

Lesson 19

Summary Notes

The Hereafter — (III)

"We hope for the good people among the believers that He will pardon them, and [that He will] enter them into Heaven by His mercy, but we do not consider them to be secure, nor do we testify about their [being in] Heaven. We seek forgiveness for their bad people, and fear for them, but we do not make them despair." [59]

"We believe in the Resurrection, the recompense of deeds on the Day of Arising, the Exposure, the Reckoning, the Reading of the Book, reward and punishment, the Path and the Balance." [82]

"Heaven and Hell are [both] created, and neither of them shall ever disappear or cease to exist. Allah created them before [the rest of] creation and created inhabitants for them" [83]

"The people of enormities from among the ummah of Muḥammad (ﷺ) shall not remain eternally in the Fire, provided they died as monotheists (**muwahḥidīn**), even if they did not repent, after they meet Allāh as affirming believers. They are subject to His will and verdict : if He wills He will forgive them, and pardon them by His grace, as He, the Mighty the Majestic, has mentioned in His book (translated), *"And He forgives anything beneath that to whom He wills"* Qur'ān [4:48], or if He wills He will punish them in the Fire out of His justice, then He will bring them out of it by His mercy and by the intercession of intercessors from among those who obeyed Him, and then He will raise them into Heaven. That is because Allāh has undertaken [to deliver] those who recognize Him, and does not treat them, in both worlds, like those who deny Him - those who have despaired of His guidance and have not attained [any] of His protection. O Allāh, Protector of Islam and its people! Keep us firm upon Islām until we meet You with it!" [68]

The Reckoning (al-Ḥisāb)

"To Us shall be their coming, then with Us shall be their reckoning." Qur'ān [88:25-26]

"When two Muslims encounter one another with their swords, the murderer and the murdered shall be in the Fire." [Bukhārī, Muslim]

"Allah does not task a soul beyond its scope." Qur'ān [2:286]

"Allah has forgiven my ummah for those things which their hearts whisper to them." [Bukhārī, Muslim]

“Whoever is disputed with in his reckoning shall be punished.” [Bukhārī, Muslim]

Those who enter heaven without reckoning:

“Gabriel (عليه السلام) said, ‘ . . . and with them are **70,000** who shall enter heaven without reckoning or punishment . . . they are those who do not use charms, nor seek them from others, nor draw omens, but rely upon their Lord.” [Muslim]

“When the servants are standing at the place of reckoning, a (group of) people will come with their swords on their backs dripping blood, and they will assemble at the gate of Heaven . . . they are the martyrs: they were alive, receiving sustenance.” [Ṭabarānī]

The Balance (al-Mīzān)

“And We shall lay down the equitable balances for the Day of Resurrection, so that no soul shall be wronged in the least. And, even if it be the weight of a mustard-seed, We shall produce it, and We suffice to take account.” Qur’ān [21:47]

It is obligatory to believe that there exists a **balance** for weighing deeds.

The Path (aṣ-Ṣirāṭ)

“And there is not any of you except that he must appear before it (Hell). It is an unavoidable decree with your Lord. Then, We shall save those who were pious, and We shall leave the guilty ones therein (humbled) on their knees.” Qur’ān [19:71-72]

It is a **bridge over Hell**. People will cross it according to their level of faith - some will cross like lightning, some running, others walking and still others crawling. Some will not cross and will fall into Hell.

Fate of the disbelievers

1. Will ask to be returned to the world for another chance. (Qur’ān [32:12])
2. Will express wish to return when they see Hell, but they will be lying. (Qur’ān [6:27-31]).
3. Will look for intercessors (Qur’ān [7:53]) but intercession will not benefit them (Qur’ān [74:48]).
4. Will cry out in vain to be brought out of Hell. (Qur’ān [67:37, 23:106-108])
5. Will ask the angels to ask Allāh for lightening of the punishment for one day, but will be refused. (Qur’ān [40:47-50])
6. Will ask **Mālik** to ask Allāh to annihilate them, but they will be refused. (Qur’ān [43:77])

Fate of the believers

Those whose good outweighs their evil will **enter Heaven**.

Those whose evil outweighs their good may:

1. be punished in Hell and then taken out and go to Heaven, or
2. be saved from Hell by Intercession, and therefore go directly to Heaven, or
3. be forgiven by Allāh's mercy, and go directly to Heaven.

Heaven and Hell

Heaven and Hell have both been created, and neither of them shall ever perish or pass away.

"It (Heaven) has been prepared for the pious." Qur'ān [3:133]

"Guard yourselves against the fire which has been prepared for the disbelievers." Qur'ān [3:131]

"Those who believe and do good deeds, We shall enter them into gardens beneath which flow rivers, in which they shall abide forever." Qur'ān [4:57]

"Allah has cursed the disbelievers and has prepared for them a blazing fire, wherein they shall abide forever." Qur'ān [33:64-65]