



Heaven & Hell

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Description of Paradise

- “Be foremost (in seeking) forgiveness from your Lord, and a garden (of bliss) the width there of heaven and earth, prepared for those who believe in God and His messengers: that is the Grace of God, which he bestows on whom he pleases: and God is the Lord of Grace abounding. (Quran 57 v21)

Description of Paradise

- “The righteous (will be) amid gardens and fountains (of clear flowing water). Their greeting will be) ‘Enter ye here in peace & Security’. And we shall remove from their hearts any lurking sense of injury: they will be brothers (joyfully) facing each other on thrones (of dignity). There no sense of fatigue shall touch them, nor shall they (ever) be asked to leave. Tell my servants that I am indeed the Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful; and that My Penalty will be indeed the most grievous Penalty.” Quran 15 v45 -50

The Gates of Paradise

- “And those who feared their Lord will be led to the Garden in groups until behold they arrive there; its gates will be opened and its keepers will say; Peace be upon you! Well have ye done, enter ye here to dwell there in.” (Quran 39 v 73)

Rivers

- “Verily God will admit those who believe and do righteous deeds to Gardens beneath which rivers flow while those who reject God will enjoy (this world) and eat as cattle eat and the Fire will be their abode.”
(Quran 47 v 12)
- “Here is a parable of the garden which the righteous are promised in it are rivers of water incorruptible, rivers of milk of which taste never changes; rivers of wine, a joy to those who drink; and rivers of honey pure and clear. In it there are for them all kinds of fruits; and grace from their Lord. (Can those in such bliss) be compared to such as shall dwell for ever in the Fire and be given to drink boiling water so that it cuts up their bowels (to pieces)?
(Quran 47 v 15)

Fountains

- “Their thirst will be slaked with pure wine sealed. The seal there of will be Musk: and for this let those aspire who have aspirations: with it will be given a mixture of *Tasnīm*: a spring from (the waters) where of drink those nearest to God.” (Quran 83 v 25-28)
- “And they will be given to drink there a cup mixed with Zanjabil, a fountain there called Salsabil.” (Quran 76 v 17 & 18)

Gardens & Trees

- “The Companions of the Right Hand – what will be the Companions of the Right Hand? (They will be) among Lote trees without thorns, among *Talh* trees with flowers (or fruits) piled one above another, in shade long extended, by water flowing constantly and fruit in abundance, whose season is not limited nor supply forbidden.” (Quran 56 v 27-33)

Atmosphere of Paradise

- “Reclining in the (Garden) on raised thrones, they will see there neither the sun’s (excessive heat) nor (the moon’s) excessive cold.” (Quran 76 v13)
- “Faces that day will be joyful – pleased with their striving – in a garden on high, where they shall hear no bad speech.” (Quran 88 v8-11)
- “Gardens of Eternity will they enter: therein will they be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls; and their garments there will be of silk. And they will say: ‘Praise be to God, who has removed from us (all) sorrow: for our Lord is indeed Oft forgiving ready to appreciate (service). Who has out of His Bounty settled us in a Home that will last: no toil nor sense of weariness shall touch us therein’ (Quran 35 v 33-36)

Food & Drink

- “And we shall bestow on them of fruit and meat anything that they desire. They shall there exchange one with another a loving cup free of frivolity, free of all taint of ill.” (Quran 52 v22-23)
- “(Every) fruit (enjoyment) will be there for them; they shall have whatever they call for.” (Quran 36 v 57)

Vessels & Plates of Paradise

To them will be passed round, dishes and goblets of gold: there will be there all that the souls could desire, all that the eyes could delight.” (Quran 47 v 71) •

And amongst them will be passed round“ vessels of silver and goblets of crystal, crystal clear, made of silver, they will determine the measure there of (according to their wishes).” (Quran 76 v 15&16) •

Age

Verily for the Righteous there will be“ •
attainment of security, gardens enclosed
and grapevines, companions of equal age
and a cup full (to the brim)”
) (Quran 78 v31-34

Dwellings

- “God hath promised to Believers, men & women, gardens under which rivers flow, to dwell therein and beautiful mansions in gardens of everlasting stay.”
(Quran 9 v72)

Thrones of the people of Paradise

- “They will be on couches encrusted with gold and precious with gold and precious stones” (Quran 56 v 15)
- “On raised couches will they command a sight of all things.” (Quran 83 v 23)

Welcoming

- “And those who feared their Lord will be led to the Garden in groups: until behold they arrive there; its gates will be opened: and its keepers will say: ‘Peace be upon you! Well have ye done. Enter ye here to dwell therein’.” (Quran 39 v73)
- “Gardens of perpetual bliss they shall enter as well as the righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their offspring and angels shall enter unto them from every gate (with the salutation) ‘Peace unto you for that ye persevered in patience! Now how excellent is the final home!’ ” (Quran 13 v 23 & 24)

People of Paradise

- “You will recognize in their faces the beaming brightness of bliss.”
(Quran 83 v 24)

Garments of Paradise

- “For them will be gardens of eternity; beneath them rivers will flow they will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and they will wear green garments of fine silk and heavy brocade; they will recline therein on raised thrones. How good the recompense.” (Quran 18 v 31)

Activities of the people of Paradise

- “Verily the companions of the garden are in occupations they enjoy.”
(Quran 36 v55)

Ranks of Paradise

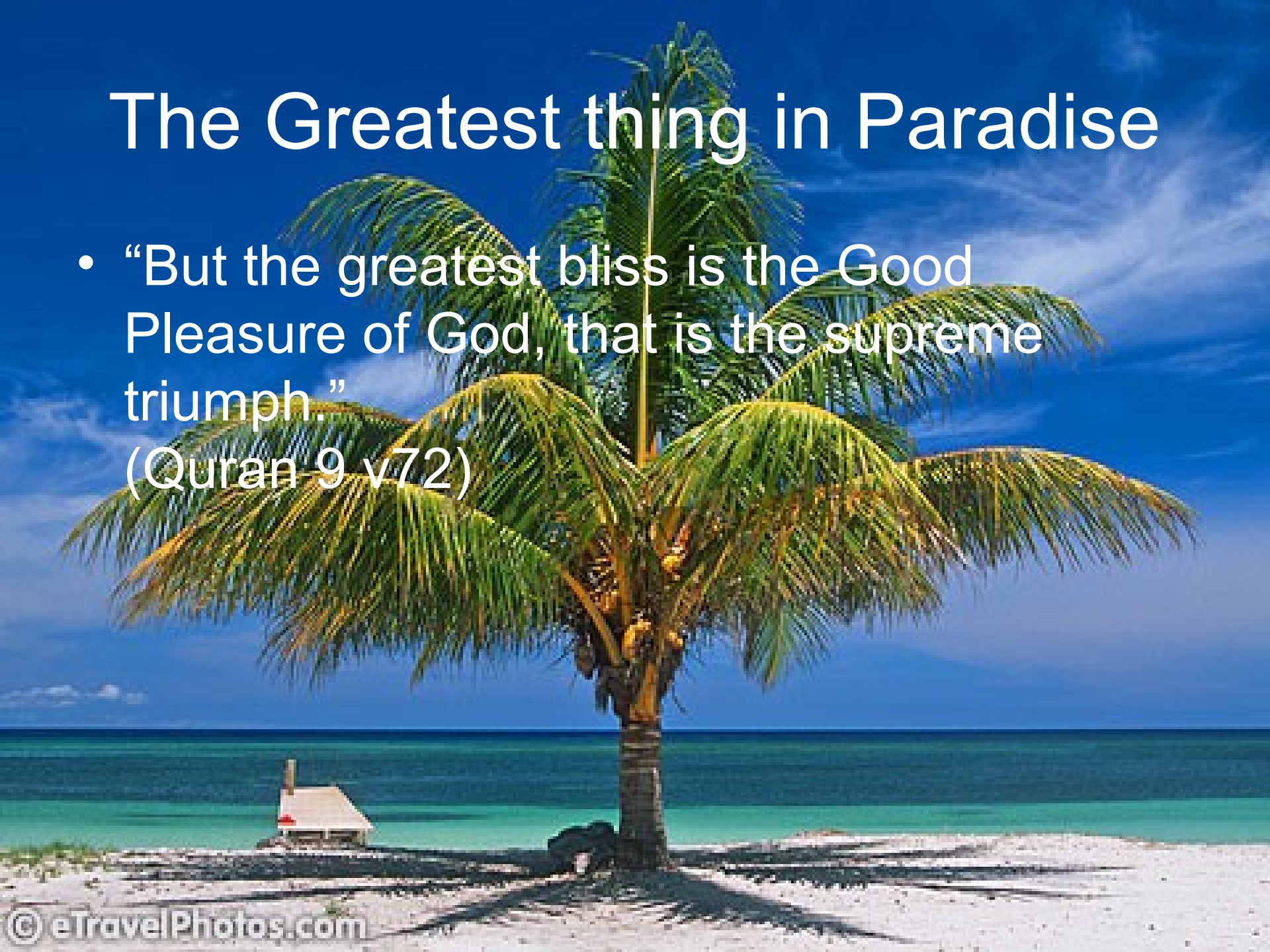
- “See how we have bestowed more (bounties) on some than others but verily the Hereafter is more in rank and gradation and more in excellence.” (Quran 17 v21)

Everlasting life in Paradise

- “As for those who believe and work righteous deeds they will have the gardens of Paradise as hospitality. Eternally therein they will not desire any other place.” (Quran 18 v107)

The Greatest thing in Paradise

- “But the greatest bliss is the Good Pleasure of God, that is the supreme triumph.”
(Quran 9 v72)





Hell

Gates of Hell

- “To (Hell) are seven gates, for each of those gates is a special class (of sinners) assigned.” (Quran 15 v43)

Levels of Hell

- “Is the man who follows the good pleasure of God like the man who draws on himself the wrath of God and whose abode is in Hell? A woeful refuge! They are in varying grades in the sight of God, and God sees well all that they do.”
(Quran 3 v162 & 163)
- “The Hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire, no helper wilt thou find for them.”
(Quran 4 v145)

Capacity of Hell

- “The day we will ask Hell, Art thou filled to the full? It will say, ‘Are there any more (to come)?’ ” (Quran 50 v30)

Fuel

- “Those who reject faith neither their possessions nor their children will avail them aught against God; they are themselves but fuel for the Fire.” Quran (3 v10)
- “Amongst us (jinn) are some that submit their wills to God and some that swerve justice. Now those who submit their wills – they have sought out the path of right conduct but those who swerve – they are (but) fuel for Hellfire.” (Quran 72 v14&15)
- “Then fear the Fire whose fuel is men and stones – which is prepared for those who reject faith.” (Quran 2 v24) “ Verily, the false gods that ye worship besides God are (but) fuel for Hell. To it will ye surely come. If these had been gods they would not have got there! But each one will abide therein.” (Quran 21 v98 & 98)
- “And to those straying in evil, the Fire will be placed in full view and it shall be said to them: ‘Where are the (gods) ye worshipped besides God? Can they help you or themselves? Then they will be thrown headlong into the (Fire) they and those straying in evil and the soldiers of Satan.’” (Quran 26 v91 -95)

Intensity of the Fire

- “They deny the Hour (of the Judgment to come) but we have prepared for them a Blazing Fire for such as deny the Hour. When it see them from a place far off, they will hear its fury and its raging sigh.”
(Quran 25 v 11)

It's Shade

- “The companions of the left hand, what will be the companions of the left hand! (They will be) in the midst of a fierce Blast of Fire and in Boiling Water and in the shades of smoke neither cool or refreshing.” Quran 55 v41-44)
- “Ah woe that Day to the rejecters of truth! (It will be said) ‘Depart ye to that which ye used to reject as false! Depart ye to the shadow (of smoke ascending) in 3 columns, (which yields) no shade of coolness and is of no use against the fierce Blaze.’ (Quran 77 v28-31)

Sparks of its Fire

- “Indeed it throws about sparks (huge) as forts as if it were (a string of) yellow camels (marching swiftly).”
(Quran 77 v32 & 33)

The Names of Hell

- “Truly Jahannum (Hellfire) is a place of ambush. (Quran 78 v21)
- “For it would be the Blazing Fire (Latha).” (Quran 70 v 15)
- “He will be thrown into that which breaks to pieces (Al-hutamah). And what will explain to thee that which breaks to pieces (al-hutamah)? (It is) the Fire of God kindled (to a blaze), that which doth mount (right) to the hearts.” (Quran 104 v4-7)
- “Soon I will cast him into Hellfire (Saqar) and what will explain what Hellfire (Saqar) is? Naught doth permit it to endure and naught doth it leave alone! Darkening and changing the colour of man!” (Quran 74 v26-29)

The Keepers of Hell

- “Over it are 19 and we have set none but angels as guardians of the Fire.”
(Quran 74 v30)
- “They will cry: ‘O Malik! Would that thy Lord put an end to us! He will say, surely you will stay as you are.’”
(Quran 43 v77)

Some of Hells inhabitants

- “God sets forth for an example to the Unbelievers the wife of Noah and the wife of Lut. They were (respectively) under 2 of our righteous servants but they betrayed their (husbands), and they profited nothing before God on their account but were told: ‘Enter ye the Fire along with others that enter’.” (Quran 66 v10)
- “Perish the hands of Abu Lahab, perish he! No profit to him from all his wealth and all his gains! Burnt soon will he be in a Fire of Blazing flame! His wife shall carry the (crackling) wood as fuel, a twisted rope of palm-leaf fibre round her (own) neck!” (Quran 111 v1-5)

Food in the Hellfire

- “No food will be for them but a bitter *Dhari* (thorny plant) which will neither nourish nor satisfy hunger.” (Quran 88 v 6 & 7)
- “Verily the tree of *Zaqqum* will be the food of the sinful – like molten brass, it will boil in their insides like the boiling of scalding water.” (Quran 44 v43-46)

Drinks in the Hellfire

- “Those who dwell for ever in the Fire and be given to drink boiling water (Hameem) that will cut up their bowels.” (Quran 47 v15)
- “Then will they taste it- a boiling water (Hameem) and a filthy fluid (Ghassaq) of pus and blood and other penalties of a similar kind to match them.” (Quran 38 v57 & 58)
- “In front of him is hell and he is given pus (Sadeed) to drink. He will gulp it but will hardly be able to swallow it and death will come to him from every place, yet, he will not die. And in front of him will be a heavy punishment.” (Quran 14 v16 & 17)
- “If they call for relief they will be relieved with water like molten brass that will scald their faces. How dreadful the drink, how evil the resting place.” (Quran 18 v29)

Examples of Punishments

- “Those who reject our signs we shall soon cast them into the Fire; as often as their skins are roasted through we shall change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the chastisement, for God is Exalted in Power, Wise.” (Quran 4 v57)
- “But those whose scales of good are light those are the ones who have lost their souls; they abide in Hell eternally. The Fire will burn their faces and they will appear to grin therein, there lips displaced.” (Quran 23 v103 & 104)
- “Truly those in sin are the ones in error and madness. The Day they will be dragged through the Fire on their faces (they will hear) ‘Taste ye the touch of Hell’.” (Quran 54 v47-49)

Regret

- “They will conceal (their) regret when they see the penalty and we will put yokes on the necks of the unbelievers. Are they recompensed except for what they used to do?” (Quran 34 v33)
- “They will say, ‘Our Lord, our misfortune overwhelmed us, and we were a people astray. Our Lord remove us from this; if we ever return (to evil) then we indeed be wrongdoers.’ He will say, ‘Remain humiliated therein and do not speak to Me!’” (Quran 23 v106 -108)

Food for thought

- Why does the Quran go to such detail about Heaven & Hell when we will never in this life be able to truly comprehend them?
- How does our belief in Heaven & Hell affect us or doesn't it? Has the thought of Heaven ever encouraged you or the thought of Hell ever prevented you from doing something?

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