LESSON OBJECTIVES

2. Learn about the Book of Deeds.
3. Recognize and develop an unshakable belief that the believers will win Jannah.
4. Explore the wonders of Jannah, or Paradise.
5. Appreciate how invaluable are the delights of Jannah and become inspired to work hard to win it.
6. Learn and memorize the hadeeth on the delights of Jannah.
7. Learn and memorize the du‘aa’ on Jannah.
(69:19) And whoever gets his book in his right hand says, “Come everyone take and read my book
(69:20) I knew that I would be held accountable today.”
(69:21) He will have an eternal life of satisfaction and happiness
(69:22) In a high place in Paradise
(69:23) Its fruits are close and easy to pick
(69:24) Eat, drink and enjoy yourselves for the days [of sacrifice] in the past. (Like Ramadan)
Lessons Learned

After describing how the Day of Judgment starts and letting us know that each one of us will be presented to Allah, Allah describes in more detail what happens to the believers and the disbelievers.

1. The Book of Deeds:
   Every person will receive a book of his or her deeds at the beginning of the Day of Judgment. The book will include a record of every single good or bad deed the person has done in this world. As you become anxious to see your grades at the end of the school year, people will be anxiously waiting to see their books of deeds. When the person receives his or her book in the right hand it means he will win Jannah. So, he or she will explode into raptures of happiness and say proudly, "Look at my book, I knew that I would be questioned about my deeds today. I was worried so I prepared for this day. I used to ask for forgiveness and obey Allah as much as possible."

   The lesson here is that true believers are conscientious in keeping their emotions balanced between hope and fear in this world. They think they are not doing enough so they are afraid of being punished. At the same time, they believe in Allah's mercy, so they are hopeful that they will receive it.

2. Believers will go to Jannah:
   In numerous ayaat and ahadeeth, Allah and the Prophet declared that the believers will go back to Jannah. We say "go back" because Jannah was the original home of mankind. Prophet Adam was created in Jannah and later he was taken out of it because he disobeyed Allah. The lesson we humans must learn is that disobedience is what led to our father, Adam, being removed from Jannah and obedience is what will help us to return there.

   Jannah is a marvelous place. Its beauty is unmatchable and unimaginable by anyone. Those who make it to Jannah will live there extremely happy forever. They will not have to work or suffer any negative feelings or experiences and they don’t even have to pray or worship there. They will spend their infinite time in Jannah being entertained and experiencing pure fun. In the following page you will learn about the beauties of Jannah that were extracted by Imam Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyyah from hundreds of the Ayaat and ahadeeth about Paradise.

Du’aa’

الله İlçe أَسْأَلَتَ الْفِرْدُوس الأَعْلَى مِنَ الْجَنَّة

"Oh Allah, I ask you for Al-Firdous Al-A’la in Jannah"
Delights of Jannah in Brief

The ground and soil: Musk and saffron.
The roof: The Throne of the Most Merciful.
The rocks: Pearls and jewels.
The buildings: Made of bricks of gold and silver.
The trees: Their trunks are made of gold and silver.
The shade: A fast rider would ride in the shade of one of its trees for 100 years and not escape it.
The fruits: They are softer than butter and sweeter than honey.
The leaves: Softer than the softest cloth.
The rivers: There are rivers of milk whose taste does not change, and rivers of non intoxicating wine that is delicious to those who drink it, and rivers of honey that is pure, and rivers of water that is fresh.
The food: Fruits from whatever they will choose, and the meat of whatever birds they desire.
The drink: It is Tasneem, ginger, and Kaafoor.
The drinking cups: Crystal-clear made of gold and silver.
The servants: Young boys of everlasting youth who resemble scattered pearls.
The Music: The singing of the wives from among the Hoor al-'Ayn. Even better than that, are the voices of the angels and the prophets. Even better than that is the speech of Allah the Lord of the Worlds.
The vastness: The lowest of its people would have within his kingdom, walls and palaces and gardens the distance that would be traveled in a thousand years.
The tents and encampments: One tent is like a concealed pearl that is sixty miles long.
The towers: They are rooms above rooms in buildings that have rivers running underneath them.
The clothing of its inhabitants: They are of silk and gold.
The beds: The blankets are of the finest silk laid out in the highest of its levels.
The faces of its inhabitants and their beauty: They are like the image of the moon.
Their age: They are young ones of 33 years in the image of Adam, the father of humanity.
Life Time: Eternity.

Source: Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyyah, Hadil-Arawah ila Bilad-il-Afrah (with some modification).

3. It’s by the Mercy of Allah:
The Messenger of Allah said, “Your deeds will not get you into Paradise.” The companions asked, “Not even you?” He said, “Not even me, unless Allah covers me with His blessing and mercy. But you should aim to do the right thing, and work to stay balanced. None of you should hope for death. Either you are a good person so you can collect more good deeds, or you are sinful and you will have time to repent.” (Bukhari)

Based on the above hadeeth, we do not enter Paradise because we deserve it. The only reason we can do any good deed is because Allah guided us to do so. All the good deeds we do in our life are not enough to outweigh one of the many blessings Allah has given us. When we enter Paradise
because of Allah's mercy, our place in Paradise can be either higher or lower based on our good deeds. Also, those who go to Hell will be higher or lower in Hell based on how bad they were. However, Allah has promised us that the believers will receive Allah's mercy on the Day of Judgment.

The second lesson from this hadith is that we should not hope to die. However, when we think our time is over, we should be looking forward to being with Allah.

"No one enters Paradise without an invitation saying, 'This is a letter from Allah to so and so, son of so and so, enter the high Paradise with its fruits close to pick.'" (Tabarani) The believers get this letter on the bridge over Hell.

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**Hadeeth Shareef**

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال، قال رسول الله ﷺ: "من يستقبل الجنة وعيوم، لا يجلس، لا يبكي، ولا يبقى شيا بيا، إن في الجنة ما لا عين رأت، ولا أذن سمعت، ولا خطر على قلب بشير." رواه أحمد

Abu Hurayrah narrated that Rasoolullah said: "Whoever enters Paradise will be entertained and will never suffer. His clothes will never fade and his youth will never end. In Paradise there is what an eye has never seen, what an ear has never heard and what a heart has never thought of."

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**FAITH IN ACTION**

- Always be faithful, well mannered and work hard to deserve the mercy of Allah and His Jannah.

- Always pray to Allah to grant you Al-Firdous Al-A'la in Jannah. Prophet Muhammad said: "When you pray to Allah for Jannah ask Him to grant you Al-Firdous Al-A'la, because it is the best and highest place in Jannah. Above it is the Al-Arsh, or the throne of Allah, and from it the rivers of Jannah spring."
Whatever we do, we'll pay the price
In the depths of Hell or in Paradise
For the believer, this life is just like a cage
For the unbeliever, it's the ultimate stage
Little does he know about the awaiting reward
Which is full of luxuries, where no-one gets bored
You'll enter the gate of Paradise, if it's in your fate
Your deeds and actions will determine by which gate
No worldly things will you ever miss
On entering the gate, you'll be surrounded by bliss
Four rivers will be granted by the Divine
Containing water and milk, honey and wine
People will live in mansions built high
Where they'll live forever, no-one will die
It's bricks will be made of silver and gold
The climate will be perfect, not hot and not cold
A hundred years it will take to circle a tree
Surrounded by loved ones for all eternity
There will be no calls of nature, no-one will sleep
There will be no worries, no one will weep
When people sweat, it will smell of musk
Allah SWT will be praised from dawn till dusk
Everyone will be aged 30 or 33
And they'll stay at that age for eternity
The inhabitants will be wearing a beautiful green gown
Sitting on thrones, wearing a crown
People will be happy, there'll be no remorse
To visit others, they'll have a flying horse
Men will have houris as their wives
Who will remain with them for the rest of their lives
On Friday there will be a dinner for people of all races
And a bazaar where people can exchange their faces!
When walking along there'll be many meetings
With prophets and angels, exchanging greetings
Such is the ecstasy that will then prevail
When Allah SWT removes His veil
There will be no kings, there will be no peasants
And everyone will see the Divine Allah's presence
There are 100 levels to Paradise and we should pray
That Al Firdaus, the highest will be where we stay
Allah SWT has showered us with His grace
And we have to be worthy to show our face
Whatever we do, we'll pay the price
In the depths of Hell or in Paradise

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Projects and Activities

1. Write a description of 700 words about Jannah.
2. Write two groups of Ayaat from two different suwar about Jannah. Research the tafseer of these ayaat and briefly write their meanings.
3. Write three ahadeeth about Jannah.

Stretch Your Mind

Based on all the ayaat and ahadeeth you have learned in this lesson, do you think that the believers will enjoy the pleasures of Jannah only spiritually, or both spiritually and physically? Support you answer with logical and textual arguments.

Study Questions

1. What is the book of deeds?
2. What is the reward of the true believers in the Hereafter?
3. List ten of the beauties of Jannah?
4. Describe the best joy a believer will experience in Jannah?
5. Are your good deeds enough to make you win Jannah? Explain your answer.
6. What did the Prophet tell us to ask Allah for regarding Jannah?