

Chapter: The grades in superiority of the believers will be according to their good deeds

[21]: narrated Abu Saeed al-Khudri (radiyAllaahu`anhu):

عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " يَدْخُلُ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ الْجَنَّةَ، وَأَهْلُ النَّارِ النَّارَ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى أَخْرِجُوا مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ حَبَّةٍ مِنْ خَرْدَلٍ مِنْ إِيْمَانٍ. فَيُخْرِجُونَ مِنْهَا قَدْ اسْوَدُّوا فَيُلْقَوْنَ فِي نَهَرٍ الْحَيَا - أَوْ الْحَيَاةَ، شَكَّ مَالِكٌ - فَيَنْبُتُونَ كَمَا تَنْبُتُ الْحَبَّةُ فِي جَانِبِ السَّيْلِ، أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّهَا تَخْرُجُ صَفْرَاءَ مُلْتَوِيَةً ". قَالَ وَهَيْبٌ حَدَّثَنَا عَمْرُو " الْحَيَاةِ ". وَقَالَ " خَرْدَلٍ مِنْ خَيْرٍ "

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Chapter:

- actions comprising eemaan (heart or actions) are of varying levels
- people of eemaan – also vary in levels in terms of their eemaan

Great variation – e.g. the Prophet (ﷺ)

- hayaa (modesty – action of the heart).
- knowledge
- taqwaa

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Variation:

- outwardly
- inwardly

Tasdeeq – affirmation/belief

- Average Muslim vs. Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq (radiyAllaahu`anhu)

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Proofs for this variation

People who enter the Fire

- forever – (cannot be purified of shirk)
- for a certain period – (believer is purified and cleansed of his/her sin) "عصاة الموحدين"

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And for those who disbelieve will be the fire of Hell. [Death] is not decreed for them so they may die, nor will its torment be lightened for them. Thus do We recompense every ungrateful one.

وَهُمْ يَصْطَرِخُونَ فِيهَا رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ ۚ أَوَلَمْ نُعَمِّرْكُم مَّا يَتَذَكَّرُ فِيهِ مَن تَذَكَّرَ
وَجَاءَكُمُ النَّذِيرُ ۖ فَذُوقُوا فَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِن نَّصِيرٍ

And they will cry out therein, "Our Lord, remove us; we will do righteousness - other than what we were doing!" But did We not grant you life enough for whoever would remember therein to remember, and the warner had come to you? So taste [the punishment], for there is not for the wrongdoers any helper. [35:36-37]

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وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ

and its keepers say, "Peace be upon you; you have become pure; so enter it to abide eternally therein," [they will enter]. [39:73]

Sinful believer – duration in the Hellfire will be determined by the level of his/her sin.

They will be brought in batches [Muslim 185]

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Process of being brought out of the Fire

Sin of harming others/taking their rights – retribution on the Day of Judgment (good and bad deeds). Good deeds run out → enter the Fire.

Doesn't apply to tawheed/belief in the heart - this remains.

“He would then bring out from the Fire he who said: There is no god but Allah, even though he has in his heart virtue equal to the weight of an atom” [Muslim 193d]

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Great importance of tawhid/eemaan in the heart

Variation in levels of eemaan – from highest level down to the level of a speck

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Impact and importance of belief in the heart:

Truly in the body there is a morsel of flesh, which, if it be whole, all the body is whole, and which, if it is diseased, all of [the body] is diseased. Truly, it is the heart [Nawawi 6]

- Affects your actions as a whole
- Shouldn't do outward deeds – because of people around you, and ignore your heart
- Actions of the heart itself are very important – ‘what your hearts have earned’. Should try and strengthen eemaan in your heart (Madaarij as-Saalikeen)

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“They will be taken out...” (عصاة الموحدين)

They will be blackened and charred.

Will ‘die’* and become ‘coal’

(* then death in the form of a ram will be sacrificed)

Placed in the river of rain/life – will revive and grow out/sprout

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(water – life)

وَاللَّهُ أَنْبَتَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَاتًا

And Allāh has caused you to grow from the earth a [progressive] growth. [71:17]

- Resurrection itself
- This process in the afterlife

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الْحَبَّةُ – wild seed

Carried by water torrents after heavy rain and deposited on the sides of the wadi

- grow rapidly
- yellow and twisted

See this in the desert

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Danger of sins

Correct and rectify before the Day of Judgment

Ibn ul Qayyim ('rivers' to cleanse your sins in this life):

- Good deeds which erase sins
- Sincere repentance
- Difficulties/calamities which wipe away sins

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Right wrongs to others; ask forgiveness

Careful about health etc. Doesn't take care re: sins/wronging others.