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Ayah 12-14

يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَى نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ بُشْرَاكُمُ الْيَوْمَ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٢﴾ يَوْمَ يَقُولُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتُ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا انظُرُونَا نَقْتَبِسْ مِنْ نُورِكُمْ قِيلَ ارْجِعُوا وَرَاءَكُمْ فَالْتَمِسُوا نُورًا فَضُرِبَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِسُورٍ لَهُ بَابٌ بَاطِنُهُ فِيهِ الرَّحْمَةُ وَظَاهِرُهُ مِنْ قِبَلِهِ الْعَذَابُ ﴿١٣﴾ يُنَادُونَهُمْ أَلَمْ نَكُنْ مَعَكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ وَارْتَبْتُمْ وَغَرَّتْكُمُ الْأَمَانِيُّ حَتَّىٰ جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَغَرَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ﴿١٤﴾

- **Ayah 12: On the Day you see the believing men and believing women, their light proceeding before them and on their right, [it will be said], "Your good tidings today are [of] gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein you will abide eternally." That is what is the great attainment.**

- The context of this ayah is Allah SWT painting a scene that will take place on the Day of Judgement.
- He tells us about the pathway to the Sirat bridge prior to entering Jannah or Jahannam.
- From this verse we understand that when we get out of our graves and face the Day of Judgement, it is going to be a very dark place. Hence, we will all need light to guide us.
- The Prophet SAW said our good deeds will be the source of light for us in the akhirah.
- A person's light differs from one another. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud reported:

- “They will pass over the Sirat according to their deeds. Some of them will have a light as large as a mountain, some as a date tree, some as big as a man in the standing position. The least among them has a light as big as his index finger, it is lit at times and extinguished at other times.”
- A person’s good deeds can be so powerful that their light will be stretched from one city to another.
- The Prophet SAW says he will recognize his ummah through the traces of wudu’ on their limbs.
 - Abu Darda reported the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

أَنَا أَوَّلُ مَنْ يُؤَدَّنُ لَهُ بِالسُّجُودِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ مَنْ يُؤَدَّنُ لَهُ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ رَأْسَهُ
فَأَنْظُرَ إِلَى بَيْنِ يَدَيَّ فَأَعْرِفَ أُمَّتِي مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأُمَمِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِي مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ وَعَنْ
يَمِينِي مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ وَعَنْ شِمَالِي مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ فَقَالَ لَهُ رَجُلٌ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ كَيْفَ
تَعْرِفُ أُمَّتَكَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأُمَمِ فِيمَا بَيْنَ نُوحٍ إِلَى أُمَّتِكَ قَالَ هُمْ غَرُّ مُحَجَّلُونَ مِنْ
أَثَرِ الْوُضُوءِ لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ كَذَلِكَ غَيْرَهُمْ وَأَعْرِفُهُمْ أَنْهُمْ يُؤْتُونَ كُتُبَهُمْ بِأَيْمَانِهِمْ
وَأَعْرِفُهُمْ يَسْعَى بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ

“I will be the first to be called to prostrate on the Day of Resurrection. I will be the first to be called to raise his head and I will look in front of me. I will recognize my nation among the nations, from behind me, to my right and to my left.” A man said, “O Messenger of Allah, how will you recognize your nation among the nations from Noah until now?” The Prophet said, “They will have radiant streaks from the traces of ablution. No one will have that but them. I will recognize them when they are given their records in their right hands, and I will recognize them as their descendants run before them.” (Musnad Ahmad)

- The concept of light is based on the amal we do in this world. Our goal is to obtain light in this world as well as in the Hereafter.
- These are some deeds that will give us the brightest light on the Day of Judgement:
 - Walking to the masjid in the dark
 - Buraidah reported the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"بشروا المشائين في الظلم إلى المساجد بالنور التام يوم القيامة"

"Convey glad tidings to those who walk to the mosque in the darkness. For they will be given full light on the Day of Resurrection." (Riyad as-Salihin)

- Praying isha and fajr salah in congregation
 - It was narrated from `Uthman bin `Affan, . `Abdur-Razzaq said: from the Prophet (ﷺ) that he said:

مَنْ صَلَّى صَلَاةَ الْعِشَاءِ وَالصُّبْحِ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ فَهُوَ كَقِيَامِ لَيْلَةٍ وَقَالَ عَيْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ مَنْ صَلَّى الْعِشَاءَ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ فَهُوَ كَقِيَامِ نِصْفِ لَيْلَةٍ وَمَنْ صَلَّى الصُّبْحَ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ فَهُوَ كَقِيَامِ لَيْلَةٍ.

"Whoever prays `Isha` and Fajr prayer in congregation, it is as if he spent the night in prayer (qiyamul-lail)." `Abdur-Rahman said: Whoever prays `Isha` in congregation, it is as if he spent half the night in prayer, and whoever prays Fajr in congregation, it is as if he spent the entire night in prayer" (Musnad Ahmad)

- Performing tahajjud
 - The people who always perform tahajjud will have a radiant face "Because they are alone with their Lord at night, then Allah gives them some of His light." (Al-Maqrizi).
- Giving sadaqa in secret
 - "Allah loves the God-fearing rich man [who gives much in charity but still] remains obscure and uncelebrated." (Sahih Muslim)
- Once we have crossed the bridge, we will have glad tidings to enter into Jannah and that is the greatest success for a believer.
- **Ayah 13: On the [same] Day the hypocrite men and hypocrite women will say to those who believed, "Wait for us that we may acquire some of your light." It will be said, "Go back behind you and seek light." And a wall will be placed between them with a door, its interior containing mercy, but on the outside of it is torment.**
 - The disbelievers will be together and they will ask the believers to wait to receive some of their light.

- It will be said to these people, to go back and find a light from somewhere else. This will not be said by the believers.
- Abu Umamah al-Bahili attended a funeral in Damascus. When it was over, he reminded people about death, the grave, the Resurrection and the Hereafter. A few of the statements below explain how the events will unfold on the Day of Resurrection:
 - Then you will be transferred from the graves to the plane of gathering where there will be different stages and spots to stand or wait.
 - Then there will come a stage when some faces will brighten up and others will be darkened by the Divine command.
 - Then there will come a stage when people - believers and non-believers - all will assemble on the Plane of Gathering.
 - An intense darkness will prevail and nobody will be able to see anything. Thereafter light will be distributed."
- Abu Umamah then went on to say the believers will be given light but the hypocrites and the infidels would not receive any light. He equates the disbelievers to a blind person who cannot see through the light of a believer.
- Allah SWT speaks about this in Surah Nur:

أَوْ كَظُلُمَاتٍ فِي بَحْرٍ لَجِيٍّ يَغْشَاهُ مَوْجٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِ مَوْجٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِ سَحَابٌ
ظُلُمَاتٍ بَعْضُهَا فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ إِذَا أَخْرَجَ يَدَهُ لَمْ يَكَدْ يَرَاهَا وَمَنْ لَمْ يَجْعَلِ اللَّهُ
لَهُ نُورًا فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ نُّورٍ

Or (their deeds) are like layers of darkness in a vast deep sea overwhelmed by a wave, above which there is another wave, above which there are clouds - layers of darkness, one above the other. When one puts forth his hand, he can hardly see it; and the one to whom Allah does not give light can have no light at all. (24:40)

- The disbelievers will try to deceive people that were with them and they only save themselves.
- They will go back to where the light was being distributed, thinking they will be able to obtain it.

- However, they will find nothing there. When they return to the believers, a wall will be erected as a barrier between them and the believers.
- There will be a door in the wall. On the side of the believers, there will be Allah's mercy while on the side of the hypocrites, there will be azab.
- Until that day when the light is distributed, no one will know who is a believer or disbeliever, but Allah will reveal it. And nothing or no one can help the disbelievers on that day.
- **Ayah 14: The hypocrites will call to the believers, "Were we not with you?" They will say, "Yes, but you afflicted yourselves and awaited [misfortune for us] and doubted, and wishful thinking deluded you until there came the command of Allah. And the Deceiver deceived you concerning Allah.**
 - There are five things the hypocrites committed that prevented them from receiving light on the Day of Judgement:
 - فَتَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ
 - This tells us the disbelievers led themselves into temptations and caused their own destruction.
 - فتن means to put to test while فتنة is a test
 - Three instances in which Allah uses فتنة :
 - To talk about Himself
 - To talk about disbelievers putting the believers through tests
 - To talk about human beings putting themselves through tests
 - To further define this instance, Al-Razi mentioned we keep putting ourselves in places or environments where our iman is being tested.
 - وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ
 - For a believer, when their iman is tested, they would immediately repent. However, for the disbeliever, they wait to make tawbah.

- If we repent immediately after doing a bad deed, Allah SWT will forgive our sins.
- Abu Huraira narrated Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

" يَقُولُ اللَّهُ إِذَا أَرَادَ عَبْدِي أَنْ يَعْمَلَ سَيِّئَةً فَلَا تَكْتُبُوهَا عَلَيْهِ حَتَّىٰ يَعْمَلَهَا، فَإِنْ عَمَلَهَا فَاكْتُبُوهَا بِمِثْلِهَا وَإِنْ تَرَكَهَا مِنْ أَجْلِي فَاكْتُبُوهَا لَهُ حَسَنَةً وَإِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ حَسَنَةً فَلَمْ يَعْمَلَهَا فَاكْتُبُوهَا لَهُ حَسَنَةً، فَإِنْ عَمَلَهَا فَاكْتُبُوهَا لَهُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا إِلَىٰ سَبْعِمِائَةٍ ."

"Allah says, 'If My slave intends to do a bad deed then (O Angels) do not write it unless he does it; if he does it, then write it as it is, but if he refrains from doing it for My Sake, then write it as a good deed (in his account). (On the other hand) if he intends to do a good deed, but does not do it, then write a good deed (in his account), and if he does it, then write it for him (in his account) as ten good deeds up to seven-hundred times.' " (Sahih al-Bukhari)

- The hypocrites have always been on the fence. They kept procrastinating. Hence, on this day, they will be pushed into the fire directly through the doors of Hell.
- وَأَرْتَبْتُمْ
 - This means doubt, whereby they doubted whether their sins were a bad thing to begin with.
 - As one continuously sins and procrastinates to make tawbah, they will become immune to their sins.
 - Allah SWT tells us to be among those who are good, and as a result we will become good as well.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true. (9:119)

- وَعَزَّتْكُمْ الْأُمَانِيُّ
 - اُمَانِي is to wish. This means the hypocrites were deceived by their wishful thinking.
 - They were concerned with gaining more in the dunya and became deluded.
 - This will be the point where one starts doubting the promises of Allah SWT and the akhirah.

- Allah will give us based on our conviction with Him. When we make dua while we are certain our dua will be accepted.
- If we start doubting and there is a deficiency in certainty, there will be a delay in the acceptance of our dua.
- Once we lose faith in Allah and we are not motivated by Jannah, we will end up being in the race for dunya and our worldly gains will deceive us.
- حَتَّىٰ جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَعَزَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغَرُورُ
 - They forgot about death and remained on this path until death came to them.
 - The deceiver that deceived them regarding their relationship with Allah refers to Shaytan.
 - Ibn Abbas said: “Our hopes and aspirations make us forget about death.”
 - Shaytan puts us on this journey, which makes us fall into these traps.

Lessons Learned

- Because of disbelief and doubt, the disbelievers never got light on the Day of Judgement.
- When tested, the one who is in doubt, their doubt increases. Therefore, we must come from the standpoint of having yaqeen.
- Doubt starts in bad environments. Thus, we should limit ourselves from such environments in which our iman will be tested.
- A sign of the people of Jannah is that Allah makes good deeds and good environments easy for them to be in as opposed to doing sins and being in bad environments.
- Avoid these five things and start fuelling up on our good deeds before it's too late, because we will enter Jannah by the mercy of Allah SWT.