



### Tafseer – Week 3

#### Verse 8

فَأَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ

"So those on the right hand, Who will be those on the right hand?"

- Allah asks the question and then doesn't answer it. This keeps the reader intrigued and curious.
- In Arabic the letter "ف" comes for "Tafseel" (to explain something).
  - This one is explaining the previous verse.
- The concept of the "right side" symbolizes the place where good comes from.
- Why are they called people of the "right side":
  - They're the people of Jannah.
  - They will be given their book of deeds in their right hand.
  - They will be shown a light on their right side which will guide them to Jannah.

- Even the Arabs would give the right side virtue.
  - If they saw a bird fly towards the right, that would be a sign of fortune for them.
- The surah describes the people of the right first, and then the left, and finally, the sabiqoon.
- The people of the right are mentioned because we relate to them the most.
  - They are the ones who will do some bad deeds, but mostly have good deeds.
  - The people that are going to be impacted the most are those that believe in the Unseen but need that further push to try and become sabiqoon.
  - The sabiqoon already have been given much tawfiq in their acts of worship.

### Verse 9

وَأَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ

"And those on the left hand, Who will be those on the left hand?"

### Verse 10

وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ

"And the foremost in the race, the foremost in the race"

- The sabiqoon are the frontrunners that will be with the prophets and everyone that is elite.
  - They exist on this earth.
  - We are just a few steps away from this category.
  - Perhaps we only have one or two vices that are keeping us.
  - The goal is to make it to that point before we die.
- A sabiq is someone who wins the race and is always building momentum to do good deeds.
  - They strive to do their best and they are early to the opportunity.
- The Prophet SAW described the sabiqoon as people that do not have superstition.
  - They have full trust and belief in Allah.
  - When an opportunity comes, they go ahead and grab it.
  - This does not mean that they are hasty.
  - They can be calm, but when it comes to good deeds they hasten.
- Abu Bakr RA was the best example of sabiq.
  - Once the Prophet SAW asked the Companions: Who is fasting? Who has fed a poor person? Who attended a funeral? Who has visited the sick?

- Abu Bakr was the only one to raise his hands to all four questions, and this was all in the early morning. The Prophet SAW said that whoever does these four things in one day, Allah SWT promises them Jannah.
- Why is the word **السَّابِقُونَ** mentioned twice?
  - Emphasis
  - They are the first who will enter Jannah and were always the first to perform good deeds

### Verse 11

أُولَئِكَ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ

“Those are they who will be brought near”

- “Muqarrab” is someone who is brought closer and closer.
  - Allah(SWT) brings these people closer and closer to Him.
- Ali RA once stated that the dunya is moving away, we are moving towards akhirah, and akhirah is moving towards us.

### Verse 12

فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ

“In gardens of delight;”

- The root word of Jannah refers to something hidden
- Jinns are hidden from us
- “Janeen” is the fetus, which is hidden

- Naeem is the highest level of Jannah for those who are closest to Allah. Jannatul Firdous is located within this level.
- The verse refers to the Gardens of Pleasure, which are hidden from the eyes of this world, full of luxury, and better than anything we have ever seen.

### Verse 13

ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الْأُولَى

“A multitude of those of old”

- “Thullah” refers to a huge amount of sheep.
- There will be countless people from our predecessors who will be in Jannah.

### Verse 14

وَقَلِيلٌ مِنَ الْآخِرِينَ

“And a few of those of later time”

- The later Companions were concerned about not being a part of the sabiqoon because of Verse 13.
  - Allah SWT sent down verse 39 and 40, which indicate there will be a good group of people in the latter.

## Verse 15

عَلَى سُرُرٍ مَوْضُونَةٍ

“On lined couches,”

- "Surur' is the plural of "Sareer".
- It is a bed sown with fine fabric.

## Verse 16

مُتَّكِّئِينَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَّقَابِلِينَ

“Reclining therein face to face”

- Allah (SWT) tells us that they will be sitting facing each other.
- This is giving us a visualization of how it will be.

## Verse 17

يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُّخَلَّدُونَ

“There will circulate among them young boys made eternal”

- It will be like an upper class service with young boys serving.