

## THEME 40 - THE BEAUTY OF PARADISE

### صَفَاتُ الْجَنَّةِ

#### Learning objectives:

- To learn about the landscape and beauty of paradise.
- To understand how generous and rewarding Allah ﷻ is.
- To be able to list the names of the seven paradises.

#### In this theme, you will learn:

Paradise (Jannah) is the ultimate reward, a place of eternal bliss and unimaginable beauty for those who strive for Allah's ﷻ pleasure. Paradise is the most beautiful place reserved for Allah-fearing people, it consists of scenic gardens with streams flowing through them, homes made of marble and rubies, dresses of silk and brocade. The Prophets' and pious people will be granted Jannat-ul Firdaus. Allah ﷻ has furnished Jannah with countless bounties and everything that one has ever wished for. Just visualise yourself in Jannah, long for it and pray constantly for it.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ﴾ [ الحجر: 45]. وقال  
الله تعالى: ﴿ ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِينَ ﴾ [ الحجر: 46]. وقال الله تعالى:  
﴿ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ ﴾ [ الزخرف: 70]. وقال تعالى:  
﴿ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي مَقَامٍ أَمِينٍ. فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ. يَلْبَسُونَ مِنْ سُنْدُسٍ  
وَإِسْتَبْرَقٍ مُتَقَابِلِينَ ﴾ [الدخان: 51].

Allah ﷻ says: “The mindful will be in gardens with fountains” (15:45). “They will be invited: Enter Paradise in peace and safety” (15:46). “They will be told: Enter the Garden; you and your spouses together happily” (43:70). “The pious will live in a safe place; of gardens and water fountains, wearing embroidered silken dress enjoying each other’s company” (44:51-53).

[1] عن أبي هريرة قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: أَعَدَدْتُ لِعِبَادِي الصَّالِحِينَ مَا لَا عَيْنٌ رَأَتْ، وَلَا أُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ، وَلَا خَطَرَ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ، وَاقْرَأُوا إِنَّ شِئْتُمْ ﴿فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُمْ مِنْ قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾ [ السجدة :71] متفق عليه.

1. Abu Hurairah ؓ said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Allah ﷻ has said: ‘I have prepared for my righteous slaves what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and the mind of no man has conceived.’ If you wish, recite: ‘No person knows what is kept hidden for them of joy as a reward for what they used to do’ (32:17).”

[2] عن أبي موسى أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ قَالَ: «إِنَّ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ لَخَيْمَةً مِنْ لَوْلُؤَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ مُجَوَّفَةٍ طُولُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ سِتُّونَ مَيْلًا. لِلْمُؤْمِنِ فِيهَا أَهْلُونَ يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمُؤْمِنُ فَلَا يَرَى بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا» متفق عليه.

2. Abu Musa ؓ said: The Prophet ﷺ said, “In Jannah the believer will have a tent made of a single hollowed pearl that will be sixty miles long. The believer will have their families with him and they will not be secluded from one another.”

[3] عن أبي سعيد الخدري عن النبي قال: «إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ شَجْرَةً يَسِيرُ الرَّكَّابُ الْجَوَادَ الْمُضَمَّرَ السَّرِيعَ مِئَةَ سَنَةٍ مَا يَقْطَعُهَا». متفق عليه.

2. Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri رضي الله عنه said: The Prophet ﷺ said, “There is a large tree in Jannah, if a rider on a fast horse were to cover its distance from one end to the other, it would take him more than one hundred years.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith serves as a powerful reminder for believers to remain dedicated to their faith, to strive for righteousness, and to look forward with hope and anticipation to the incomparable joys of Jannah. It encourages them to continuously seek Allah’s pleasure and forgiveness, knowing that the rewards that await them are beyond human comprehension and that the eternal bliss of Paradise is worth all efforts and sacrifices in this fleeting world.

[4] عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله قال: «لَقَابُ قَوْسٍ أَحَدِكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا تَطْلُعُ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ وَتَغْرُبُ» متفق عليه.

4. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “A space in Jannah equal to the length of the middle and end of a bow, will be better than all that on which the sun rises and sets.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith highlights the immense value and significance of the reward that await the believers in Jannah. The Prophet (peace be upon him) compares the space in Jannah, equal to the length of the middle and end of a bow (a small distance), to be far superior than all the worldly possessions and luxuries over the entire world.

[5] عن صُهَيْبٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ: «إِذَا دَخَلَ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ الْجَنَّةَ يَقُولُ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى: تُرِيدُونَ شَيْئًا أَزِيدُكُمْ؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: أَلَمْ تُبَيِّضْ وُجُوهَنَا؟ أَلَمْ تُدْخِلْنَا الْجَنَّةَ وَتُنَجِّنَا مِنَ النَّارِ؟ فَيَكْشِفُ الْحِجَابَ، فَمَا أُعْطُوا شَيْئًا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ» رواه مسلم.

5. Suhaib رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “When the people of Paradise enter, Allah ﷻ will say to them: ‘Do you wish to have something more?’ They will reply: ‘You have made our faces bright, You have brought us into Paradise and delivered us from Hell, isn’t that enough?’ And then Allah ﷻ will remove the veil. The people of Paradise will feel that there is nothing else that is more dearer to them than looking directly at their Lord.”

[6] عن أبي هريرة أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ: «إِنَّ أَدْنَى مَقْعَدٍ أَحَدِكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ أَنْ يَقُولَ لَهُ: تَمَنَّ، فَيَتَمَنَّي وَيَتَمَنَّي فَيَقُولُ لَهُ: هَلْ تَمَنَيْتَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: نَعَمْ فَيَقُولُ لَهُ: فَإِنَّ لَكَ مَا تَمَنَيْتَ وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ» رواه مسلم.

6. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “The lowest place in Paradise will be where Allah ﷻ will ask him (the person in Paradise) to express his wish. He will wish and wish again. Allah ﷻ will then ask him: ‘Have you expressed your wish?’ He will answer: ‘Yes, I have.’ Allah ﷻ will say: ‘You will have what you have wished for and all that comes with it.’”

**Activities:**

- Foods of Paradise: Make a list of the fruits and delights commonly associated with the pleasures of Jannah.
- Design a poster of how you imagine Jannah will look like.
- Discuss stories from Islamic literature that vividly describe the incredible delights of Jannah.

**In this theme you have learnt:**

- The pious and righteous people will be in Paradise.
- Paradise is a place of peace and security.
- Those who believed in the Quran and followed it will enter Paradise.
- Jannah is beautiful. It is what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and the mind of no man has conceived.
- Jannah is a reward for the good deeds carried out on earth.
- The size of Jannah and all the things in it is extremely big and beyond our imagination.