



# BEST OF CREATION; A NEW MODEL OF THE HUMAN BEING

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WHEN THE IPHONE first came out in the market in 2007, it resembled a pleasant advancement in the world of telecommunication. Ten of its models have been released up till now and each new model is better, more elegant and far more informative than the previous one. The current model is of exceptional importance; it has made human beings independent of an uncountable number of things. The advancement in computer technology presented the whole world to us on our desks at home or in the office, but the iPhone has compressed the whole world and placed it in our pocket; whenever and wherever we wish, with the gesture of a finger we can witness the whole world. Behind this astounding advancement is that intellect and wisdom which Allah ﷻ bestowed upon the first human model in this world; thus ponder over the hereafter when Allah ﷻ will create the human being's new model for Paradise, what will be its magnificence?

## THE FIRST MODEL OF THE HUMAN BEING

When Allah ﷻ created the first human being in this world, he was given superiority over the rest of creation; he was made His vicegerent (*khalifah*) in this world and was granted such knowledge that the angels prostrated to the first human being. It is because of this that human beings are called the most excellent of all creation (*ashraf al-makhluqat*).

Consider here a few glimpses of the first human model at first and thereafter I shall discuss the new human model.

## THE HUMAN BEING'S FORM AND APPEARANCE

The Creator of everything in the universe is Allah ﷻ, however the grandeur of form and appearance, stature and standing, that He has granted the esteemed human being, it has not been granted to any other creation. Allah ﷻ says: "Indeed We have created the human being in the most excellent form." [*Qur'an* 95:4]

- Abu Hurayrah [*ra*] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Allah ﷻ created Adam in His image."<sup>1</sup> Allah ﷻ is the Light of the heavens and the earth, and there is nothing like Him. Therefore, creating the human being in His image and blowing His spirit into him actually signify exaltation and represent the expression of honour that is bestowed upon the human being. The meaning of 'image' in this prophetic tradition (*hadith*) could also refer to attribute and characteristic, i.e. Allah ﷻ has reflected some of His attributes within the human being, such as intending, speaking, listening, and seeing, etc.

<sup>1</sup> *Sahih al-Bukhari*, Book of *al-Isti'dhan*, Chapter 1, *Hadith* 6227.

- There was a man named 'Isa during the era of Caliph al-Mansur, who loved his wife dearly. One night, he went to the extent of saying to his wife: "If you are not more beautiful than the moon then you are divorced three times." Upon hearing this, his wife got up and moved away saying: "You have divorced me (for I cannot be more beautiful than the moon)." 'Isa spent that night in much regret and grief. As the morning arrived, he immediately went to the court of Caliph al-Mansur where he presented this issue. A Hanafi scholar began reciting *Surat al-Tin* of the Qur'an meaning, "Indeed We have created the human being in the most excellent form." [Qur'an 95:4] He then spoke out: "O Leader of the Believers! The human being is more beautiful than everything (even than the moon), therefore this woman has not been divorced and she remains the wife of 'Isa."<sup>2</sup>
- Another excellence regarding the human being's form and appearance is that all animals lower their heads towards their food to eat or drink, however the hands of the esteemed human being raise the food and sustenance upwards and place into the mouth in order that the head of the human being is not lowered before food, rather it only bows before Allah ﷻ who is the true Creator, rightfully worshipped.

*You are neither for the earth nor the skies above,  
The world is for you, you are not for the world.*

#### THE HUMAN BEING'S INTELLECT AND WISDOM

Allah ﷻ has granted the human being such intellect and wisdom by means of which he is able to rule over many things on dry land as well as in the seas, and between the sky and the earth. So much so that enormous animals such as elephants and camels as well as carnivorous predators such as lions and cheetahs are overwhelmed and outdone in front of the human being. This is simply the proficiency of the human intellect that the whole world has taken the form of a global village, and merely with a gesturing of the finger can a person sat thousands of miles away appear in front of you and converse directly. Moreover,

this process of further acquiring the wonders of the universe is still in full flow.

#### A HUMAN BEING IS BETTER THAN AN ANGEL

Allah ﷻ says: "Indeed those who believe and performed righteous deeds, it is them who are the best of all creation." [Qur'an 98:7] Allama Ghulam Rasul Sa'idi writes: "The scholars of the *Ahl al-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah* have deduced from this verse that the pious believers are greater than the angels because Allah ﷻ has said that 'those who believe and performed righteous deeds, it is them who are the best of all creation,' and angels are certainly included in *all creation*. Therefore, pious believers are greater than angels. The detailed explanation regarding this superiority is as follows: messengers amongst human beings are greater than messengers amongst angels, messengers amongst angels are greater than common pious believers, and common pious believers are greater than common angels."<sup>3</sup>

Furthermore, angels do not have the ability to be disobedient which is why being obedient is in their nature, whereas human beings have the ability to be disobedient and the evil whispers of Shaytan (Satan) also incite him towards disobedience. In spite of this, the human being chooses the path of obedience to Allah ﷻ, spends in the way of Allah ﷻ with the wealth he has earned through hard work, blood and sweat, and he remains patient in times of difficulty and calamity. These trials are such that they are only experienced by human beings, and it is because of this that they have the right of being the best of creations even more so than the angels. The people of knowledge state that Allah ﷻ has placed only intellect within angels which is why they only remain obedient, and He has placed within animals only lust which is why they are dedicated to pleasure. However, within human beings both intellect and lust has been combined. Consequently, if his intellect overpowers his lust, he becomes superior to angels; and if his lust prevails over his intellect, he becomes worse than animals. In this regard, a poet has so well said:

*Being a human being is better than being an angel;  
But this requires great effort and endeavour.*

<sup>2</sup> *Al-Jami' li Ahkam al-Qur'an li'l-Qurtubi*, in the commentary of 95:4.

<sup>3</sup> *Tafsir Tibyan al-Qur'an*, in the commentary of 98:7.

### THE NEW MODEL OF THE HUMAN BEING

The new model of the human being for Paradise which Allah ﷻ will create in the hereafter will be 60 hands tall (approximately 90 feet). Only Allah ﷻ knows the true reality of this new model, however the few things that we have been informed about in the Qur'an and the *Hadith* make clear that this new human form will be unique and matchless in its entirety and perfection, and beauty and elegance. In this world, if electricity stops, fuel runs out or an integral part of a model fails to work then not only does that machinery become redundant but also the life of the human being in it also becomes jeopardised. However, in Paradise the new human model will not be dependent on any electricity or machinery; a person will merely intend and the sought after object will be present before him.

#### THE HUMAN BEING'S LIFE IN PARADISE, AND HIS FORM AND APPEARANCE

- Abu Hurayrah [ra] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "A caller will call out: (O people of Paradise! Now) You will forever remain healthy and will never fall ill; you will forever remain alive and death will never come to you; you will forever remain youthful and will never get old; and you will forever remain within blessings and will never become dependent or bankrupt."<sup>4</sup>
- Abu Hurayrah [ra] relates that the holy Prophet ﷺ said: "The inhabitants of Paradise will enter Paradise in such a state that on their faces and bodies there will be no hair. Their complexion will be white, hair curly and eyes with kohl. Their age will be 33 years. Their height will be that of Prophet Adam [as]; sixty hands tall and seven hands wide."<sup>5</sup>
- Anas [ra] narrates that the holy Prophet ﷺ said: "The inhabitants of Paradise will enter Paradise in such a state that they will be of Prophet Adam's height of sixty hands tall, they will be an elegant reflection of Prophet Yusuf's beauty, they will be of Prophet 'Isa's

age of 33 years, and they will have Prophet Muhammad's language of Arabic. There will be no hair on their faces or bodies, and they will have eyes with kohl."<sup>6</sup>

- Jabir [ra] relates that the holy Prophet ﷺ said: "The residents of Paradise will eat and drink in Paradise, but they will not spit or urinate, nor will they defecate or clean their nose." The noble Companions asked: "Then where will their food go?" The holy Prophet ﷺ replied: "It will disappear by their burps and through their sweat. However, (the air coming out of their mouths and) their sweat will be scented and fragrant just like musk."<sup>7</sup>
- The nature and character of all human beings in Paradise will be so pure and immaculate that even the thought of disobedience, evil talk, enmity, hatred and jealousy will not enter into their hearts. All the dwellers of Paradise will be embodiments of love and sincerity towards one another like one heart. Just as the holy Prophet ﷺ said: "There will be no feud amongst the inhabitants of Paradise and neither will there be animosity in their hearts. Rather all of their hearts will be like one heart, and they will glorify Allah ﷻ morning and evening."<sup>8</sup> And prior to entering Paradise, they will receive the following glad tidings: "Enter these gardens in peace, without fear. We will remove any resentment that they had in their hearts. They will be brothers sitting on thrones in front of one another. They will not be affected by any hardship there, and they will never be made to leave." [Qur'an 15:46-48]

#### EVERY HUMAN BEING WILL BE LITERATE IN PARADISE

Allah ﷻ says: "Read your book of deeds. Today you yourself are sufficient to take account of yourself." [Qur'an 17:14] The angels write every good deed and every bad deed in the human being's book of deeds. When he will be resurrected on the Day of Judgement, his book of deeds will be opened up and put in front him and it will be said to him: "Read it yourself, and you will find

<sup>4</sup> Sahih Muslim, Book of al-Jannah, Chapter 8, Hadith 7157.

<sup>5</sup> Musnad Ahmad ibn Hanbal, vol. 2, p. 295.

<sup>6</sup> Tafsir al-Qur'an al-'Azim li Ibn Kathir, in the commentary of 56:37.

<sup>7</sup> Sahih Muslim, Book of al-Jannah, Chapter 7, Hadith 7152.

<sup>8</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Bad' al-Khalq, Chapter 8, Hadith 3245.

out for yourself which punishment or reward you are deserving of.” Therefore, perform such deeds today which will not lead you to embarrassment when you witness them tomorrow.

On the Day of Judgement, no individual (male or female) will be blind or illiterate. On that day, each person will be fluent in the Arabic Language and will read the book of deeds. Just as Imam Ibn Jarir al-Tabari has narrated from Qatadah [ra]: “On that day, that individual will also be able to read who was illiterate in this world.”<sup>9</sup> Abu Umamah [ra] relates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “On the Day of Judgement, when an individual’s book of deeds will be brought in front of him and he will read it, he will say: “I did such and such righteous deeds, but they are not listed in this book of deeds?” Then there will be a reply from Allah ﷻ: “We erased those righteous deeds because you used to backbite about people.”<sup>10</sup>

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan writes: “From this it is understood that no individual will be illiterate on the Day of Judgement. Everybody will be able to read, and everybody will be fluent in Arabic because the transcript of the book of deeds will be in Arabic. Rather with death everybody’s language becomes Arabic, since the questions in the grave are in Arabic and everybody replies in Arabic.”<sup>11</sup> The language of everyone in Paradise will also be Arabic, just as the holy Prophet ﷺ said: “Love the people of Arabia for three reasons; for I am an Arab, for the language of the Qur’an is Arabic, and for the language of the people of Paradise will also be Arabic.”<sup>12</sup>

#### THE INTENTION OF THE HUMAN BEING WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FULFILLED IN PARADISE

- Allah ﷻ says: “And in Paradise for you there will be everything that you yourselves desire, and in it for you there will be everything that you ask for.” [Qur’an 41:31]
- Abu Sa’id al-Khudri [ra] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “Whenever a believer will desire a child in Paradise, then according

to this intention a child will be born in an instance. Its conceiving, birth and ageing will all take place in an instance.”<sup>13</sup>

- Imam al-Bayhaqi narrates from Ibn Mas’ud [ra] that the holy Prophet ﷺ said: “In Paradise, whichever bird you desire (to eat its meat), it will immediately appear in front of you as a roasted bird.”<sup>14</sup>
- Ibn ‘Abbas [ra] said: “If the friends of Allah ﷻ in Paradise desire a fruit whilst standing, sitting or lying down, then that tree will bow down itself extending its fruit nearer to them, and they will take it with their own hands.”<sup>15</sup>

#### THE HUMAN BEING’S SIGHT AND HEARING IN PARADISE

The dwellers of Paradise on their balconies will observe the occupants of Hell and will ask the sinners about the crimes that led them to being thrown into Hell? “They will say: “We were not of those who used to perform the prayer, nor did we feed the poor. And we used to indulge in futile talk with evil people. And we used to deny the Day of Judgement.” ” [Qur’an 74:43-46] Ponder! If a few yards in front of us, fifty people were being burnt in a pit, their clothes and hair will burn and their bodies will be scorched to such an extent that they will become unrecognisable. However, the sight and hearing of the inhabitants of Paradise will become so advanced that from a distance of thousands of miles, they will be able to recognise them and be able to converse with them.

Ibn ‘Umar [ra] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “The dwellers of the lowest ranks in Paradise will see his kingdom spread for a distance of two thousand years, and he will see the furthest part of his kingdom just as he sees the closet part.”<sup>16</sup> In the commentary to this tradition, al-Hafiz Ibn Kathir writes: “When this will be the state of Allah’s bestowal of blessings upon the lowest ranked dweller of Paradise, then what do you think regarding how vast the sultanate of the highest ranked dweller of Paradise will be?”<sup>17</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Tafsir Ibn Jarir al-Tabari; Tafsir Ibn Abi Hatim; Tafsir Zad al-Masir, in the commentary of 17:14.

<sup>10</sup> Tafsir Mazhari, in the commentary of 17:14.

<sup>11</sup> Tafsir Nur al-‘Ifan, in the commentary of 18:49.

<sup>12</sup> Al-Mustadrak ‘ala’l-Sahihayn, vol. 4, p. 98.

<sup>13</sup> Sunan al-Tirmidhi, Chapters of al-Jannah, Chapter 23, Hadith 2563.

<sup>14</sup> Tafsir Mazhari, in the commentary of 41:32.

<sup>15</sup> Al-Jami’ li-Ahkam al-Qur’an li’l-Qurtubi, in the commentary of 55:54.

<sup>16</sup> Tafsir al-Qur’an al-‘Azim li Ibn Kathir, in the commentary of 76:20.

<sup>17</sup> Tafsir al-Qur’an al-‘Azim li Ibn Kathir, in the commentary of 76:20.

The sight and hearing of the human beings of Paradise will increase so vastly that they will be able to see Allah ﷻ and listen to His speech. Just as Suhayb [ra] narrates that the holy Prophet ﷺ said: “When the people of Paradise will have entered Paradise, Allah ﷻ will ask: “Do you desire anything additional here?” The people of Paradise will reply: “Have you not whitened our faces? Have you not entered us into Paradise and saved us from Hell?” Then Allah ﷻ will uncover the veils and the people of Paradise will have not been bestowed with anything which is more beloved than witnessing and seeing their Lord ﷻ.”<sup>18</sup> Moreover, Allah ﷻ will say: “I am endorsing my pleasure upon you; from now on I will never be displeased with you.”<sup>19</sup>

#### WHAT WILL MEN RECEIVE IN PARADISE?

Allah ﷻ says: “And (dear Messenger) give glad tidings to those who believe and performed good deeds, for them there are gardens, beneath which rivers flow. Whenever they will be given any fruit from these gardens to eat, they will say: “This is the same as that given to us before.” And they were given a fruit similar in appearance. And for them in these gardens will be pure spouses and they will remain in these gardens forever.” [Qur’an 2:25]

#### WHAT WILL WOMEN RECEIVE IN PARADISE?

As regards the desires and wants of women, the following four things appear at the top of the list. In Paradise, these four things will be presented to women in magnificent quality and with such splendid characteristics that women of today cannot at all even imagine them.

1. *Husband*: The female is a gentle gender that cannot go through life entirely on her own. In childhood, she is in need of support from her father and in adulthood from her husband, otherwise her life can face many difficulties and numerous hardships. For this reason, when this gentle gender reaches adulthood, her greatest desire is to find a handsome and sincerely loving husband with whom she can live her whole life in great happiness and

peace. In Paradise, every woman will have a husband who is so handsome that upon seeing him, her heart will be overjoyed, for that husband of hers will be the interpretation of her dreams and the complete manifestation of her heart’s desire. Just as Ibn Zayd narrates that in Paradise the woman will say to her husband: “I swear by my Lord’s honour! I do not find anything in Paradise to be more beautiful than you. All praise is for Allah ﷻ who has made you my husband and made me your wife.”<sup>20</sup>

2. *Jewellery*: The second greatest desire for women is gold, silver, pearls, diamonds, gems and ornaments. She prides herself with necklaces of gold and diamonds, as well as earrings, forehead jewellery and head circlets. However, in Paradise, when she will see floors and walls made of gold and silver, dishes and combs made of diamonds, youthful male servants shining like pearls, and a variety of gold and diamond jewellery, there will be no limit to her happiness. Observe the following two prophetic traditions related to this. Abu Hurayrah [ra] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “One brick in Paradise is of silver and one brick of gold, its cement is fragrant musk, its gravel is of pearls and rubies, and its soil is of saffron.”<sup>21</sup> Furthermore, in Paradise, Allah ﷻ will enlighten the faces of women, their skin will be like silk, their complexion fair and ornaments golden. Their censers will be made of pearls and their combs will be of gold.”<sup>22</sup>
3. *Cosmetics*: The third greatest desire of women is to be beautiful in appearance, hence they tend to carry with them a makeup bag or purse containing an assortment of makeup products. Moreover, to remove any blemishes on their face and to further enhance its beauty, they seek out expensive cosmetics and the highest rated beauty parlours. These cosmetics and makeup products temporarily increase the visible beauty of the face and make it attractive, and a little while later the effects of the cosmetics wear off and the

<sup>18</sup> Sahih Muslim, Book of al-Iman, Chapter 80, Hadith 449.

<sup>19</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of al-Riqaq, Chapter 51, Hadith 6549.

<sup>20</sup> Tafsir al-Baghawi; al-Siraj al-Munir; Tafsir al-Tabari, in the commentary of 55:56.

<sup>21</sup> Sunan al-Tirmidhi, Chapters of al-Jannah, Chapter 1, Hadith 2526.

<sup>22</sup> Al-Mu’jam al-Kabir, vol. 23, p. 368.

original face appears once again. However, in Paradise, the genuine and original beauty of Prophet Yusuf [as] will be granted to women. This beauty of theirs will be so impressive and dazzling that there shall be no need or want for cosmetics and makeup. Then every week on the day of Friday, their beauty and elegance will be granted continuous and further increase.

4. *Perfume*: The fourth greatest desire of women is perfume. Often they apply perfume and fragrance to their bodies so that it emanates around them. However, there will be no need to apply fragrance in Paradise, rather due to eating, their silk like skin will perspire and the sweat will have a splendid aroma like musk.<sup>23</sup>

In short, in Paradise, women will not encounter anything that they dislike, rather everything there will be in accordance with their desire. Just as Allah ﷻ says: “And in Paradise for you there will be everything that you yourselves desire, and in it for you there will be everything that you ask for.” [Qur’an 41:31]

#### THE ISSUE OF THE HOURI OF PARADISE

According to the Arabic Language, one meaning of the word *hur* (hourī) is ‘a virgin of Paradise’, and according to another meaning, it could refer to both males and females, i.e. men and women with beautiful eyes. Three opinions have been expressed regarding the hourī:

1. Some scholars state that the hourī mentioned in the Qur’an does not refer to virgins of Paradise, rather the husband and wife both have been called hourī. As for the prophetic traditions in which virgins of Paradise have been mentioned, those traditions are weak (*da‘if*) and open to interpretation.
2. Some scholars say that the new model of the worldly women in Paradise has been called hourī in the Qur’an and the *Hadith*.
3. The majority of scholars are of the opinion – and this opinion is more credible without interpretation – that the glad tidings of the

hourī mentioned in the Qur’an and the *Hadith* in favour of the men refers to the virgin of Paradise, who will be married to the men of Paradise. However, some people pose an objection here that why has there not been any special glad tidings mentioned for women in Paradise?

In response, it can be said that this does not mean that women have been overlooked, rather it could also denote that the exclusive blessing to be granted to women is very grand and exceptional, which has been kept hidden due to some wisdom. Just as Allah ﷻ says: “Thus no one knows what coolness to the eyes has been kept hidden for them as a reward of what (righteous) deeds they used to do.” [Qur’an 32:17] In commentary to this verse, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “It is the statement of Allah ﷻ: “I have prepared such blessings for My righteous servants which no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard and no human being has ever thought of in his heart. Set aside those blessings that you have been made aware of (in the Qur’an and the *Hadith*), for the hidden treasures of My blessings are far greater.”<sup>24</sup> Allah ﷻ is the utmost Kind, and He is the most Just and Fair. He is well aware of the natural dispositions and temperaments of men and women. If He has promised the hourī for men, then most certainly He will grant women a special and exclusive blessing according to their natural desire, which will make them well pleased and happy. It is most certainly possible that something has been reserved from those hidden treasures for women which today no human being has even dreamt of or even thought of.

#### HOURIS AND MALE SERVANTS IN PARADISE

In Paradise, there will be beautiful hourīs shining like rubies and coral and also male servants as splendid as diamonds; both will be a source of secondary and additional comfort for the husband and wife. However, both of them will not be from the human genus, rather Allah ﷻ will create them from the fragrance of Paradise. They will remain occupied in serving the husband and wife in

<sup>23</sup> *Sahih Muslim*, Book of *al-Jannah*, Chapter 7, Hadith 7152.

<sup>24</sup> *Sahih al-Bukhari*, Book of *al-Tafsir*, Chapter 32, Hadith 4780.

Paradise. The houris will be youthful and they will be married to the man, so that there is no mixing between a man and *ghayr-mahram* (marriageable) women. The male servants will be adolescent young men, so that there is no mixing between a woman and *ghayr-mahram* mature men. ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar [*ra*] states that there will be one thousand male servants for every person in Paradise, and each servant will be ever prepared to act upon the instruction of his master.”<sup>25</sup>

#### EVERY FRIDAY IN PARADISE, THE NEW MODEL OF MEN AND WOMEN IS UPGRADED IN BEAUTY

Some people further pose the question that women will be envious and jealous of the houris in Paradise. Regarding this, consider one prophetic tradition and its analysis: Anas ibn Malik [*ra*] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “There is a market (sacred beauty parlour) in Paradise where the men of Paradise will come every Friday. A northerly breeze will arrive which will disperse (such light) upon their faces and clothes by which their beauty and elegance will become enhanced. (Then they will return to their households) Their households will say: “We swear by Allah ﷻ! After (leaving) us, your beauty and handsomeness has intensified. The men will say: “We swear by Allah ﷻ! After our (attending the market), your beauty and handsomeness has also magnified.”<sup>26</sup> The iPhone’s new model is released after many months, and every person attempts to purchase the new model. However, the new model of the husband and wife in Paradise will appear every Friday and will continuously arrive, so that every week there is a new love, closeness and a rekindled attraction between both the husband and the wife. Furthermore, the husband and wife possessing new beauty and elegance and celebrating their new honeymoon each week; it is impossible for any jealousy to enter into their hearts.

In relation to this, consider another example: When the women of Egypt saw Prophet Yusuf [*as*], they were so absorbed in his beauty that they cut their fingers instead of cutting the fruits, and they did not feel any pain at all. Consequently, the man who is united in Paradise with a woman beholding the beauty of Prophet Yusuf [*as*], he

would not even think of abandoning her to go a houri made of a totally different genus. Moreover, the woman is the most excellent of creation (*ashraf al-makhlukat*) and far superior to a houri, as such in the palaces of Paradise, it will be the woman who will be the Queen and the houri will be a maiden under her authority. Therefore, no question arises regarding envy and displeasure entering into a woman’s heart concerning a houri. In any case, the factual reality in this regard is that Allah ﷻ has announced in the Qur’an: “We will remove any resentment that the inhabitants of Paradise have in their chests (regarding one another).” [*Qur’an* 7:43]

#### THE WOMAN IS SUPERIOR TO THE HOURI

Umm Salamah [*ra*] narrates that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “The women of this world will be superior to the houris to such a level like the apparent being superior to the hidden. The cause of this superiority will be their fasts and prayers. Allah ﷻ will place light on their faces... They will forever remain happy and will never be displeased.”<sup>27</sup> When Allah ﷻ has promised that no woman will ever be discontent in Paradise, rather she will be forever happy, then every Muslim should accept that the promise of Allah ﷻ can never be wrong. Whosoever has doubt regarding Allah’s promise should prepare himself for the fire of Hell. Furthermore, the ultimate pleasure in Paradise does not lie in any houri, palace, fruit, husband or wife, rather it is in the sight and vision of Allah ﷻ, and this shall be the most exalted blessing in Paradise. Nonetheless, to access this grand blessing, the ticket for Paradise is necessary; to enter Paradise it is essential to act upon the prescribed obligations of Allah ﷻ and the beloved practices of the holy Prophet ﷺ. Therefore, today there is a dire need that by performing righteous deeds we enlighten the name of Islam in the world, and in the hereafter with the mercy and intercession of the holy Prophet ﷺ, we attain the blessing of Paradise. This is because the men and women who will reach Paradise, they will not have any complaints or any jealousy, rather they will say: “All praise is for Allah who has guided us to this Paradise. And we would not have reached here had Allah not guided us.” [*Qur’an* 7:43]



<sup>25</sup> *Tafsir Ma‘alim al-Tanzil*, in the commentary of 52:24.

<sup>26</sup> *Sahih Muslim*, Book of *al-Jannah*, Chapter 5, Hadith 7146.

<sup>27</sup> *Al-Mu‘jam al-Kabir*, vol. 23, p. 368.