is that whose faith is not good and acts are also not good. Such people will always remain in the Hell.

A question arise that in the Ultimate World, whether the punishment will be given to body or soul? The answer is the poor body is without perception. Whatever pain is given to the body, its soul will feel the pain. Besides, in the Ultimate World the old body certainly not exists. Therefore, the soul will get a compatible body first, and then punishment will be given to the soul through that new body.

#### ❖ *Paradise and Hell:*

How would be the Paradise or how would be the Hell----? The detailed answer to this question is not possible but one can visualize only, because the two worlds are entirely different.

مَا لَأَعْيُنٌ رَأَيْتُ وَلَا أُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ وَمَا خَطَرَ عَلَىٰ قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ

(That has not seen by any the eye, neither heard, nor happened any danger on the heart of man)

Nevertheless, there is a reality in it that by transferring from one world to another the deeds would not change but take the shape compatible to the new world. God says:

وَأُتُوا بِهَا مُتَشَابِهًا

{And it is given in resemblance. (02:25)}

Among the believers, people of good deeds are of four types:

1. Solitary Worshiper
2. Passionate lover
3. Knowledgeable
4. Perfect Human Being (عبدالله)

And it can be assumed that all the four categories will get their places differently.

On the subject of Paradise and Hell, the Holy Quran gives the following scenes for us:

قُلْ أُوْنِبْتُكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْ ذُلِكُمْ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَأَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

{ Say: (O Noble Prophet) “Shall I tell you some things even better? With the Lord are gardens with running streams for those who keep from evil and follow the straight path, where they will abide it forever with the purest of companions and blessings of God.” And under God’s eyes are devotees. (03:15) }

إِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ كَانَتْ مِرْصَادًا - لِّلطَّاغِينَ مَابًا - لَا يَبْقَى فِيهَا أَحْقَابًا - لَا يَذُوقُونَ فِيهَا بَرْدًا  
وَلَا شَرَابًا - إِلَّا حَمِيمًا وَغَسَّاقًا - جَزَاءً وَفَاقًا -

{ Indeed Hell is lying in wait, for the transgressors are a destination, they will remain in it for ages, they will neither taste anything cool in it, nor anything to drink, except hot boiling water and hot pus (discharged from the people of hell), the reward to each is according to what he is.

(78:21to26) }

