



Tafseer – Week 4

Verse 17

يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُّخَلَّدُونَ

“There will circulate among them young boys made eternal”

- Everyone will be 33 years old in Jannah.
- The first announcement made to the people of Jannah is that they will be healthy and never sick, happy and never sad, and they will live forever and never die.
- These servants will always stay young and active.

Verse 18

بِأَكْوَابٍ وَأَبَارِيقٍ وَكَأْسٍ مِّنْ مَّعِينٍ

“With cups, and jugs, and a glass from the flowing wine,”

- “Akwaab” are vessels without handles.
- “Abaareeq” are vessels with handles (like pitchers).
- “K’as” is a glass full of a drink.
- “Ma’een” is a river of wine which constantly flows.
- Wine is something which is forbidden in this world but is very sought after.

Verse 19

لَا يُصَدِّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنْزِفُونَ

“No headache will they have therefrom, nor will they be intoxicated”

- Alcohol was something that was difficult for even the sahabah to leave.
- The biggest issue with wine is that it takes away our senses and therefore it is forbidden.
 - One Sahaabi was reciting Surah Asr in prayer and made a mistake due to intoxication. Thereafter, Allah SWT revealed the verse “Oh you who believe! Don't come near prayer while you are intoxicated”
- Allah SWT offers great description and warnings for alcohol, and He depicts the negative effects that will come with its consumption.
- Even people who love alcohol dislike its after effects. In Jannah there will be no effects of alcohol.

Verse 20

وَفَاكِهَةٍ مِّمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ

“And fruit from what they select”

- Allah SWT also provides a description of the rivers and fruits of Jannah in Surah Al-Rahman.
- The fruits of Jannah are such that every bite gets better and better.
- In Jannah, nobody will ever get tired or full.
- The Companions asked the Prophet SAW about an unusual behavior he had during a khutbah for Salat-ul-Istisqa (a prayer for rain). He then explained to the Companions that Allah SWT opened the veils between him (SAW) and paradise during the khutbah. He reached out to grab the fruit because he was hungry. When he realized he was in dunya, he retreated his hands. He stated that if he had taken the fruit, it would not have run out until the Day of Judgment.

Verse 21

وَلَحْمِ طَيْرٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ

“And the meat of fowl, from whatever they desire”

- The meat will taste however we want it to.
- One bite of the food in Jannah is better than all of the food of this world.

Verse 22

وَحُورٌ عَيْنٌ

“And {for them are} fair women with large, {beautiful} eyes”

- Hoor: beautiful spouses
- Allah SWT uses this to motivate men to strive for Jannah.
- He SWT mentions for men what they desire, and for women what they desire.
- There will be no jealousy in Jannah.
- The wife will be the queen of the Hoors.
- They are made of Nur (light) and have physical features like humans.
- The Hoors of Jannah have a praise (dhikr) that they do which is the most beautiful sound in Jannah.

Verse 23

كَأَمْثَالِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُونِ

“Like preserved pearls.”

- Allah SWT also describes them in Surah Al-Rahman by saying how modest they are, since no women or men have been near them.

Verse 24

جَزَاءَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

“A reward for what they used to do.”