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INTRODUCTION

All praise belongs to Allah who has prepared the home of delight and mercy for the righteous. May commendation and protection be upon the first inhabitant of paradise, prophet Muhammad and his household and eminent companions. Indeed, the best speech is the book of Allah and the best guidance is that of Muhammad, may Allah grant him commendations and protection. The worst of affairs are the newly invented matters (in the religion), every newly invented matter (in the religion) is an act of innovation, every act of innovation is misguidance and every misguidance is in the hell. Brethren in faith, As-salaamu'alaykum warahmotuLloohi wabarokaatuH!

All praise is due to Allah who promised the believers paradise. We implore Allah not to ban us from entering it. Paradise is an abode prepared by Allah such that all of it is bliss and pleasure. We implore Allah by His mercy to enable us attain all acts of worship that would grant us admittance into it. The obverse is hell, prepared for all sinners and polytheists. We implore Allah by His mercy to avert the fire from us and protect us from a prior visit into it before paradise.

Brethren, the eternal life would befall every living creature i.e. all mankind and jinn that are created for the purpose of worship. Everyone would experience an eternal life after this ephemeral one. Death would befall everyone someday. This ephemeral life is the time to prepare for the deeds that would grant us eternal bliss in the hereafter. May Allah exclude us from the dwellers of hell. After the resurrection and judgment have been established, the people would either be driven into paradise or hell. It's either paradise or hell fire! May Allah include us amongst the inhabitants of paradise. Some would be made to visit hell before paradise in spite of their

faith in Allah on account of the evil deeds other than polytheism which they failed to repent from. If Allah wills, He could grant them pardon or cause them to have a prior visit into hell before admitting them into paradise if they were not polytheists. We implore Allah by His mercy to prevent us from a prior visit into hell before paradise. May Allah grant us admittance into paradise from inception. In all honesty, this world is a home of difficulty and stress. We toil and moil exhaustingly in both religious and mundane affairs. All of these are backbreaking including the obligatory and voluntary prayers as well as the observance of fasting. Our mundane affairs including our livelihood is equally tiring. We implore Allah to facilitate it for us. The indigent undergo stress while the affluent are stressed by the indigent. The affluent are sleep-deprived! Invoking Allah for wealth is tantamount to supplicating for harassment on account of constant beleaguerment by the destitute. We would eventually discover that the affluence we so much crave is absolutely exhausting upon its attainment. There isn't any easy undertaking in this world except that which Allah makes easy. The best return after this mundane and religious toil which is characterized by frailty, debility and senility is to have a superb repose in paradise. However, if one returns to hell afterwards then that is indeed an execrable situation. It's a tremendous misfortune to experience this worldly tribulation and eventually reside in hell in the hereafter. We implore Allah to have mercy on us.

PARADISE; ITS REALITY AND PLEASURE

This world is an abode of torment while paradise is an abode of repose and relaxation. It's an obligatory aspect of our religion to believe that paradise exists and has been created in the seventh heaven as an abode of bliss for all righteous worshipping servants of Allah. Whoever denies this creed has ceased to be a Muslim.

Paradise is an abode of pleasure and tranquility prepared for all righteous worshipping believers. The paradise has been created and situated in the seventh heaven according to the prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection). *Allah says, "And in the heaven is your provision and whatever you are promised" (Qur'an 51:22).* During the night journey and ascent of the prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) into the heavens, he (may Allah grant him commendations and protection) saw Jibril in his natural form right beside the paradise. *Allah says, "And he certainly saw him in another descent at the lote tree of the utmost boundary near it is the garden of refuge (i.e. paradise)" (Qur'an 53: 13-15).*

Likewise, *Allah says, "And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous. (Qur'an 3:133).* Paradise is prepared exclusively for the righteous hence we must strive to be amongst the righteous. May Allah include me and you amongst the righteous. Righteousness entails fulfilling all Allah's commands and avoiding His prohibitions; Whoever observes that is amongst the righteous and paradise is prepared for such individual. However, whoever defies that would be entered into hell. May Allah exclude us from the dwellers of hell.

Paradise is an extremely wide abode with eight (8) gates. Each gate has a length that can only be covered by walking a distance of forty (40) years. This is a magnificent abode! Paradise was neither built by builders nor bricklayers rather it was by the command of Allah. The inhabitants of paradise are in extreme delight. *Allah says, "Indeed, the righteous will be in pleasure, on adorned couches, observing. (Qur'an 83: 22-23). The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, "The inhabitants of paradise will eat and drink whatever they desire. Therein, they won't expectorate, urinate, defecate or snort. The companions inquired, 'What happens to the food?' The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) replied, "It will be excreted as light breaths and perspiration redolent of musk".* The dwellers of paradise won't sleep rather they would be alert always. They would always be awake to behold blissful delights and pleasure. They would never die rather they would live eternally.

The inhabitants of paradise shall imbibe all kinds of pleasant juice therein, they shall consume all kinds of healthy fruits some of which have names that are reminiscent of these worldly fruits but whose exact nature is completely unfamiliar. *Allah says, "And they will be given to drink a cup [of wine] whose mixture is of ginger" (Qur'an 76:17).*

Brethren in faith, paradise has splendid gardens where the inhabitants shall relax and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere. *Allah says, "Indeed, for the righteous is attainment, gardens and grapevines" (Qur'an 78: 31-32).*

Paradise is furnished with beautiful cups that are already filled with delectable drinks to be consumed by its dwellers. *Pure drinks of milk, honey, immaculate water and wholesome wine.*

The buildings of paradise are made of gold and silver bricks. *The companions enquired about the structure of paradise, the prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) replied, "The buildings are made of gold and silver bricks with (fragrant) painting of musk".* The floors are covered with sparkling brilliant iridescent pearls and precious sands of soothing texture.

The gardens are beautified with luxurious orchards and plantations with inbuilt couches. The trees are exceedingly stupendous with expansive shades spanning a width that can be covered by a horserider in a hundred years. The atmosphere is serendipitous with clement and salubrious temperature devoid of sunlight. *Allah says, "[They will be] reclining therein on adorned couches. They will not see therein any [burning] sun or [freezing] cold (Qur'an 76:13).*

THE FEATURES OF THE INHABITANTS OF PARADISE

The inhabitants of paradise from amongst mankind and jinn shall have brilliant attractive faces. *Allah says, “[Other] faces that day will show pleasure, with their efforts [they are] satisfied, in an elevated garden wherein they will hear no unsuitable speech. Within it is a flowing spring, within it are couches raised high and cups put in place and cushions lined up and carpets spread around.”* (Qur’an 88: 8-16). The dwellers of paradise shall have impeccably created pulchritudinous ladies awaiting them on adorned couches. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “Allah says, ‘I have prepared for my righteous servants (such excellent things) as no eye has ever seen nor an ear has ever heard nor a human heart could ever perceive.”* (Sahih Bukhari). Likewise, *Allah says, “And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes as reward for what they used to do”* (Qur’an 32:17). The people of paradise shall experience joy and delight at whatever their eyes gaze at of the pleasures of paradise. Such is the reward for their righteous actions. Hence, we must strive to accrue righteous deeds in order to attain this station.

The women of paradise are charmingly busty resembling a fresh attractive maiden that has just attained puberty. They are exclusively reserved for the righteous slaves of Allah who don’t engage in illegal sexual intercourse or keep secret lovers (i.e. boyfriends/girlfriends) through dating etc. They are extremely beautiful and bestowed with immense mind-boggling charm and appeal. They possess features that surpass whatever anyone could desire in a lady and their comeliness is absolutely unparalleled. *Allah says, “Indeed, for the righteous is attainment, gardens and*

grapevines and full-breasted companions of equal age” (Qur’an 78: 31-33).

The female inhabitants of paradise shall be provided with their husbands who have now become remolded and recreated into gorgeous forms. Their love and affection for them would peak therein and they will not desire any man other than their husbands. They shall abide therein with the maidens of paradise; This is obligatory polygamy. Such is the case if they (husband and wife) were both righteous worshippers of Allah otherwise their residence would be different (i.e. one in paradise and the other in hell). These women too would have been recreated and made flawless, they would now be transformed into loving and affectionate virgins of equal age. *Allah says, “Indeed, we have produced the women of paradise in a [new] creation and made them virgins devoted [to their husbands] and of equal age (Qur’an 56: 35-37).*

The dwellers of paradise shall have young healthy children that would circulate amongst them increasing them in delight. *Allah says, “They will circulate amongst them young boys made eternal” (Qur’an 56:17).* [These](#) children shall remain young forever without getting old.

The inhabitants of paradise shall have a market where they would gather and shop for free. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “In the paradise is a market where the people of paradise shall converge every Friday for free shopping”.* May Allah include us amongst them. They shall be entitled to free commodities on the house on account of their exhausting acts of righteousness in this world.

The dwellers of paradise shall have whatever they desire of pleasure and delight. *Allah says, “They will have whatever they wish therein and with Us is more” (Qur’an 50:35).* The scholars have expatiated

that “MORE” as stated here means beholding the magnificent face of Allah. The inhabitants of paradise shall catch the beautiful sight of Allah’s face. How beautiful is this?! May Allah include us among those who would behold the splendid face of Allah in the hereafter. *The prophet said, “Verily, you will see your Lord as you see this full moon and you will have no trouble in seeing him...” (Sahih Bukhari).*

While reveling in absolute elysium, frolicking with pulchritudinous maidens on adorned couches, decorated in elegant attires, eating and drinking from the delectable meals of paradise with precious vessels and pitchers made of gold and silver, the inhabitants of paradise shall be summoned by Allah for an august appointment with Him. The people of paradise shall enquire, “What else has our Lord for us? Has He not caused our faces to become radiant? Has He not entered us into paradise?” While they are at this, a bright illumination will engulf them and they will hear Allah’s majestic voice saying, **“AS-SALAAMU’ALAYKUM” (may the peace of Allah be upon all of you)**. They will immediately reply, **“O Allah, You are Peace and from You comes peace. Blessed are You, O Owner of majesty and honor”**. Thereafter the illumination will be lifted and they will behold Allah, the mighty and majestic. May Allah include us amongst those who will behold Him in the hereafter. *Allah says, “[Some] faces that day will be radiant, looking at their Lord” (Qur’an 75: 22-23)*. It’s immense loss to be deprived of the sight of Allah in the world and hereafter. Whoever is deprived of this blessing in the hereafter is definitely deprived of paradise. The polytheists, disbelievers, idolaters, pagans, Christians, Jews and all non-Muslims alike will be deprived of beholding the splendid sight of Allah, they will all be condemned to the excruciating chastisement of hell. Only the inhabitants of paradise shall enjoy the bounty of catching the

magnificent sight of Allah. It's indeed a tremendous loss to be deprived of paradise.

THE DEEDS THAT LEAD ONE INTO PARADISE

From the creeds of the people of sunnah is that admittance into paradise is predicated upon two things; Allah's mercy and righteous deeds. The mercy of Allah precedes the attainment of righteous deeds. May Allah grant us His mercy. Whenever you supplicate for paradise, begin by seeking Allah's mercy as no one would be admitted into paradise except by His mercy. Therefore, you must beseech Allah for His mercy and engage in righteous deeds as this would assist you in combining righteousness with humility. *Allah says, "As for those who believed and did righteous deeds, for them will be the gardens of refuge as accommodation for what they used to do" (Qur'an 32:19). The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, "None would be able to get to paradise because of his deeds alone. They (the companions) said: Allah's messenger, not even you? Thereupon he said: Not even I, except Allah wraps me in His mercy" (Sahih Muslim).*

From the deeds that grant one entrance into paradise, first and foremost amongst them is "Belief in Allah". This entails abstaining completely from shirk (ascribing partners with Allah), shunning idols, amulets, talismans, charms etc. Having firm belief that the dominion of all things rests with Allah, with Him lies the predestination of all things, He alone controls all affairs, He alone gives life and causes death and relying completely on Allah. *Allah says, "Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds, they will have the gardens of paradise as a lodging" (Qur'an 18:107).*

Second, establishing salat promptly and with submissiveness. *Allah says, "Certainly will the believers have succeeded: They who are during their prayer humbly submissive... those are the inheritors*

who will inherit Al-Firdaos. They will abide therein eternally” (Qur’an 23: 1-11). The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “The key to paradise is salat”. You must be conscious and sedulous with your salat by observing them promptly without delaying it when its time arrives.

Third, observing the obligatory and supererogatory fasts. The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “Indeed, there is a gate in paradise called Ar-Rayyaan, through which only those who fasted will enter on the day of resurrection. No one else will enter it along with them. It will be said: Where are those who fasted? They will stand and no one will enter it along with them. When they enter it then it will be closed and no one else will go through it.” (Sahih Bukhari).

Fourth, observing zakat. Allah says, “And they who are observant of zakat... Those are the inheritors who will inherit Al-Firdaos. They will abide therein eternally.” (Qur’an 23: 4-11).

Fifth, observing hajj for whoever has the capacity. The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “And the reward of hajj Mabrur (the one accepted by Allah) is nothing except paradise.” (sahih Bukhari).

Sixth, shunning illegal sexual intercourse. Allah says, “And those who guard their private parts except from their wives or those their right hands possess, for indeed, they will not be blamed... Those are the inheritors who will inherit Al-Firdaos. They will abide therein eternally.” (Qur’an 23: 5-11). The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his two jaw bones and what is between

his two legs (i.e. his tongue and his private parts), I guarantee paradise for him.” (Sahih Bukhari).

Seventh, women’s obedience to their husbands and exhibiting affection, love and compassion towards them. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “Shall I not tell you about your women in paradise?” We said: Yes, O Messenger of Allah. He said: “The loving and fertile one who, if she gets angry or is mistreated or her husband gets angry says, ‘Here is my hand in your hand, I shall not sleep until you are pleased.” (Silsilah As-Saheehah).*

Eighth, tending and caring for the orphans. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “I will be like this in paradise with the person who takes care of an orphan (raising his forefinger and middle finger).” (Sahih Bukhari).*

Ninth, being dutiful and merciful towards one’s womenfolk. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “There is not one of you with three daughters or three sisters or two daughters or two sisters, fearing Allah regarding them and treating them in the best manner but that he will enter paradise.”*

Tenth, enduring patience upon the demise of one’s child without wailing or lamenting. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “There is no Muslim who loses three of his children before they reach the age of puberty but Allah will admit him to paradise by virtue of His mercy towards them.” (Silsilah As-Saheehah). In another narration, Abu Sa’eed (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the women said to the prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection): “Give us a day (to teach us),” So he preached to them and said, “Any woman who*

loses three of her children, they will be a shield for her against the fire.” A woman said, “And two?” He said, “And two.” (Bukhari and Muslim).

Eleventh, being afflicted with blindness. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “Allah says, ‘For those whom I take away their two beloved things [his eyesight] and he is patient and seeking reward, I shall not be satisfied with any reward for him less than paradise” (Sahih Bukhari).*

Twelfth, dutifulness to one’s parents. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “I had a dream and saw myself in paradise and I heard a voice reciting the Qur’an. I asked: Who is that?” And I was told, ‘Haarithah Ibn Nu’mān’. The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) then said: Such is dutifulness (to the parents)! Such is dutifulness (to the parents)!! Haarithah was the most dutiful to his mother.”*

Thirteenth, upholding the ties of kinship. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “The one who severs the ties of kinship shall not enter paradise”. Therefore, the obverse confirms that the one who upholds the ties of kinship shall enter paradise.*

Fourteenth, recitation of Ayat Al-Kursiy after every obligatory prayer. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, “Whoever recites Ayat Al-Kursiy at the end of every obligatory prayer, nothing but death will prevent him from entering paradise.” [Sahih Ibn Hibban].*

Fifteenth, alleviating the difficulties of those in financial distress e.g. bankruptcy, insolvency etc. *The prophet (may Allah grant him*

commendation and protection) said, "There was a man who used to give loans to people. He would say to his servant: 'When you come to an insolvent person overlook his debt perhaps Allah would overlook our sins.' So, the man met Allah (after death) and He overlooked his sins." (Sahih Bukhari and Muslim).

Sixteenth, removing harmful things from the way. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, "I have seen a man enjoying himself in paradise due to a tree in the road he cut down that used to harm people." (Sahih Muslim).*

Seventeenth, visiting the sick. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, "Whoever visits a sick person or a brother of his for Allah's sake, a caller calls out: 'May you be glad, may your footsteps be blessed and may you dwell in a home in paradise!'" (Hasan, Ibn Maajah).*

Eighteenth, seeking Islamic knowledge. *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, "Whoever pursues a path in search of knowledge, Allah will thereby facilitate for him his path to paradise" (Sunan Abi Dawud).*

Nineteenth, adhering and complying with the sunnah of the prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) and inviting to it and abstaining from defying any of the noble practice of the prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection). *The prophet (may Allah grant him commendation and protection) said, "Everyone of my ummah will enter paradise except those who refuse." It was said: 'who would refuse, O Messenger of Allah?' He said: whoever obeys me shall enter paradise and whoever disobeys me has indeed refused." (Sahih Bukhari).*

May Allah grant us paradise on account of our adherence to the sunnah and make this short presentation beneficial to me and you and include our children, wives and husbands amongst the people of sunnah. We implore Allah to grant us steadfastness upon the sunnah and protect us from deviating from this pristine path.

***SubhaanakAllahumma-wabihamdika Ash'hadu-
anlaailahailla'anta Astaghfiruka wa'atoobu-ilaik, Was-
salaamu'alaykum warahmotuLloohi wabarokaatuH!***