

# RAMADAN

## IMMERSION



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- As human beings, especially in today's day and age, we are prone to instant gratification. We do not want to put in the hard work it takes to change and improve. We want results immediately.
  - When someone goes on a diet, they do it not for a single treat, but rather the end result.
  - It is easier to go through something knowing a greater reward lies at the end.
- Pain is sometimes like this.
  - Not all of our pain will be resolved in this world.
  - Would you take a drop of pleasure in this world or an ocean in the next?
  - It is important to change the perspective in which we look at our loss.
- The Prophet SAW speaks about this in authentic hadith, first talking about someone who lived a materially good life, but found Hellfire, and the opposite:
- He SAW said:

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " يُؤْتَى  
بِأَنْعَمِ أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا مِنْ أَهْلِ النَّارِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَيُصْبَغُ فِي النَّارِ صَبْغَةً ثُمَّ يُقَالُ  
يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ هَلْ رَأَيْتَ خَيْرًا قَطُّ هَلْ مَرَّ بِكَ نَعِيمٌ قَطُّ فَيَقُولُ لَا وَاللَّهِ يَا رَبِّ .  
وَيُؤْتَى بِأَشَدِّ النَّاسِ بُؤْسًا فِي الدُّنْيَا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ فَيُصْبَغُ صَبْغَةً فِي  
الْجَنَّةِ فَيُقَالُ لَهُ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ هَلْ رَأَيْتَ بُؤْسًا قَطُّ هَلْ مَرَّ بِكَ شِدَّةٌ قَطُّ فَيَقُولُ  
لَا وَاللَّهِ يَا رَبِّ مَا مَرَّ بِي بُؤْسٌ قَطُّ وَلَا رَأَيْتُ شِدَّةً قَطُّ "

“O, son of Adam, did you find any comfort, did you happen to get any material blessing? He would say: By Allah, no, my Lord. And then that person from amongst the persons of the world be brought who had led the most miserable life (in the world) from amongst the inmates of Paradise. and he would be made to dip once in Paradise and it would be said to him. O son of Adam, did you face any hardship? Or had any distress fallen to your lot? And he would say: By Allah, no, O my Lord, never did I face any hardship or experience any distress.” (Muslim 2807)

- The pain the Prophet SAW faced in Taif and Makkah showed that pain will be there alongside belief, but rest assured that the reward will be there.
- Umar ibn Khattab RA had once caught the Prophet SAW in a moment of mindfulness and happiness. He SAW told him that Allah SWT had revealed verses more precious than anything in this world. He SAW had a happy moment that he had not had until that point. Through these verses, the doors of ease were opened for him SAW.
- Be a comfort for others when you pass away.
  - If you pass away reciting the kalima, or in sujud in the masjid, or as a shaheed, it will make your loved ones more happy because of your lofty status.
  - It does not take the pain away completely, but it will definitely help.
  - Be a source of comfort while you live and while you leave.
- Once, the Prophet SAW was rotating between sadness and happiness thinking about a companion who passed away.
  - The sadness came from the fact the companion could not enjoy much in this world and he had just gotten married.
  - He SAW also saw his grand entrance into Jannah and he then became happy and smiled.
  - That good ending of the companion gave the Prophet SAW comfort.
- Hasan Al-Basri RA once came upon his neighbor who was a fire worshipper during the last stages of his life.



- Hasan Al-Basri knew he was a good man with good character, so he had hope Allah would bring him to Islam before he passed. The man was complaining about his future journey in the afterlife and that he had nothing to give to the Lord he is going to. To this, Hasan Al-Basri asked him why he didn't accept Islam? The man replied and said that only if Allah opens the heart. He shortly collapsed. Hasan Al-Basri made dua for him to reward him for the good he did. The man woke up again, said the kalima, and then passed away.
- We should take away three things from this story:
  - Who is your neighbor? Who is your best friend?
  - Be the Hasan Al-Basri for someone
  - Be recognized for your good qualities
- Your best friend is someone who should know what to do on your deathbed.
- You should try and be the source of guidance like Hasan Al-Basri was.
- Thirdly, be recognized for at least one good quality that people will remember you by.