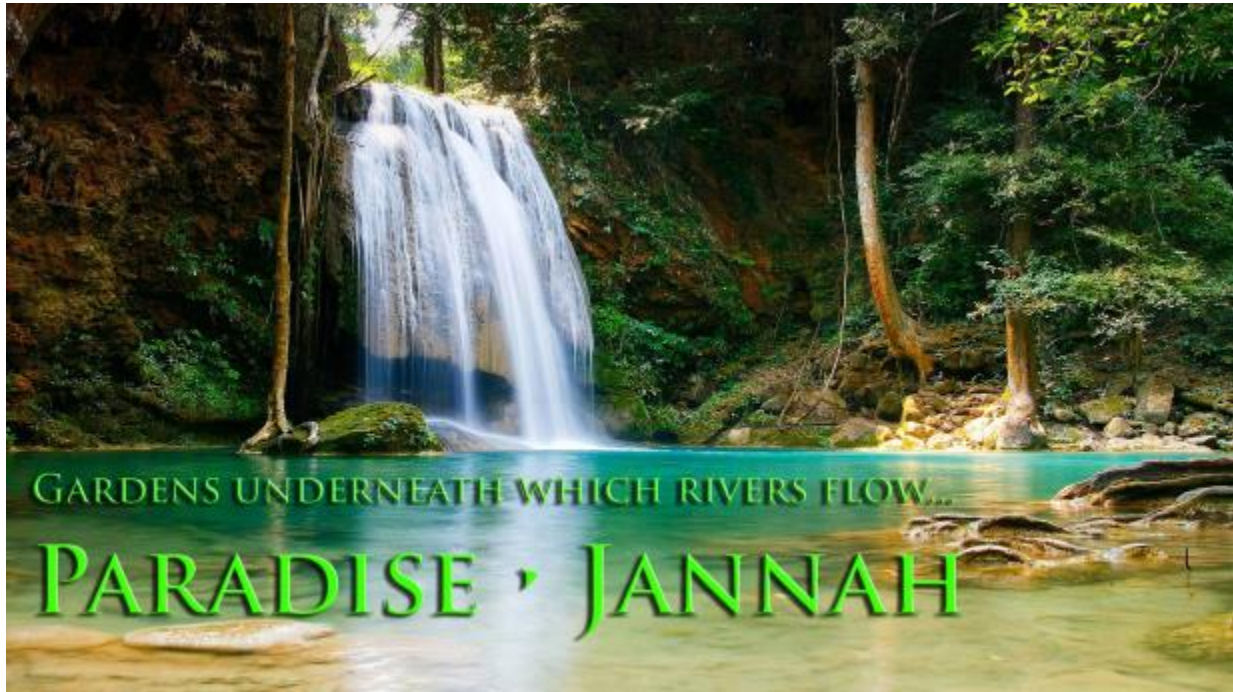


Paradise part 2: Those who will enter Paradise



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Paradise: The Eternal Abode

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The Poor Will Enter Jannah Ahead of the Rich

Muslim reports from ‘Abdullaah ibn ‘Amr (ra) that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said “The poor of the Muhajireen will enter Paradise forty years ahead of the rich”. (Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 2/663, no. 5235)

at-Tirmidhi reported from Abu Sa’eed, and Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi and Ibn Maajah reported from Abu Hurayrah, that of Allaah (saw) said: “The poor of the Muhajireen will enter Paradise five hundred years ahead of the Muhajireen” (Saheeh al-Jaami’ 4/90, no.4104).

Elsewhere the Prophet (saw) explained that these are the people who have nothing to be brought account for, addition to their jihaad and virtue. al-Haakim reported from ‘Abdullaah ibn ‘Amr that the Messenger of Allaah (know who will be the first of my ummah to enter Paradise?” I said, “Allaah and His Messenger know “The poor of the Muhajireen. They will come to the gate of Paradise on the Day of Resurrection and opened. The gatekeepers will say to them, “Have you been brought to account?” They will say, “What be brought to account for? We were carrying

our swords and fighting for the sake of Allaah (swt) then the gates will be opened for them and they will stay there for forty years before anyone else enters”. Hadith as-Saheehah, 2/532, no. 853, al-Haakim said it is sahih according to the conditions of al-Bukhaari and Muslim).

al-Bukhaari reports from Usaamah ibn Zayd that the Prophet (saw) said, “I stood by the gate of Paradise and majority of those who entered were the poor and wretched. The rich [Muslims] were detained while Hell were ordered to be taken to Hell”. (Sahih al-Bukhaari, Kitaab ar-Riqaq, BAab Sifaat al-Jannah, wan 2/345)

Some of the hadith quoted above stated that the poor will enter Paradise forty years ahead of other people while the difference will be five hundred years. The two statements may be reconciled by pointing out that the poor a neither are the rich. As al-Qurtubee suggested (at-Tadhkirah, p.470) the poor vary in the strength of their imaan achievements, and the same applies to the rich. If we think in terms of the first of the poor and the last of the Paradise then the time-span will be five hundred years, but if we are thinking of the last of the poor and the first the time span is forty years. And Allaah knows best.” (Ibn Katheer, an-Nihaayah, 2/345)

The First Three to Enter Jannah

At-Tirmidhi reported with a hasan isnaad from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (saw) said: “I was shown the first three to enter Paradise: the Shaheed (the martyr); the one who is chaste and slave who worships Allaah (swt) with devotion and is faithful and sincere towards his master” 10/535, attributed to Ahmad, al-Haakim and al-Bayhaqi)

The Sinners Among the Believers Will Enter Paradise

They will be brought forth from Hell and will enter Paradise by means of intercession.

Muslim reports from Abu Sa’eed that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said: “The people of Hell will remain there, never dying, and never living. But there are people who will enter of their sins, and will be killed therein, so that they become like coals. Permission will be granted for be made, and they will be brought forth in groups and spread on rivers of Paradise, and it will be said, Paradise, pour water on them. Then they will grow like seeds in the silt left by a flood”. [Muslim, Kitaab as-Shafa’ah wa Ikhraaj al-Muwahiddin min an-Naar, 1/172]

Muslim also reports from Jaabir ibn ‘Abdullaah that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said, “Some people will be the Fire, having been burnt all over except for their faces, and they will enter Paradise”. [Muslim, Kitaab Baab adna Ahl al-Jannah Manzilatan, 1/178]

The people of Paradise will call these people who are brought out of Hell and admitted to Paradise,

al Bukhaari reports from ‘Imraan ibn Husayn (ra) that the Prophet (saw) said, “Some people will be brought out the intercession of Muhammad (saw). They will enter Paradise and will be known as al-Jahannamiyyoon.” Bukhaari, Kitaab ar-Riqaq, Baab Sifaat al-Jannah wan-Naar, Fath al-

Baari, 11/418. They are also mentioned in from Jaabir by Muslim, 1/179 and al-Bukhaari from Anas, Fath al-Baari 11/416]

According to another sahih hadith narrated by Jaabir: “The Prophet (saw) said, “They will be brought out of intercession, as if they are tha’areer”. I asked, “What are tha’areer?” He said, “Daghabis [snake cucumbers]”” Bukhaari, Kitaab ar-Riqaq, Baab Sifaah al-Jannah wan-Naar, Fath al-Baari, 11/416]

Muslim reports a lengthy hadith from Abu Hurayrah, in which the Prophet (saw) describes the Hereafter, and in “...When Allaah (swt) has finished judging mankind, and wants to bring whomever He wills out of Hell He will order angels to bring forth those upon who He wishes to bestow His mercy of the people who associated anything in worship with Allaah (swt), and who said, “Laa ilaaha illaah Allaah”. The angels find them in Hell, and will know them by the mark of sujud on their foreheads. The Fire will consume except the mark of sujud which Allaah (swt) has forbidden the Fire to consume. They will be brought been burned in the Fire, the water of life will be poured on them, and they will grow like seeds left by flood”. [Saheeh Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, Baab ar-Ru’yah, 1/299, no. 182]

It was reported in more than one hadith that Allaah (swt) will bring forth from hell whoever has a dinar’s weight heart, or even half a dinar’s weight or an atom’s weight. Moreover, people will be brought forth who never did all. Abu Sa’eed al-Khudri reported that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said, “Allaah (swt) will admit the people to Paradise and He will admit whomsoever He will by His Mercy. And He will admit the people of Hell will say, “Look for anyone who has the weight of a mustard seed of faith in his heart, and bring him Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, Baab Ithbat ash-Shafa’ah wa Ikhraaj al-Muwwahhadeen, 1/172]

One of the reports about Hell is the hadeeth narrated by Jaabir ibn ‘Abdullaah (ra) concerning entering Hellfire: “Then intercession will be permitted and they will interceded until whoever says Laa ilaaha illa Allaah barley grain’s worth of goodness in his heart will be brought forth. They will be made to stand in the paradise and the people of Paradise will start to pour water over them, until they begin to grow like after a flood. All traces of the Fire will disappear, then he [the person who was brought out of Hell] until he is given the equivalent of this world and ten times more”. [Sahih Muslim, Baab adna Ahl al 1/178]

Anas ibn Maalik reported that the Prophet (saw) said: “Whoever says Laa ilaaha illaa Allaah and has a barely weight of goodness in his heart will be brought out of the Fire. Then whoever says, “Laa ilaaha illaa a wheat grains weight of goodness in his heart will be brought out of the Fire. Then whoever says, Laa Allaah and has an atom’s-weight of goodness in his heart will be brought out of the Fire”. Imaan, Baab adna Ahl al-Jannah Manzilatan, 1/182]

There are many hadiths that discuss this matter.