

Indeed the goals of mankind are different and varying, many have goals to get a good job, get married, buy a house, start a business and then retire and get ready to die. Yes, these are some of our goals and indeed all human beings strive to realize and achieve many different goals. However, there is an ultimate goal, which its realities are far beyond what we could ever imagine, and it has been prepared for Allah's obedient servants, it contains that which no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no heart has ever imagined. It contains all types of enjoyments and within it is everything that the mind, body and soul desire; What is this place and who are the inheritors of this place and how does one get to this place?

O beloved brothers and sisters Allah has aided us and has opened the doors of this wonderful place, a place in which one will find all that one desires, a place which every Muslim will have peace of mind, no bills, no worries, no burdens, not fatigue, no disputes, no false ^{vain and} empty speech. O believers be informed that entrance to this place is not free nor is it for those who don't put forth their sincere efforts. Indeed it is for the ones who strive for righteousness and seize opportunities when they are given to them. And from Allah's mercy and graciousness he has aided us during this Blessed month of Ramadan and opened the doors of this wonderful place.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: " إِذَا كَانَ أَوَّلُ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ صُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ، وَمَرَدَةُ الْجِنِّ، وَغُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ، فَلَمْ يُفْتَحْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ، وَفُتِّحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ، فَلَمْ يُغْلَقْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ، وَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ: يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ، وَيَا بَاغِيَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ، وَلِلَّهِ عِتْقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ، وَذَلِكَ كُلُّ لَيْلَةٍ "

'When it is the first night of the month of Ramadan the evil devils are chained. The gates of the hell fire are locked- not a single gate is opened and the gates of Paradise are opened-not a single gate is locked and a caller calls out: O seeker of good come forward, and O seeker of evil withhold, and there are many whom Allah frees from the fire-and that is ever night.' (Tirmidhee 682 , Ibn Majah)

The doors to paradise are open for ^{us brothers and sisters} you O seeker of goodness, ^{and the keys} tread the path ^{to open the doors are our good deeds in this month of Ramadan!} of righteousness.

Know that the doors of paradise are open for ^{all} you O sinful one, and the shayateen (devils/satans) of the jinn and humankind can no longer influence ^{people} you into delaying ^{our} your repentance. So ^{repent to Allah} repent to Allah, seek ^{Allah's} his forgiveness of ^{your} your sins, faults, mistakes and shortcomings. Repent, regret and take action to leave off sinning before the time is too late and before the opportunity to be forgiven in Ramadan passes ^{us} you by. ^{let us} Repent now before the end of Ramadan, ^{and} repent now and abandon disobedience to Allah before the angel of death

comes and takes ^{we} your souls and then ~~you~~ will not be able to ~~repent or~~ seek forgiveness from Allah. And know that the time of death can come at any moment so be prepared O slaves of Allah.

~~Know that~~ after death Allah has prepared a place for ^{HIS} the righteous and obedient servants of Allah and His Messenger and they will be escorted to ^{HIS} the paradise and once entering they will be greeted with the greetings of inhabitants of paradise:

وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءُوهَا وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ

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And the ones who feared/obeyed their lord will be led to the paradise in groups until they reach it and its gates will be opened and its keepers will say: Salaamun alaykum ^{peace be upon you} you have done well, so enter here to abide forever.

And after ^{they} those righteous ones enter into the paradise they will ^{meet} Allahs obedient servants, the beautiful and magnificent angels, as Allah says:

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ (23) سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ

And angels shall enter unto them from every gate with salutations and say: Salaamun Alaykum, peace be upon you for that which you were patient! How excellent is the final abode.

~~Those who were patient upon obedience to Allah and patient upon abstaining from Allah's prohibitions, for indeed your abode will be the paradise.~~

~~And know that~~ Allah has prepared things in the paradise which we could never imagine:

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: قَالَ اللَّهُ «أَعَدَدْتُ لِعِبَادِي الصَّالِحِينَ مَا لَا عَيْنٌ رَأَتْ، وَلَا أُذُنٌ

سَمِعَتْ، وَلَا خَطَرَ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ

The Prophet Muhammad said that Allah said: I have prepared for my righteous servants that which no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard and no heart has ever imagined.

O believers, Allah and His messenger have informed us some of what the righteous ones will see, hear and experience when they enter this paradise. ~~O obedient ones, O~~

~~Slaves of Allah be obedient to Allah at all times and start treading the path~~ of the inhabitants of the paradise, the doors to the paradise are open, knock on the door by submitting to Allah and His messenger, start treading the path of obedience to Allah, leave the old, decrepid, beaten down path and bumpy road of sins and disobedience, now is ^{our} the greatest reward for those who work hard to get it. Exert your efforts into loving and practicing your religion and following the quran and sunnah upon the understanding of the companions and know that Allah will reward you with a blessed place.

~~Let us be reminded of the description of the Paradise so we can be encouraged to do good deeds which will lead us there, by Allah's mercy and will.~~

So what is the description of this place which Allah has opened the doors for us in this Ramadan, what are the characteristics of this paradise which is prepared and waiting for the righteous Muslims? What will one see in the paradise?? What has Allah prepared in the heavens for those who are obedient to Him?

" if you ask about its ground and its soil, then it is of musk and saffron. And if you ask about its roof, then it is the Throne of Allah the Most Merciful. And if you ask about its rocks and stones, then they are pearls and jewels. And if you ask about its buildings, then they are made of bricks of gold and silver. And if you ask about its trees, then it does not contain a single tree except that its trunk is made of gold and silver as well.

And if you ask about its fruits, then they are softer than butter and sweeter than honey. And if you ask about its leaves, then they are softer than the softest cloth. And if you ask about its rivers, then there are rivers of milk who's taste does not change, and rivers of wine that is delicious to those who drink it, and rivers of honey that is pure, and rivers of water that is fresh and crystal clear.

And if you ask about their food, then it is fruits from whatever they will choose, and the meat of whatever birds they desire. And if you ask about their drink, then it is Tasneem, ginger, and Kaafoor. And if you ask about their drinking cups, then they are crystal-clear and made of gold and silver.

And if you ask about its shade, then a fast rider would ride in the shade of one of its trees for a hundred years and not escape it. And if you ask about its vastness, then the lowest of its people would have within his kingdom and walls and palaces and gardens the distance that would be travelled in a thousand years.

And if you ask about its tents and encampments, then one tent is like a concealed pearl that is sixty miles long. And if you ask about its towers, then they are rooms above rooms in buildings that have rivers running underneath them.

And if you ask about how far it reaches into the sky, then look at the shining star that is visible as well as those that are far in the heavens that the eyesight cannot possibly reach. And if you ask about the clothing of its inhabitants, then they are of silk and gold. And if you ask about its beds, then its blankets are of the finest silk and wood.

Summarized in his book: Hadise al aqsa

And now is the time to roll up our sleeves and put in the extra work, now is the time to switch into Fifth gear, now is the time to increase upon the good you were doing in the beginning of the month. Now is the time to put in the overtime. Do you want to be in Paradise? How hard will you work to get there? Maybe if we mention some of the things in the paradise it will encourage us to strive hard to get there.

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And if you ask about the faces of ~~the~~ inhabitants and their beauty, then they are like the image of the Moon.

And if you ask about their age, then they are young ones of 33 years in the image of Adam, the father of humanity.

And if you ask about what they will be hearing, then it is the singing of their wives from ~~among~~ the Hoor al-'Ayn, and the voices of the Angels and the Prophets, and the Speech of Allah the most magnificent.

And if you ask about their servants, then they are young boys of everlasting youth who resemble scattered pearls.

And if you ask about their ~~brides and~~ wives, they are young, full-breasted women whom the Sun runs along the beauty of her face if she shows it, light shines from between her teeth if she smiles... the covering on her head is better than the World and all that is in it, she does not increase with age except in beauty; ~~free from an umbilical cord, childbirth and menses, saliva and other filthy things;~~ her youth never fades, her clothing is never worn out, no garment can be created that matches her beauty, and no one who is with her can ever become bored; her attention is restricted to her husband, and she desires none but him, she is the sole object of her husband's desire, and none has touched her before of either humans or Jinn.

And if you ask about the Day of Increase (in reward) and the visit of Allah the all-Mighty, all-Wise, and the sight of His Face...then on that day a caller will call: 'O People of Paradise!

Your Lord - Blessed and Exalted - requests you to visit Him, so come to visit Him!' So they will say: 'We hear and obey!'

Then in a wide valley they meet -the Lord - Blessed and Exalted - He will order His Chair to be brought there. Then, pulpits of light, pearls, gemstones, gold, and silver will emerge and the caller calls: 'O People of Paradise! You have an appointment with Allaah in which He wishes to reward you!' So they will say: 'And what is that reward? Has He not already made our faces bright, made our scales heavy, entered us into Paradise, and pushed us away from the Fire?'

then a light will shine that encompasses all of Paradise and Allah will greet them and say: 'O People of Paradise! Peace be upon you!' and the inhabitants of paradise will respond: 'O Allaah! You are Peace, and from You is Peace! Blessed are You, O possessor of Majesty and Honor!' So the Lord - Blessed and Exalted - will laugh to them and say: 'O People of Paradise!

Where are those who used to obey Me without having ever seen Me? This is the Day of Increase!... ~~Allahu akbar, Allah is the greatest?~~ This is the day of reward!

50 Where are those who used to obey Allah ~~and~~ haven't seen Him? Where are those who pray their five daily prayers only because they know Allah is watching them? Where are those who give charity only because they know Allah is watching them? Where are those who abandon shirk, innovations, lying, cheating, slandering, backbiting, stealing, drinking alcohol, fornication, ~~using drugs and dealing with riba~~ only because they know Allah is watching them? Obey Allah O slaves of Allah and obey him without seeing him so as to earn this great and blessed place and know that we cannot see Allah in this lifetime but indeed Allah sees, hears and knows everything we do, say and think.

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Paradise that Allah has prepared for the faithful believers.

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Let us have goals ~~O brothers and sisters~~ but let ~~it~~ be our ultimate goal in this life and work hard to achieve it ~~O brothers and sisters~~. ~~Strive to be residents of Allah's paradise by obeying Allah and His Messenger at all times and places and implementing your religion of Islam.~~ It is not enough to only say we are Muslims or have Muslim names, indeed Islam is a religion of actions and implementation, which is comprehensive to all aspects of life, beliefs, rulings and legislations, manners, as well as social interactions, dealings and transactions with others. Be happy and thank Allah for letting you be Muslims and know that Islam is the religion which shows one the path to the paradise.

This is the time to work hard, harder men we have been working for the past 20 days.

Second khutbah

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Who from amongst us really wants to be an inhabitant of Allah's paradise? Will we be obedient to Allah even though we haven't seen him? Will we understand and remember that Allah sees and hears everything we do and say? Will we realize that Allah knows what is in our hearts and minds and we cannot hide anything from him?

~~Know~~ ^{be informed} my brothers and sisters that the doors of paradise are opened for us in this belesed month of Ramadan, the opportunity for us to come out of the month of Ramadan with our previous sins forgiven is now. Will ^{we} you take advantage of ^{what} ~~it~~ ^{remains} ~~will~~ we rectify our lives with the quran and sunnah and make sure every belief, statement and action of worship we do is in accordance with them.

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How much do you want to be a resident of ~~Allah's~~ this place, what will you do ~~O~~ ~~brothers and sisters~~ to get there, and what will you stay away from and avoid in order to not be denied immediate entrance ^{is it} to this place?

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Will we continue to worship and supplicate to Allah alone after Ramadan???. Will we continue to love and follow the prophet ~~and everything he came with from the sunnah~~ after Ramadan???. Will we continue coming to the Masajid praying our five daily obligatory prayers after Ramadan???. Will we continue giving ^{zakat} obligatory and voluntary charity to the needy after Ramadan???. Will we continue to seek religious knowledge and read and understand the quran after Ramadan ??? Will we continue to help, assist, aid and advise our brothers and sisters after Ramadan???. Will we continue to abandon slandering, gossiping, backbiting, rumor spreading, lying and falsehood after Ramadan???. Will we continue to abandon cheating, stealing, drinking, smoking, ~~selling cigarettes and alcohol and dealing with riba~~ after Ramadan???. ~~Will our sisters continue to wear their hijabs after Ramadan and guard their modesty???~~ ^{and} Will the beloved brothers continue to adorn themselves with the symbol of the believers by growing their beautiful beards after Ramadan? Certainly, these are some things to ponder and think about O believers, some things we need to seriously think about and figure out what we are doing now and what we will do after Ramadan.

If ^{we} you really want to be an inhabit of Allah's Paradise then continue doing deeds such as these and other righteous acts ~~which are in accordance to the Quran and Sunnah~~. And know that the best and most important of righteous deeds is sincerely

worshipping Allah alone and imitating the prophet Muhammad in doing so, avoiding shirk, innovations and holding fast unto the sunnah of Allah's messenger.

O my dear muslims, there is only about 11 or 12 days left until the end of Ramadan, seize the opportunity now O slaves of Allah. These are the best ten nights of the year, which contain the best night of the year. A night which worship in it is better than 1000 months. The night of decree, a night which Allah kept secret so that we would *exert ourselves,* *and our efforts,* work hard during these last ten nights *in trying to* find it. Stay up at night in prayer during these last ten nights O slaves of Allah, recite the Quran, give charity to the needy during the nighttime when no one can see you except Allah, seek Allah's forgiveness during these last ten nights O my beloved brothers and sisters.

Compete, hasten and work hard in being forgiven now before Ramadan is over. Get back on track, ~~leave off worshipping other than Allah,~~ leave off innovations, get back to following and loving the Sunnah, start praying, start learning about Allah, His Messenger and your religion. Repent and seek Allah's forgiveness now so we can come out of Ramadan forgiven. Increase and hasten in doing good deeds ~~and statements~~ during these last days and nights of Ramadan as the Prophet used to:

«كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا دَخَلَ الْعَشْرُ شَدَّ مِئْزَرَهُ، وَأَخْيَا لَيْلَهُ، وَأَبْقَطَ أَهْلَهُ»

As Aishiah reported that if the last ten nights of Ramadan came that the Prophet would increase and work hard in actions of worship, he would stay up and wake his family up. And he would work harder during these last ten nights than any other time. Work hard my brothers and sisters during these last ten days and nights of Ramadan, compete with each other in righteousness, piety and goodness, give charity, pray, attend religious lessons, help one another upon obedience to Allah and His messenger.

☛ compete and hasten in seeking forgiveness from your sins and abandoning all disobedience to Allah, *to receive Allah's paradise,* as Allah says:

سَابِقُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ذَلِكَ

فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

Compete/race with one another in hastening towards forgiveness from your lord and paradise the width which is the width of the heavens and the earth prepared for those who believe in Allah and His Messengers. That is the grace of Allah which he bestows on whom he is pleased with. And Allah is the owner of great bounty.

And Allah says:

وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

The prophet Muhammad said: The month of Ramadan is here, it contains a night better than a thousand months, whoever is prevented from it or doesn't attain it has been prevented from all goodness.

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And hasten and go march forth in the way/on the path which leads to forgiveness from your lord and the paradise as wide as the heavens and the earth prepared for the mutaqaoun.

Lower voice, soft Be informed
Finally, may Allah have mercy upon ~~you~~^{us} all and forgive ~~you~~^{us} all,

~~Know~~ that rectification and firmness upon the path to paradise rests upon focusing on doing what Allah loves and is pleased with and abandoning what Allah dislikes and prohibited us from.

Our sins, shortcomings and diseases within our hearts can only be rectified by turning to Allaah the Most High in supplication to him and being obedient to Him and His messenger.

And From the Mercy of the ~~Mighty and Most Merciful~~^{Allah} is that He has prescribed for us fasting, which will cut off the excessive eating, drinking, talking ~~and the likes~~ which sickens the heart and distracts one from the path ~~of the~~ paradise. Fasting enables the heart to empty itself of its desires which divert it on its journey to paradise and to Allah the Most High.

And during Ramadan, during these ~~upcoming~~^{and nights} days, Allah ~~recommended~~^{and His messenger legislated} i'tikaf (secluding oneself in the masjid) ~~for us~~, so that our hearts are fully occupied and focused upon Allah and his remembrance ~~within the Quran and Sunnah~~. I'tikaat is a means to enable us to focus and concentrate upon Allah's commandments, ponder over how we can implement Allah's Quran and Sunnah in our lives, contemplate over how we can stop sinning and rectify ourselves and take a break from the worldly distractions and preoccupations of our busy lives. ~~One's thoughts during I'tikaaf should be the remembrance of Allah, and thinking of how to attain Allah's Pleasure and what will cause one to be closer to Allah and what he loves. This leads the Muslim to feel contented with Allah instead of the people, causes one to be satisfied with Allah's religion over all other worldly things, it also leads one to love Allah and his messenger more than one's self, family, wealth and property.~~^{and takes us away from the remembrance of Allah. and throughout one's life}

I'tikaaf prepares the Muslim for being at peace with Allah alone on the day of loneliness in the grave, when there is no one else to give comfort him, nor anyone to grant solace, tranquillity or peace except Allah alone. And this is one of the greatest goals of I'tikaf"

So take advantage of these upcoming days^{and nights} O brothers and sisters and use them to get closer to Allah and start treading the path of righteousness in this world which will lead to Allah's paradise in the hereafter. Work hard in acts of obedience to Allah and ~~leave off sinning~~^{returning} and disobedience and know that those who may be ~~determined to~~^{think about} return back to sins after Ramadan, that Allah is always pleased with those who obey him and fear him regardless of the month and is angry with those who disobey him irrespective of the month disobedience takes place. So fear Allah and be obedient to Him continuously in your hearts, upon your limbs and on your tongues and tread the path of the righteous so as to enter the paradise of those who truly fear Allah at all times and places.