

Exclusive entrance to Al-Jannah (Paradise) via, the

Baab Ur Rayyaan

....A bounty of the Most Merciful upon those who fast!.

"So he shall be in a life, well – pleasing. In a lofty paradise, The fruits in bunches whereof will be low and near at hand. Eat and drink at ease for that which you have sent before you (like fasting, prayer etc.) in days past!"
(AL-Qur'an Surah al-Haqqah 69:21-24)

Sahl ibn Saad (May Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"Verily amongst the doors of Jannah there is one called Rayyaan, entrance through which is restricted only to the fasting on the Day of Judgment. It will be announced: "Where are those who used to fast (for the sake of Allah)?" A group will rise and no one else but them will be allowed to enter through this door, after the last of them have been admitted the door will be locked denying access to anyone else."
(Bukhari and Muslim)

Reflect upon the Rahmah (Mercy) of Allah Ta'ala, Jahannum (Hell) has only seven doors whilst Jannah (Paradise) has eight! Verily the Mercy of the Most Merciful has overtaken the Anger of the Most Powerful, in this there is great encouragement for the people of understanding that one should endeavour to gain the favours of The Bountiful Lord, if not in the month of Ramadaan ul Mubarak than when??

Once Abu Bakr Siddiq (Radi Allahuanhu) asked: "Yaa Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wassallam) will there be any blessed person who will be called for from all the eight doors of Jannah?" The Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) replied: "I have every hope that you will be amongst those noble souls whose name will be proclaimed from every door of Jannah"

The word "**rayyaan**" can mean: sated with drink; well-watered; well-irrigated; luxuriant; lush; verdant; full; succulent; juicy; fresh; pretty...All those who have fasted (especially on a hot day!) will vouch that the physical pleasure which a fasting one most looks forward to is a nice cool and refreshing drink at the time iftaar. Allah Most High in His overpowering Affection has therefore chosen such a door for the Saaimoon (fasting persons). The Sufiyaa scholars of Islam hold the view that everything in the Hereafter is alive with an extremely high level of perception and awareness and so will be the case with Jannah and Jahannum. The Door of Rayyaan will therefore be fully aware of its lushness and freshness and will shower these gifts on those who have the honour to enter the Daar as Salaam ('Place of Eternal Peace) via the benevolent arches of the Baab ur Rayyan! The level of satiation to be enjoyed by these honoured souls cannot be imagined in this earthly abode.

Friends! It is beyond understanding as to how many Muslims who despite being strong and healthy neglect the duty of fasting in the blessed month of Ramadaan. How will they comprehend the pleasure of fasting, the delightful deliciousness of iftaari, the amazing experience of entrance through the Baab ur Rayyaan, the exotic taste of the food and drink of Jannah and the profound ecstasy of the Vision of The Mahboob (Beloved) Allaah in Jannah ??

Commentary on the Hadith extracted from the Lecture "Ar Rayaan Fee Ramadan" of Hakeem Ul Ummah, Maulan Ashraf Ali Thanwi (Nawwa Arrallahu Marqadah).

"For them there will be a known provision (in Paradise), Fruits; and they shall be honoured, In the Gardens of delight, Facing one another on thrones. Round them will be passed a cup of pure wine, White, delicious to the drinkers. Neither will they have any pain nor will they suffer intoxication! And besides them will be Qaasiraat-at-Tarf (chaste wives restraining their glances), With wide and beautiful eyes. (Delicate and pure) as if they were (hidden) eggs (well) preserved!"
(As-Saffaat 37:41-48)

Friends! This Blessed Month provides the ideal opportunity to acquire Taqwa and to begin the Tazkiyaa (Rectification) of our unruly Nafs (self) and thereby gain the pleasure of the Generous Lord Allah. May Allah Ta'ala forgive our sins and shower his mercy upon all of us and may the peace and blessing of Allah be upon the Noble Messenger, His Family and all the righteous. Ameen

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