

THE CONDITION OF THE LOVERS OF ALLAH ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

According to a hadith, some people will rise on the Day of Judgment in such a state that upon seeing Allah ﷻ, they will smile, and upon seeing them, Allah ﷻ will smile. A voice will then be heard:

يَأْتِيهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ أَرْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ رَاضِيَةً مَرْضِيَّةً فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبْدِي
و ادخلي جنتي

O you contented soul! Return unto your Lord, well pleased [yourself] and well pleasing [unto Him]. Enter you, then, among My honored servants, and enter you into My Paradise. (89:27-30)

Those who love Allah ﷻ, and moreover, those who love one another for the sake of Allah ﷻ will be granted sanctuary under the shade of the Throne [*'Arsh*] of Allah ﷻ. On that day there will be no shade except the shade of the *'Arsh*. For ordinary people, the Day of Judgment will last 70,000 years; whereas, for the lovers, it will last only the duration of the two *sunnah* cycles

[*rak'ab*] before the morning [*fajr*] prayer. They will stroll upon hills of musk and behold the beauty [*jama'*] of the True Beloved ﷺ.

*The lovers will have naught to do
With the tribulations of the Day of Judgment
No concern will the lovers have
Other than beholding the beauty of their Beloved.*

Some lovers will be so absorbed in their yearning for Allah ﷻ that they will rush to the gates of Heaven [*jannab*] and ask the gatekeeper, the Angel Ridwan ﷻ, "We were told in the world [*dunya*] that in Heaven one is granted the beatific vision of Allah ﷻ." The Angel Ridwan ﷻ will ask Allah ﷻ, "O Lord, the scales of justice have yet to be weighed, yet these people seek entry into Heaven?" Allah ﷻ will address them, "O my servants, you have still to account for your deeds, yet you wish to enter Heaven?" The lovers will respond, "O Lord, Most Generous, You know well that we turned our backs on the material world, and devoted ourselves only to You. Our hearts desired not the bounties of the world and we always remained content. We loved You and worshipped You throughout the nights, our foreheads in prostration. We prayed and supplicated unto You from the depths of our hearts. We restlessly passed the nights away, longing to attain Your pleasure. At the time of our death we had nothing in our hearts but love for You." Allah ﷻ will then address the Angel Ridwan ﷻ, "Ridwan! These are my lovers, what reckoning can there be of them? Open the gates of *jannab* and let them enter without having to account for their deeds."

According to a hadith, on the Day of Judgment, Allah ﷻ will express regret to those lovers who faced adversity in the material world [*dunya*] and lived in abstinence, remaining poor and hungry. Allah ﷻ will commiserate Himself before them, just like a friend feels bad in front of another friend for not giving him a gift.

On the Day of Judgment, the lovers will be gathered near the watering place [*hawd*] of *Kauthbar*. The most beloved of Allah ﷺ and the mercy unto the worlds [*rahmah lil-'alamin*], the blessed Prophet ﷺ, will fill cups of water for them to drink. He will recognize each of his followers by the *nūr* [spiritual radiance] shining forth from the limbs that they used to wash in ablution [*wudu*]. Even the angels will be pleased when they see these people as the followers [*ummah*] of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

*When they reach the plains of judgment,
The dazzling angels will rise and proclaim,
The servants of the servants of
The servants of Muhammad have arrived!*

The hardships of the Day of Judgment will fall upon the disbelievers [*kuffār*], those who associated partners with Allah ﷻ [*mushrikīn*], the hypocrites [*munāfiqīn*], and the sinners [*fāsiqīn*]. The lovers will cross the bridge [*sirāt*] over Hell as fast as the speed of wind. The heat of hellfire will be cooled by the light [*nūr*] of their faith [*imān*] such that Hell itself will cry out and request the lovers to pass quickly, lest their faith extinguish its fires.

On the Day of Judgment, Allah ﷻ will grant the lovers the right of intercession [*shifā'ah*]. They will take many sinners along with them into Heaven. The lovers will not be subjected to the rigors of the Day of Judgment and they themselves will be a means of delivering others from it. A radiant *nūr* will shine in front of them, leading them to the doors of Heaven:

و سيق الذين اتقوا ربهم إلى الجنة زمرا

*And those who feared their Lord will be led into Heaven
in droves. (39:73)*

On the Day of Judgment, Allah ﷻ will have a special regard for those who instilled love for Allah ﷻ in the hearts of others. On that day, wealth and children will be of no use:

يوم لا ينفع مال و لا بنون إلا من أتى الله بقلب سليم

The day in which neither wealth nor children will benefit any man, save he who comes to Allah with a pure heart.

(26:88-89)

Those believers who passed this ephemeral abode as poor and indigent will be treated as honored guests on the Day of Judgment. It is reported in a hadith that the blessed Prophet ﷺ used to supplicate:

اللهم أحيني مسكيناً و أمتني مسكيناً و احشرنني في زمرة المساكين

O Allah, let me live as an indigent and die as an indigent. Raise me among the indigent on the Day of Judgment.

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*O Allah, grant me a heart imbued with love for Thee,
And may Thy mercy always descend upon my heart,
Grant me a heart that is so absorbed in love for Thee that
I may be oblivious to the pandemonium of the Day of Judgment.*