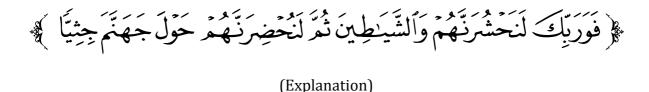
Lesson 19

Point Number 19

And to have *eemaan* in the <u>siraat</u> (the Bridge) over the Hellfire. The Bridge will seize whomever Allaah wishes. And whoever Allaah wishes will cross over. And whoever Allaah wishes will fall into the Hellfire. And they will have lights in accordance with the level of their *eemaan*.

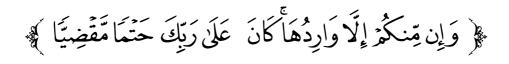
The Explanation:

From that which will occur on the Day of Resurrection is the passing over the <u>siraat</u> (Bridge) as has already been mentioned. And the <u>siraat</u>, in the language means <u>attareeq</u> (a path). And what is meant here is the Bridge laid down over the top of the Hellfire. And it will be very thin, thinner than a hair and sharper than a sword and hotter than burning coals. The creation will pass over it in accordance with the level of their deeds. Their deeds will cause them to proceed. So whoever is saved then he has succeeded and whoever is not saved is destroyed. And the people crossing over it will be in accordance with the level of their deeds. So some of them will cross over like the blinking of the eye. And some of them will cross over like the flash of lightening. And some of them will cross over like fast horses. And some of them will cross over like riders upon camels. And some of them will crawl. And some of them will walk. And some of them will crawl. And some of them will be seized and thrown down into the Hellfire. And this is mentioned in the Honourable Qur·aan and in the Prophetic Sunnah. He, the Most High, said:



So by your Lord We shall certainly gather them and the devils. Then We shall bring them around the Hellfire upon their knees.

Up until His Saying:



There is not one of you except that he will have to cross over it. It is a binding decree from your Lord.

(Soorah Maryam (19), aayahs 68-71)

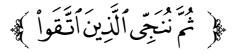
('Cross over it') meaning the Hellfire. And this crossing, it is the crossing over the <u>siraat</u>, the Bridge. This is the crossing which is mentioned in the Qur·aan. And the address here is to the believers and to other than them.



(Explanation)

There is not one of you except that he will have to cross over it.

The believers and the disbelievers and the hypocrites will cross over it. All of the creation will cross over this Bridge. So whoever is saved from it (crosses it successfully) then he will enter Paradise. And whoever falls down is destroyed.



(Explanation)

Then We will save those who had *taqwaa* (those who were fearful of Allaah and dutiful to Him)

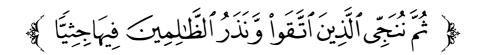
(Soorah Maryam (19), aayah 72)

Nothing will bring about salvation except for *taqwaa* (dutifulness to Allaah). Strength of body will not save nor will having plentiful wealth nor will status. Nothing will bring about salvation except *taqwaa* (being dutiful) to Allaah the Perfect and Most High. This is the textual statement in the Honourable Qur•aan.

And *a<u>h</u>aadeeth* occur in the Sunnah regarding the terrors of the Resurrection. And from them is the crossing over the *siraat*, the Bridge. So it is essential to have *eemaan* in the Bridge and in the crossing over it. And it is not sufficient to just believe in that; rather

there must be action. So therefore a person should prepare for the crossing over it by having *taqwaa* (by being dutiful to Allaah); and that is righteous deeds.

His saying, "The Bridge will seize whomever Allaah wishes and whoever Allaah wishes will cross over." Just as He, the Most High, said:



(Explanation)

Then We shall save those who were dutiful to Allaah and We will leave the disbelieving wrongdoers in the Hellfire upon their knees

(Soorah Maryam (19), aayah 72)

Because the <u>siraat</u> will have hooks upon it that will seize whomever they are commanded to seize.

His saying, "he will cross". Meaning he will pass over it.

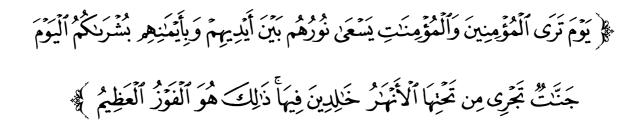
His saying, "And they (the people) will have light in accordance with the level of their *eemaan*." On the Day of Resurrection, the people of *eemaan* (true believers), they will have light. And they will walk within it. Just as He the Most High said:

(Explanation)

Their light will run before them. And their books will be in their right hands. They will say 0 our Lord, complete our light for us and forgive us. Indeed you have full ability over everything

(Sooratut-Tahreem (66), aayah 8)

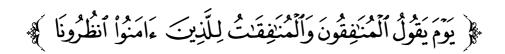
And He, the Most High, said:



The Day when you shall see the believing men and the believing women with their light running before them and their books will be in their right hands. It will be said to them, glad tidings to you this day of gardens beneath which rivers flow. You will remain therein forever. That is the tremendous success.

(Sooratul-Hadeed (57), aayah 12)

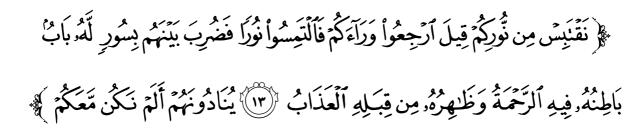
The *munafiqoon* (hypocrites) will be given light initially, because of the fact that they entered into Islaam and they outwardly displayed Islaam (in the world). So therefore they will be treated in accordance with what they outwardly showed. They will be given light, but it will be as a trick, just as they sought to trick with their Islaam. So therefore they will be given light as a trick upon them and then their light will be extinguished and they will remain in darkness.



(Explanation)

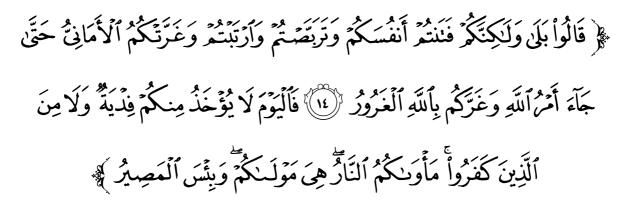
On the day when the hypocrites, the men and women from them, will say to those who believe, wait for us

Meaning: wait for us. Because they will be walking behind the believers. *Unzuroonaa*, meaning wait for us.



let us take from your light. So it will be said, go back and seek for light for yourselves. And a wall will be placed between them with a gate therein. Inside it will be mercy and outside it will be torment/punishment. They (the hypocrites) will call out, had we not used to be with you?

Meaning in the world.



(Explanation)

They (the believers) will say, yes indeed, however you afflicted yourselves with hypocrisy and you awaited misfortune befalling the believers and you doubted and you were deluded by false hopes until Allaah's decree came about and Satan deceived you concerning Allaah. So this day no ransom will be taken from you (to save you from Allaah's punishment) nor from those who disbelieved along with you. Your abode is the Hellfire. It has most right to you. And what an evil destination it is.

(Sooratul-<u>H</u>adeed (57), aayahs 13 - 15)

So *eemaan* will have light on the Day of Resurrection within which the person will proceed. Whereas the disbelievers and the hypocrites will be in darkness, and Allaah's refuge is sought. They will not know where they are going.

Point Number 20

And to have eemaan in the Prophets and in the Angels.

The Explanation:

From that fundamentals of *eemaan* and the pillars of *eemaan* is to have *eemaan* in the *malaa·ikah* (Angels) and in the *anbiyaa·* (Prophets). And this is as occurs in the <u>hadeeth</u> of Jibreel 'alayhis-salaam, when he said to the Prophet <u>sallAllaahu</u> 'alayhi wa sallam, "Inform me about *eemaan* (true faith). So he said,

"(It) is that you truly believe in Allaah and His Angels and in His Books and in His Messengers and in the Last Day and that you truly believe in pre decree, the good of it and the bad of it."

And there occurs in the Qur-aan,

(Explanation)

Righteousness is not that you turn your faces either to the east or to the west. But rather righteousness is the righteousness of the one who truly believes in Allaah and in the Last Day and in the Angels and in the Book and in the Prophets.

(Sooratul-Baqarah (2), aayah 177)

And in His saying, He the Most High:

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 $^{^1}$ Reported by Muslim in his <u>Sah</u>ee<u>h</u> (no. 8) as <u>h</u>adeeth of Umar ibnul-Kha<u>tt</u>aab $ra\underline{diy}$ Allaahu`anh.

﴿ ءَامَنَ ٱلرَّسُولُ بِمَآ أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِن رَّبِهِ وَٱلْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلُّ ءَامَنَ بِٱللّهِ وَمَكَيْكِهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلُّ عَامَنَ بِٱللّهِ وَمَكَيْكِهِ وَكُلْبُهِ وَرُسُلِهِ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدِ مِّن رُّسُلِهِ وَوَكَ الْوا سَمِعْنَا وَمَكَيْكِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَلَيْكُ اللّهِ وَاللّهُ وَلَا لَهُ وَاللّهُ وَلّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَلَا اللللللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ

(Explanation)

The Messenger believes in that which was sent down to him from his Lord and also the believers. All of them believe truly in Allaah and in His Angels and in His Books and in His Messengers. They say, we do not make any distinction in believing between any of His Messengers. And they say we hear and we obey.

(Sooratul-Baqarah (2), aayah 285)

(Explanation)

Say, we truly believe in Allaah and in what was send down to us and in what was send down to Ibraaheem and Ismaa'eel and Is.haaq and Ya'qoob and to the Tribes and what Moosaa and 'Eesaa were given and what the Prophets were given from their Lord. We do not make any distinction (with regard to believing) between any of them. And we submit as Muslims to Him.

(Sooratul-Baqarah (2), aayah 136)

So it is obligatory to have *eemaan* in the Angels, all of them. Those whom Allaah has named from them and those whom He has not named. And the *malaa·ikah* (the Angels)

is the plural of *malak*. And they are species of being from the world of the hidden and the unseen. Allaah created them from light. Then as for the *Jinn*, then Allaah created them from fire. And as for mankind then Allaah created them from *teen* (clay) and then from a feeble fluid, just as Allaah the Perfect and Most High mentioned. So a person must have *eemaan* in the Angels all of them, those whom Allaah has named from them and those He has not named. We believe in all of them. As for one who believes in some of them and disbelieves in others, then he is a disbeliever in all of them (a *kaafir*). He the Most High said:

Say, whoever is an enemy to Jibreel, then he (Jibreel) brought it (the Qur-aan) down to your heart by the permission of Allaah, confirming that which came before it and a guidance and glad tidings for the believers. Whoever is an enemy to Allaah and to his Angels and to His Messengers and to Jibreel and to Meekaal then Allaah is an enemy to the disbelievers.

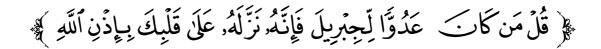
(Sooratul-Bagarah (2), aayahs 97 - 98)

So the person who disbelieves in a single Angel from the Angels, he is a disbeliever in all of the Angels. Such as the Jews, those who say, "Jibreel is an enemy to us. If the one who came down to Muhammad had been other than Jibreel, we would have obeyed him. However Jibreel came down to him and he is our enemy. So we will not believe in him."²

So therefore Allaah sent down this *aayah*.³

² The like of this story was reported by Imaam Ahmad in his Musnad, volume 1 page 274.

 $^{^3}$ Reported by al-Bukhaaree as a <u>h</u>adeeth of `Abdullaah ibn Salaam that he said about Jibreel, "That is the enemy to the Jews from the Angels." So therefore he <u>sallAllaahu</u> `alayhi wa sallam recited this aayah.



Say, whoever is an enemy to Jibreel, then he brought it down to your heart by the permission of Allaah

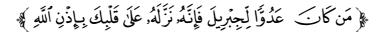
(Sooratul-Baqarah (2), aayah 97)

So it (the Revelation) is not from Jibreel. Rather it is from Allaah, the Majestic and Most High. And Jibreel was only a messenger from Allaah entrusted with bringing the Revelation.

And amongst the deviant sects who ascribe themselves to Islaam are those who say that Jibreel betrayed his trust, because Messengership should have gone to `Alee. However, (they say) Jibreel betrayed his trust and gave it instead to Muhammad <u>sallAllaahu</u> `alayhi wa sallam. Their poet said, "The trustworthy one was treacherous (Jibreel) and he withheld it from <u>Haydar</u>," meaning from `Alee.

The author said, "That we have eemaan in the Messengers (rusul) and in the Prophets (anbiyaa.)."

A Prophet (*nabeey*) is one who had a Revealed Way sent to him, but he was not commanded to convey it to others. Whereas a Messenger (*rasool*) was one who had a Revealed Way sent to him by Revelation and he was commanded to convey it.⁴



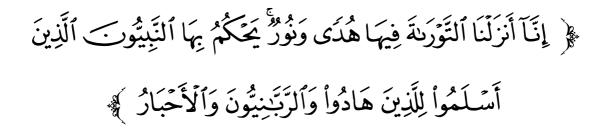
(Explanation)

Whoever is an enemy to Jibreel, then he brought it down to your heart by the permission of Allaah

(Sooratul-Baqarah (2), aayah 97)

⁴ Translator's side point: Some of the other scholars mention a slightly different definition, amongst them Shaykhul-Islaam ibn Taymeeyah in his book an-Nuboowaat, where he said: "A Prophet (*nabeey*) is one whom Allaah the Most High has sent with a Revealed Way (Legislation) which Allaah commands him to convey to his own followers, but not to the opponents. Whereas a Messenger is one whom Allaah the Most High sent with Revelation (a Revealed Way) to call all of the people in his time to, whether they are opponents or those who agree with him, whether it is a new Revealed Way or one from before."

So the difference between *an-nabeey* (Prophet) and *ar-rasool* (Messenger) is that a Messenger (*rasool*) is sent with a Revealed Way, sent down to him. Contrary to a Prophet (*nabeey*), for he is sent with a Revealed Way sent down to Messengers who came before him, like the Prophets of the Banoo Israa·eel (Children of Israa·eel); because they were sent with the message of Moosaa '*alayhis-salaam*, with the Towraat.



(Explanation)

We sent down the Towraat which contained Guidance and Light by which the Prophets, those who submitted to Allaah, judged for the Jews and the rabbis and also the priests

(Sooratul-Maa·ida (5), aayah 44)

So they judged by the Towraat which had been sent down to Moosaa `alayhis-salaam and they did not come with an independent Legislation. Contrary to a Messenger (rasool), for he comes with an independent Legislation and he is commanded to convey it. But as for a Prophet (nabeey), he is commanded to convey the Message from someone before him, and Revelation might be sent to him with regard to a specific matter. This is the difference.

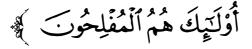
And whoever disbelieves in a single Prophet, then he is a disbeliever in all of them. He is a disbeliever even in the Prophet who he claims that he believes in, because the Prophets were all brothers. He <u>sallAllaahu</u> 'alayhi wa sallam said,

Shaykh Muhammad Amaan al-Jaami` rahimahullaah said in his explanation of the Three Principles, "They disagree with regard to the difference between a Prophet (nabeey) and a Messenger (rasool). So some of them define it and say: a Prophet is one who is sent with a Message to act upon it, but he was not given the duty of calling to it. However the second definition is that a Prophet (nabeey) is one who was sent with a Message of someone who was before him and he does not have his own independent Message, as was the case with many Prophets from the Banoo Israa·eel. And the second definition is more befitting whereas the first one is what is famous." (He goes on to mention that it is not befitting to say a nabeey is one who has Revelation but he does not have to convey it to anyone).

The Prophets were brothers with different mothers.⁵

They were a single chain. Their way was one. So whoever denies a single one of them, then he is denying all of them, because what this one had, the other one had. All of them were Messengers from Allaah. So the person who claims that he believes in Moosaa, such as the Jews, but then disbelieves in `Eesaa and in Muhammad `alayhimus-salaatu was-salaam then those people are disbelievers (kaafiroon) in all of the Prophets, even in the Prophet who they claim they are believing in. And he was Moosaa `alayhis-salaam. Because the book which Moosaa came with contained a mention of Muhammad sallAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam. He, the Most High said:

﴿ اللَّذِى يَجِدُونَهُ مَكُنُوبًا عِندَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَكَةِ وَ الْإِنجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ الطَّيِبَتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَلَهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنكرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِبَتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمُنكرُوفِ وَيَنْهَلُمْ عَنِ الْمُنكرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِبَتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمُنكروةُ وَالْأَغْلَالُ الَّتِي كَانَتَ عَلَيْهِمُ فَاللَّهُ النَّيْ كَانتَ عَلَيْهِمُ فَاللَّهُ النَّيْ كَانتَ عَلَيْهِمُ فَاللَّهُ النَّورَ الَّذِي كَانتَ عَلَيْهِمُ فَاللَّذِينَ أَنْزِلَ مَعَهُمُ فَاللَّهُ النَّورَ الَّذِي أَنْزِلَ مَعَهُمُ وَاللَّهُ النَّورَ الَّذِي الْزِلَ مَعَهُمُ إِللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَيُعَالِلُولُ اللَّهُ وَيَعَالَلُهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَيُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ ولَا اللّهُ وَاللّهُ اللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللّهُ وَالل



(Explanation)

The one (the Prophet <u>sallAllaahu</u> 'alayhi wa sallam) whom they find written down with them in the Towraat and in the Injeel. He commands them with the good and he forbids them from the evil. And he declares lawful for them the good and pure things. And he forbids the filthy and evil things for them. And he releases them from the burdens and the fetters that were upon them. So those who believe in him and honour him and aid him and who follow the Light which came down with him, then they will be the successful ones.

(Sooratul-A`raaf (7), aayah 157)

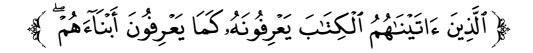
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⁵ Reported by al-Bukhaaree in his <u>Saheeh</u> (no. 3443) and reported by Muslim (no. 2365) as a <u>h</u>adeeth of Aboo Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*`anh. And the wording of al-Bukhaaree is:

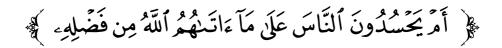
[&]quot;The Prophets are [lit. paternal] brothers, their mothers are different, but their Religion is one."



Those to whom we gave the Scripture they know him (the Prophet <u>sallAllaahu</u> `alayhi wa sallam) just as they recognize their own sons.

(Sooratul-Bagarah (2), aayah 146)

However envy (<u>hasad</u>) led them to disbelieve in Mu<u>h</u>ammad <u>sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam</u> because they wanted that Prophethood should not depart from the Banoo Israa·eel. So therefore they sought to monopolize the bounty of Allaah.



(Explanation)

Or do they envy the people for that which Allaah gave to them from His bounty.

(Sooratun-Nisaa· (4), aayah 54)

So what led them do this was *al-hasad* (envy) and transgression. Otherwise they knew that he was indeed the Messenger of Allaah because they found him written in the Towraat and in the Injeel. Likewise `Eesaa `alayhis-salaam he foretold of the good news of the coming of Muhammad *sallAllaahu* `alayhi wa sallam. He, the Most High said:

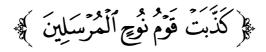
(Explanation)

And remember when `Eesaa ibn Maryam said, O Children of Israa·eel, I am Allaah's Messenger to you, confirming what came before me from the Towraat

and giving news of the coming of a Messenger who will come after me whose name will be Ahmad.

(Sooratus-Saff (61), aayah 6)

And who is this Messenger who came after `Eesaa? No Messenger came after `Eesaa, except for Muhammad <u>sallAllaahu</u> `alayhi wa sallam and his name was Ahmad and his name was Muhammad. He had many names. So the person who disbelieves in `Eesaa he is a disbeliever in all of them. And the one who disbelieves in Muhammad <u>sallAllaahu</u> `alayhi wa sallam is a disbeliever in all of them. And therefore He, the Majestic and Most High, said:

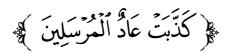


(Explanation)

The people of Nooh denied the Messengers

(Sooratush-Shu'araa· (26), aayah 105)

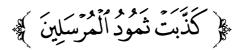
Even though the first of the Messengers was Nooh and they denied Nooh. However He said that they denied the Messengers, meaning those who came after him, because whoever denies one Messenger then he has denied all of the Messengers.



(Explanation)

The people of `Aad denied the Messengers

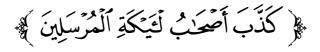
(Sooratush-Shu`araa· (26), aayah 123)



(Explanation)

Thamood denied the Messengers

(Sooratush-Shu`araa· (26), aayah 141)



(Explanation)

The people of al-Aykah (people of Madyan) denied the Messengers

(Sooratush-Shu'araa· (26), aayah 176)

So a person who disbelieves in one, he is a disbeliever in all of them.

(Explanation)

Those who disbelieve in Allaah and in His Messengers and they wish to make a difference between believing in Allaah and in His Messengers and they say, we will believe in some and disbelieve in others. They want to take a way in between.

They are the disbelievers in truth.

(Sooratun-Nisaa· (4), *aayahs* 150 – 151)

Even though they believed in some of them, however believing in some is not sufficient. There must be *eemaan* in all of them, because they are all Messengers from Allaah. All of them came from Allaah the Perfect and Most High. The earlier ones of them foretold the later ones. And the later ones of them believed in the first ones 'alayhimus-salaatu was-salaam. This is the position of the Muslims and of the Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamaa ah.

It.<u>h</u>aaful-Qaaree bit-Ta`leeqaat `alaa Shar<u>h</u>is-Sunnah by Shaykh <u>S</u>aali<u>h</u> ibn Fowzaan al-Fowzaan <u>h</u>afi<u>z</u>ahullaah Volume 1, Pages 173-182

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Points discussed by Shaykh Saalih al-Fowzaan hafizahullaah in this excerpt include:

- a description of passing over the <u>siraat</u> (the Bridge) in the Hereafter
- the Believers, disbelievers and hypocrites will pass over it
- taqwaa (dutifulness to Allaah) is what will save from falling from the <u>siraat</u> into the Fire
- evidence from the Qur•aan for passing over the <u>siraat</u> and that *taqwaa* prevents from falling from it
- a person should prepare for the crossing over the *siraat* by having *taqwaa*
- on the Day of Resurrection the true believers will have light within which they will walk
- on the Day of Resurrection the disbelievers and the hypocrites will be in darkness
- evidence from the Qur-aan for the believers proceeding in their light and the hypocrites being in darkness
- belief in Allaah's Angels and Prophets is from the fundamental pillars of Islaamic belief
- evidences for belief in the Angels and Prophets
- whoever disbelieves in a single Angel is a disbeliever in all of the Angels
- the difference between and a Prophet (*nabeey*) and a Messenger (*rasool*) (footnotes with further definitions)
- whoever disbelieves in a single Prophet is a disbeliever in all of them, even in the one he claims that he believes in, and evidence for this
- the Prophets were all brothers; their way was one.

ullet envy led the Children of Israa-eel to disbelieve in Mu \underline{h} ammad \underline{s} allAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam