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Author's Preface (Muqaddimah)

All praise is due to Allah alone, Lord of all that exists. I begin this humble work with the sincere intention to seek His pleasure alone, to serve His Book and the guidance of His Messenger ﷺ, to teach myself and my fellow believers, and to deepen my own understanding of His Revelation. I remind myself, before anyone else, that this writing is not for status, fame, nor recognition — but solely to seek His Face, His acceptance, and His forgiveness.

This reminder is for my own heart before it is for others, and I ask Allah to purify my intention from any hidden desires or worldly attachments, and to make every word a testimony for me and not against me on the Day when no soul will benefit except by what Allah has accepted from them.

Du‘ā:

O Allah, I ask You by Your Beautiful Names and Perfect Attributes to make this work sincerely for Your sake, and to accept it from me even with its shortcomings and deficiencies. Make it a means for me and those who read it to draw nearer to You, to reflect deeply upon Your Words, and to act upon what is contained therein.

O Allah, grant us beneficial knowledge, hearts that are humbled before You, and actions that are pure and righteous. Do not make this knowledge a proof against us, but rather a light in our graves, a companion in our loneliness, and a witness for us on the Day we meet You. Ameen.

Introduction

All praise belongs to Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of eternal bliss, the One who has promised His sincere servants an abode of everlasting joy and honor—Paradise. It is He who said: "And give good tidings to those who believe and do righteous deeds that they will have gardens [in Paradise] beneath which rivers flow."¹

Paradise is no mere hope; it is a radiant, real, and tangible reality, promised by Allāh Himself, affirmed by His Prophet ﷺ, and embraced with yearning by the righteous predecessors. It is the eternal reward for those who walk the path of sincerity, obedience, and love for their Lord.

This book; *The Radiant Path to Paradise: Insights from the Qur'an, Sunnah & Salaf*, is a journey into the depths of this promised bliss. It is an invitation to taste the delights that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no heart has fully comprehended: "No soul knows what delights of the eye are kept hidden for them as a reward for what they used to do."² And as the Prophet ﷺ said: "The eyes have not seen, the ears have not heard, and the heart of man has not conceived what Allāh has prepared for those who love Him."³

Imagine a garden lush beyond imagination, with rivers flowing beneath, palaces of gold and pearls, garments of silk, and fragrances sweeter than musk. This is the reality awaiting the believers, a reality described in vivid detail in the Qur'an and Sunnah, and embraced without hesitation by the Salaf. They bore witness to these truths and allowed their hearts to burn with a longing so intense it transformed their lives.

Paradise has eight gates, each a pathway opened by a distinct act of worship: prayer, fasting, charity, jihad, and pilgrimage. These gates symbolize the extensiveness of Allāh's mercy and the many avenues through which His servants may enter.

The ranks within Paradise vary, with the highest, *al-Firdaws al-A'lā*, lying beneath the Throne of the Most Merciful, reserved for the noblest servants. Yet even the lowest rank is better than the greatest pleasures of this world, a boundless garden larger than any earthly kingdom. This hierarchy is a manifestation of divine justice, rewarding each soul with what it deserves.

Entering Paradise is a reality confirmed by authentic narrations, starting with the radiant first group shining like the full moon, including seventy thousand who enter

¹ Surah Al-Baqarah 2:25

² Surah As-Sajdah 32:17

³ Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 3,244

without reckoning or punishment, and extending to the last who will journey seventy years before entering. All will ultimately rejoice in eternal bliss.⁴

Social life in Paradise is perfect harmony—love without envy, conversations filled with peace, greetings suffused with Salam, and hearts united as one. No pain, sorrow, or grief will touch them: “No fatigue will touch them therein, nor from it will they [ever] be removed.”⁵ And the Prophet ﷺ said: “The people of Paradise will laugh but never cry.”⁶

The greatest joy, however, is the vision of the Face of Allāh—the ultimate honor and fulfillment beyond all other delights: “Faces that Day will be radiant, looking at their Lord.”⁷ And the Prophet ﷺ said: “You will see your Lord as you see this moon.”⁸ Every week, the believers will meet Allāh in a joyous gathering increasing their bliss. Their rewards will continuously increase, their youth never fading, and their bodies free from any pain, sickness, aging and weakness, fatigue or death.

Yet, the contrast is stark. To be deprived of this mercy—condemned to Hellfire—is the gravest loss. The Prophet ﷺ warned: “Paradise is surrounded by hardships, and Hellfire is surrounded by desires.”⁹ And the regret of those who miss Paradise will be devastating and overwhelming.

The Salaf lived with hearts aflame for Paradise and feared its loss deeply. Their yearning was a driving force behind this worldly life. And their words echo across the ages calling upon the hearts to fix their gaze upon Paradise as their ultimate destination and eternal, true home.

This book is your companion on the radiant path, a path illuminated by the divine light of the Qur’an, the noble Sunnah, and the profound wisdom of the righteous Salaf who preceded us, eagerly awaiting their final return to their Lord. It offers more than mere knowledge; it seeks to awaken a deep longing, kindle unwavering hope, and inspire steadfast dedication in the journey. May Allāh, in His infinite mercy, open our hearts to the exquisite sweetness of His promise and firmly guide our every step toward the eternal gardens of bliss.

⁴ The Prophet ﷺ said: “The last of my Ummah to enter Paradise will be a man who will walk a distance equal to seventy years; then he will be told, ‘Enter Paradise,’ and he will enter it.” *Ṣaḥīḥ* Muslim 2840

⁵ Surah Fussilat 41:31

⁶ Mu‘jam al-Awsaṭ by al-Ṭabarānī. Anas ibn Mālik رضى الله عنه said that the Prophet ﷺ said: “The people of Paradise will laugh but never cry.” Shaykh al-Albānī graded it Hasan.

⁷ Surah Al-Qiyāmah 75:22-23

⁸ *Ṣaḥīḥ* al-Bukhārī 190

⁹ *Ṣaḥīḥ* al-Bukhārī 2790, *Ṣaḥīḥ* Muslim 2821