

Chapter – 75

Heaven and Hell

(جنت و دوزخ)

❖ قُلْ أُوۡبَيۡتُكُمۡ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنۡ ذٰلِكُمْ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا عِنۡدَ رَبِّهِمۡ جَنَّٰتٌ
تَجۡرِي مِنۡ تَحۡتِهَا الۡاَنۡهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَاَزۡوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَرِضۡوَانٌ
مِّنَ اللّٰهِ وَاللّٰهُ بِصِيرٍ بِالۡعِبَادِ -

(Noble Prophet!) Say (to them), Shall I tell you of things better than these”? For the God-fearing; with their Lord; gardens beneath which rivers flow; there they will remain forever; will have spouses of stainless purity as companions; and enjoy the good pleasure of Allah; Allah thoroughly observes (take care of) His servants. (03:15)

❖ اِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ كَانَتْ مِرۡصَادًا - لِلطَّاغِيۡنَ مَآبًا - لَا يَبۡثِيۡنَ فِيهَا اَحۡقَابًا - لَا
يَذُوقُوۡنَ فِيهَا بَرۡدًا وَّلَا شَرَابًا - اِلَّا حَمِيۡمًا وَّغَسَّاقًا - جَزَاءً وَّفَآقًا -

Indeed hell lies in ambush (waiting) (78:21)

The destination of the rebellious (78:22)

They will remain in it for ages. (78:23)

Will neither taste anything cool in it, nor anything to drink (78:24)

Except hot boiling water and (smelly) pus discharged (78:25)

A befitting recompense (78:26)

When the human being will be transferred from this world to the ultimate world then what would happen over there ---? Look! Comparing the existing world and the ultimate world would be a guess for two different worlds (قياس مع الفارق). The other world is totally different and has no similarity at all. God says:

يَوْمَ تُبَدَّلُ الۡاَرۡضُ غَيۡرَ الۡاَرۡضِ وَالسَّمَاوٰتُ

{ On the day when the earth will be changed to other than this earth, as will be skies (heavens). (14:48) }

That world would be:

مَا لَا عَيْنٌ رَأَتْ وَلَا أُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ وَمَا خَطَرَ عَلَى قَلْبٍ بَشَرٍ

(No eye has yet seen and no ear has yet heard about this world,
neither has ever come to someone's heart.)

The facts would appear according to the environment of that particular world. Good people will show good deeds and bad persons will display bad deeds. When man will be shifted to another world then his works and acts will take its shapes according to that world. God Says:

وَأَتُوا بِهِ مُتَشَابِهًا

{Whereas it is in resemblance (02:25)}

It means the rewards and punishments will be given to them according to their deeds.

It is evident that human beings are of three types: First, those persons whose faith is good and their deeds are also good. So they will be in the paradise right from the day first to the last. Second, those persons whose faith is good but their deeds are not good. They will live for some time in hell and then will be shifted to heaven. And the third, those persons whose faith and deeds both were bad. They will live in hell from the day first to the last.

However, there are different thoughts on this matter that whether the disbelievers will live in the hell for ever? There is no doubt that sinful but believers will be taken out from hell after some time. In fact, the Prophet's intercessions or recommendations are meant for such category. Those who are Muslims and have faith then believe will definitely show its effects. Some people say that people who ignored the Oneness of God, after a long period, they will ultimately be given comfortable status. They will, of course, never go to heaven but in the hell itself there will be a growth of green vegetation named *شجرة الجرجير*. This vegetation will help in cooling down the environment of the hell. As such, God's love with human being would be dominant over His annoyance.

At this point, I would like to draw attention on some important matters. One thing that is not known to the addressee, it will be described to him by the help of some exemplary item which is closer to it. For instance, a person has mentioned in front of a villager that 'Milk toffee' is available in the city. The villager asked, "What is this

‘Milk toffee’? Obviously, what are the things that are available in the village? The available items are rice, wheat, salt, pepper, and molasses (raw sugar) etc. Now the villager has molasses which is closer to milk toffee. Therefore, that person told him that milk toffee is just like molasses.

Look! When love is described, it is resembled with wine. All poets say ‘wine’ and take its meaning as love. The stupid drunken! How can he understand the delight of love? Spontaneously the word wine is used and it is meant for love.

Be remembered! The favours and blessings of Paradise will be such that no one has seen them or heard about them. That will be totally different world. All items of this place would be special. Just to have some understanding, names are given. All the things of Paradise will be superior than our expressions. God’s expressions are grander than all other words. For example:

وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ

{And they will have therein purified spouses (02:25)}

This gives clear indication that, those blessings shall be free from any material things and also have no any deficiencies.

- Good people may be grouped in four types:

(1) Worshipper and Self-denying (2) Passionately in love
(3) Knowledgeable (عارف) (4) Perfect Human Being (عبدالله)

- In our thoughts every group has different heaven. We will describe each heaven according to our imaginations that is somewhat like this:

❖ *Worshipper’s Paradise*

For worshipper, a lush green garden and a beautiful house is available in this heaven. This garden has well-dressed trees, flowers and fruits. In our present world, flowers and fruits are generally seen as per seasons, but this heaven has fruits and flowers of all seasons and all the time. Walkways are well maintained. Fountains are constantly in function. Fruits are seen in each branch of the trees and these branches are coming down to its weight.

The house is also well decorated. The dining table is ready with lots of items. It has varied dishes of food. Many types of sauces are available. Several sweet dishes are present. Many good quality drinks are there. All these items are arranged very nicely.

In this heaven, Mr Worshipper is sitting. His wife is also with him. She is very beautiful, wearing elegant dress and graceful jewellery. Their children are also sitting with them. --- Pleasant breeze is blowing. Canals are flowing containing delicious water. Wherever look, happy environment is seen.

Sometimes they are called upon in the audience of God. Here they get ‘God’s Look’ as per their individual abilities. No sooner the ‘Appearance of God’ takes place, than they forget all their previous luxuries. After this session, when they return to their place, a prominent delight is seen on their faces. Wife and children become overwhelmed. Old friends come to see him. While sitting on grand carpets and impressive sofas they keep on describing all bestows of Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ.

❖ *Lover’s Paradise*

The second garden belongs to Lovers. This is extraordinary spectacular garden. In this, a house of red stones is built. Its walls have golden works. Quite often pots of varied fragrances are seen. At some places aloes-wood (بخور) is burning. Somewhere olibanum (another sweet-smelling wood) is blistering.

In this garden, instead of water, canals of liquors are flowing. The lover drinks wine in the crystal glass. He keeps on drinking. Now he has become dead-drunk. He reaches at the corner of a canal and starts shouting. He is in acute condition. What he has seen, God knows better! He has started rotating around, as if he is going to sacrifice his life. He sometimes runs; sometimes kneels down in prostration: and then starts murmuring:

ہر رنگ میں تیرے، خوشنمائی

ہر ایک ادا میں، دلربائی

(Every colour of yours, Striking
Every act of yours, Stunning)

His garden and his house have everything but in his eyes all are of no use. He simply shouts “My God is great”. To whom he is fanatic, he is just maniac. He feels pleasure in only one thing that is ‘The Look of God’. He loudly and tirelessly says:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا، وَ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

(God is much greater, and all praises to God, and glory be to God and pure)

❖ *Aarif's Paradise*

There is one another garden in which a house of very impressive marble has been built. What a nice marble it is. No stain, no spot. In this garden, instead of water, canals of milk are flowing. This house has lots of illuminations. Many types of chandeliers are hanging through which cool colourful lights are emerging. When entered into the garden and the house, heart becomes highly delighted.

However, there is one special orchard. Anyone who enters in it, his body starts getting tingling sensation. He becomes almost insensible and unconscious. He starts telling such things that people consider as if he is speaking polytheism and blasphemy. Actually, this stage is high indulgence into the Oneness of God. Sometimes he offers Salath. In this he stands and then keeps on standing. He goes into the kneeling positions and then it continues indefinitely. He lays down for prostration and then there is no end to it. With great difficulties he comes out of the prayers. After that he starts singing:

گم شدن در گم شدن دین من است
نیستی در هست آئین من است

(Self-loosing and then Self-loosing is my faith

Erasing myself and getting Him, is my ultimate goal)

Sometimes he covers his body with a blanket and lay down. When he sleeps neither his blanket is seen nor himself, and when awakes both himself and his blanket is existing. This moment is unbelievable and amazing. Sometime he faces annihilation and sometime existence. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

❖ *Abdullah's Paradise*

One more garden is there which is tremendously grand. In this garden, there is a house which is built with pearls. Whatever is seen in the earlier mentioned gardens, all things are existing in this garden. What things are left which this house does not contain? This place is meant for "**Abdullah**". This place holds everything. Knowledge is there, Oneness of God is there, love and affection is there.

What this gentleman is? He is the statue of wonders. He is a figure of miracles. --- In this house, his wife and children are accompanied. He loves with his wife and he is compassionate with his children.

All the time he is called for in the audience of God. When God desires to bestow someone it is given through this person. It looks like as if he has become the performer of God. From the audience of God to the audience of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and onwards whatever orders are given all go through this person. His main assignment is to stand, holding a fan in his hand, near the stage of the Chief of Prophets, and keep on stirring that fan.

This Abdullah is not only the owner of this garden but virtually he is a landlord as well. His property is so big that he has given many small properties to others. Who are they? They are his successors (خلفاء). Every Caliph has several gardens in which their followers live. Abdullah always says:

دیتا ہی چلا جاؤں ہر شخص کو جو مانگے
یارب تو اپنے خزانے سے مجھے اتنا دے

(I would like to give everyone whatever they ask
O God! Bestow me so much from your treasure)

Permanent presence with God is his life. Love and affection is his faith. He is a popular person of God, whether it is isolation or gathering. He is also very closed to the Last Prophet. He got all these things on account of the compliance with Prophets Orders.

Dear People! These were the imaginary scenes of heavens designated for good persons. Anyways, heavens are of many types. Those who do good deeds, they will get all bestows. They will get good and big houses. They will have delicious foods. They will drink wine of love.

کس چیز کی کمی ہے مولیٰ تری گلی میں

(Is there any scarcity of anything in your street, my Lord --?)

But look at this point ----! There is one more heaven, i.e. “*Personal Heaven*”. Hearts of such heavenly people generally burn. But it gives fragrance. These people live almost unconsciously. They know to God but forget other than God even to themselves. They think that God is most important. Their thoughts remain quite away from all other things.

Don't you know that when Haroon-ur-Rasheed, (Fifth Arab Abbasid Caliph, 766-809 AD) was going on a journey; he asked his all wives that on my return what you people want? Every wife had described for the things of their choice. But his one wife had kept quiet; and she simply put her hand on his knee. ---- That meant, her desirable thing is Haroon-ur-Rasheed himself. What she will have with others----?

God bestow us this “*personal heaven*”. Amen

وَأَدْخِلْنَا فِي عِبَادِكَ الْمُحِبِّينَ ، الَّذِينَ أَفْنَوْا دَوَاتَهُمْ فِي ذَاتِكَ
وَصِفَاتِهِمْ فِي صِفَاتِكَ ، وَأَفْعَالَهُمْ فِي أَفْعَالِكَ ، فَلَا عَيْنٌ لَهُمْ وَلَا آثَرٌ

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