

Ramadan Lesson 4: Hellfire in the Quran

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I seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the accursed:

O you who believe! Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was for those before you, that you may attain Taqwa. [They are] prescribed number of days."

All praise be to Allah, may good, pure and blessed praises. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but Allah, alone, without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

My dear brothers, in this lesson Allah willing, we will talk about the mention of Hell-fire in the Quran. If we think about the life of our Messenger (), we would see that he would not cease to think about Hellfire. Think about the fact that from the time he () awoke till the time he slept, he () would seek refuge from Hellfire.

For example, we find that in the supplication of morning and evening, refuge is sought from Hellfire. In a well-known prayer, it states:

"We and the entire world have reached the morning for Allah, and all praise is for Allah, and none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, without partner, to Him belongs all sovereignty and praise and He is over all things omnipotent. My Lord, I ask for the good of this day and the good of what follows it, and I take refuge in You from the evil of this day and the evil of what follows it. My Lord, I take refuge in You from laziness and senility. My Lord, I take refuge in You,

And this is the point...

from torment in the Fire and punishment in the grave.

Imagine, the Messenger (*), every day - every morning and every evening, would re-fuge from Allah Most High from Hellfire.

We also see that the Prophet (), after the Tahiyaat (salutations) and before the final Tasleem (greetings), would seek refuge in Allah from Hellfire. He taught us to say the following prayer after the Tahiyaat:

O Allah, I take refuge in You from the punishment of the grave, from the torment of the Fire, from the trials and tribulations of life and death and from the evil affliction of the False Mes-siah.

He (*) would not cease to think about Hellfire, even before sleeping. When the Prophet () would go to sleep, he would place his right hand under his right cheek, and say:

My Lord, protect me from Your punishment on the day You resurrect your slaves. He (4%) would say this once or thrice.

Moreover, the prayer he () used to recite most often... think about it... the prayer the Messenger () would recite most often, as mentioned by Anas bin Malik (may Al-lah be pleased with him) was:

Our Lord! Grant us good in this life and good in the Hereafter, and save us from the punish-ment of the Fire.

So we see that the Prophet () remembered Hellfire quite a lot in his heart and mind. He would not cease to think about it. This is also how the Muslim should be as well... he should always

remember Hellfire. Every once and a while, he should hear a lecture about Hellfire, or read a book about its description. Why? So that he can become more fearful of Allah Most High, and so he does not drown in the desires, delights and sins of this world and forget the Hereafter. In this gathering, I will mention or shed some light about some verses which mention Hellfire, or about the condition of its inhabitants. We will limit ourself to mentioning verses and not hadeeths.

For example, Our Lord Most High says:

These two litigants dispute with each other about their Lord: But those who deny (their Lord), for them will be cut out garments of Fire.

Imagine a person wearing clothes of fire! "For them will be cut out," in other words "made to order," a garment of Fire.

Not only this... let's finish the verse:

"...over their heads will be poured out Hameem."

We seek refuge in Allah! Over their heads, meaning those in Hell, will be poured Ha-meem! What is Hameem?

Hameem is water which is scalding hot from boiling. I will give you an example. If a person was to sit under a large spout, while this water is not hot only warm, for an hour. Not for a week or a month, just one hour, every minute a drop of water falls on him. He is not suffering from physical torture, but rather he is under mental torture. He will feel pain and become fatigued, just over a drop every minute or five minutes. One drop every one minute or five minutes for an hour. What would happen to this person? He would suffer from mental torture. What if it was the fire of Hell?!

"...over their heads will be poured out Hameem." Lets complete the verses. Third:

With it will be scalded what is within their bodies, as well as (their) skins.

Imagine that because of the severe heat of the boiling water being poured over their heads, it will scald their insides. Their insides will melt because over the severe heat and boiling. Even the skin will melt. We ask Allah to keep us safe and well!

In addition, there will be maces of iron (to punish) them. Maces like hammers.

Imagine maces of iron! "In addition, there will be maces of iron (to punish) them."

Every time they wish to get away therefrom, from anguish, they will be forced back therein...

He will be beaten over his head with maces. We ask Allah to keep us safe and well! In another verse, Allah says in His Noble Book, in Surah Muhammad (s):

and they will be given, to drink, boiling water, so that it cuts up their bowels (to piec-es).
Imagine! Given to drink!

So not its not only poured over their heads, no, but they will also be forced to drink this boiling Hameem!

So imagine now. I like to give examples to paint this picture for you. Its an estimate, not exactly like that of the fire of Hell, because the fire of Hell, as mentioned by the Messenger (A) is seventy times more intense than the fire of this world.

Imagine if you were asked to drink a cup of tea or coffee quickly. What would happen to you? Your bowels would cut up! What then, about the fire of Hell?

...and they will be given, to drink, boiling water, so that it cuts up their bowels (to pieces). Feel this verse. Feel this is taking place. For this reason, what did the Prophet (s) say? He said, "If you knew what I know, you would laugh little and cry much." But the problem is that we do not know that what the Prophet (s) knew.

Allah also mentioned in the Quran:

For them there is Hell, as a bed (below) and folds and folds of covering above. Image... a bed. The people in Hell will have beds of fire. Mihad here means a bed. ...and folds and folds of covering above."

In other words a blanket of fire.

So they will have clothes of fire, a bed of fire, and they will be beaten with iron maces. In another verse, Our Lord Most High mentions and explains that the greatest wish of the inhabitants of Hell, we seek refuge from Allah... is what my dear brothers? Death! Just like now the greatest wish of the infidels is life, their greatest wish in Hellfire will be death. Imagine!

But those who reject (Allah) - for them will be the Fire of Hell. No term shall be determined for them, so they should die, nor shall its Penalty be lightened for them. In other words he will not die, and its punishment will not be lightened. Imagine that humans, despite the extent of their technological advancement, if we can call it that, in regards to torture... how much can they torture you? A month or two? After that you will die and the problem is over.

But imagine that Hellfire has no end! Imagine a human being tortured for years on end. There is no break time in the Hellfire. They will not rest at afternoon, on Friday or Thursday. "Give me some Panadol so I can rest for a while!" No!

Imagine that a person in Hellfire is tortured twenty-four hours a day! Every moment and every second!

Here, if a person suffers a headache for a day, what happens? He hates life and hates everything. Then how will it be, we ask Allah to keep us safe, if he is tortured for years? Forever? The infidels will suffer forever, while the Believers will be punished according to their sins.

No term shall be determined for them, so they should die, Imagine!

nor shall its Penalty be lightened for them.

It will never be lightened, not next year, nor the year after, nor twenty years, nor a hundred years. This is itself is torture. This is the punishment. The punishment of Hellfire does not lighten. We ask Allah to keep us safe and well.

Thus my dear brothers, we must always remember Hellfire and seek refuge in Allah Most High from it. And for this reason, Allah Most High mentioned in another verse: They will cry: "O Malik! would that thy Lord put an end to us!" Let us die! Let us relax! We are tired of all this punishment!

They will cry: "O Malik!"
Who is Malik? Malik is the guardian of Hell.

They will cry: "O Malik! would that thy Lord put an end to us!" They wish to end their life, but it will be said to them:

"Nay, but ye shall abide! Verily We have brought the Truth to you, but most of you have a hatred for Truth."

For this reason, I like to give examples my dear brothers. Imagine if a person came with a pin. A pin is nothing right?! He starts to prick you in your body, in your eyes, and various sensitive areas of your body. What will happen to you? You will suffer from torture. If it is said to you to place a small piece of hot coal in your hand.

Imagine my dear brothers... the fire of Hell can not be exactly described.

"For, that Day,"

...as Allah Most High has said:

"His Chastisement will be such as none (else) can inflict,"

No one can punish like Allah Most High. There are many verses in which our Lord Most High mentions the punishment of Hell and the condition of those in it. A Muslim must think and ponder about them. At the very least, he should read about Hell-fire once a month. Every month he should listen to a lecture about Hellfire, so that he will fear and refrain from evil, and take precautions from falling into sin or leaving the obligatory.

I ask Allah, the Generous, the Lord of the Magnificent Throne, that He gives us all refuge from the punishment of Hellfire.

This is what I had to say, and I seek forgiveness for all of us.

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