UNIT B
CHAPTER FIVE
LESSON FOUR

LESSON OBJECTIVES

2. Learn about the sorrows of the disbelievers and the sinful when they receive their Books of Deeds in their left hands.
3. Recognize and develop an unshakable belief that the disbelievers and the sinful will suffer in Jahannam, or Hell.
4. Explore the tortures of Jahannam.
5. Realize how painful and devastating the punishment in Jahannam is and become inspired to work hard to avoid it.
6. Learn and memorize the du’aa’ on Jahannam.
(69:25) As for the person who gets his book in his left hand, he will say, “I wish I didn’t get my book
(69:26) And I wish I didn’t know how bad I was
(69:27) I wish my death had been the end of me
(69:28) My money didn’t help me at all
(69:29) All my power has gone and my arguments are all lost (because his body parts testify against him).
(69:30) Then Allah will say, “Take him and chain him (his hands to his neck)
(69:31) Then do not take him anywhere except submerge him in Hell
(69:32) Then take a chain that is 70 arms’ lengths (a very long chain) and tie him down
(69:33) He used to not believe in Allah the Most Great.
(69:34) And he didn’t encourage the feeding of the poor.
(69:35) And there is no friend for him here
(69:36) And no food except ghishleen (pus from wounds)
(69:37) Only the sinful will eat it (who followed belief in other gods)”
Lessons Learned

1. The Left Hand:

The disbelievers and the disobedient will be very scared on the Day of Judgment. The worst fears will come true when they receive their books in the left hand. This is a sign of doom. Some of them will even hide their left hands behind their backs in an attempt to avoid receiving their books in the left hand. But they will be given their books in their left hand as they shiver. They will know at that point that they are bound for Jahannam. When the person receives his or her book in their left hand he or she will be devastated. “I wish I didn’t receive my book. I wish I didn’t know what I did. I wish I died and never been brought to life again. My money, my power, my family, my friends, my charm, all that didn’t help me here,” the loser will complain. Nothing will help then except the mercy of Allah and the good deeds.

The lesson here is that disbelief and disobedience will doom people on the Day of Judgment. Disbelievers and sinners will regret what they did in life. All the joy and entertainment that they derived through their sinful behavior will be over and done with. Only sorrow and regret will stay with them then and forever.

Quote

“Perhaps, a moment of prohibited desire will cause the sinner a long-lasting misery.”

(Unknown)

Faith in Action

★ Always try to avoid sin, so you will receive your book of deeds in your right hand, insha’ Allah.

★ Always use your right hand when you eat, drink, write, and do good things. This is the Sunnah of the Prophet. Also, this may remind you of your book of deeds.
2. “Take Him to Hell”:

This is the worst thing a person could ever hear. In this life, the kuffar hate death and in the next life they will wish they are dead when they hear such a pronouncement. Then all of their money and power will be useless in protecting them from Allah’s punishment.

It is said that when Allah says this, thousands of angels jump to fulfill the command in as harsh a way as possible. When the person asks why they are all so mad at him, he is told, “Allah is angry with you, so everything is angry with you.”

Allah mentions in the above ayaat a few examples of the punishments that the disbelievers and sinners will suffer in Jahannam. As for the chain mentioned in ayah 32, it is reported that Rasoolullah said, “If a ball of lead fell for 40 years from the top of the chain, it wouldn’t hit the bottom.” (Tirmithi) So it is seventy arms’ lengths, according to the arm of the guarding angels of Hell. It is also reported that the chain is strung through the kafir’s nose or mouth, and out through his or her buttocks.

The food in Jahannam is another frightening story. Rasoolullah said, “If a bucket full of ghisleen is spilled on Earth, its rotten smell would reach everyone on Earth.” (Reported in Al-Hakim, sound hadeeth). Ghisleen is the puss from the wounds of the Kuffar in Hell. The word comes from “ghasala,” meaning to wash. So it refers to everything you would normally want to wash away.

Ayah 34 it is related that the companion Abu Darda said to his wife, “Allah has a chain that is being heated in the caldrons of Hell from the time Hell was created till when it is thrown onto people’s necks. Allah has saved us from half of it with our belief in Allah, the Most Great. (So save us from the other half) by encouraging yourself and others to feed the poor, Oh Um-Al-Darda (his wife).”

(Ibn Al-Munthir)

Notice how Allah always ties belief with actions and the rights of Allah with the rights of people. For example, in the Qur’an Allah always ties salah with zakah. In this case Allah uses the example of the kufar, who do not encourage each other to feed the poor. After disbelief, not feeding the poor is the second most important way to deserve Hell. So this shows us the importance of feeding the poor and encouraging others to do so. Remember that true belief is proven through actions of obedience, and disbelief is proven through actions of disobedience.
A brief Description of Jahannam

The following types of punishments in Hell are extracted from many ayaat and sound ahadeeth.

1. Jahannam is so deep that if a stone were to be thrown in, it would travel for 70 years before reaching the bottom.
2. The breadth of each of the four walls around Hell is equivalent to a distance covered by a walking journey of 40 years.
3. Hell has 7 gates.
4. Hell had been lit for one thousand years until its flames became red. Again it was heated for another thousand years till its color became white. Still again it was burnt for a further thousand years and its white color flames turned pitch black.
5. Even the fiercest fire of this world is 70 fold cooler than the fire of Hell.
6. The lightest punishment in Hell would be the wearing of "Fiery shoes" which would cause one's brain to boil.
7. Hell is infested with venomous snakes and if they were to bite a person then he or she will suffer pain for 40 years.
8. For food, the dweller of Hell would be given zaqqoom, which is a prickly tree so bitter that even if a single molecule of it were to spill onto this Earth it would make all the foodstuff of the world bitter and unpalatable.
9. For drinking, the occupant of Hell would be provided with hot, boiling pus mixed with blood, urine, and tears etc. of the dwellers of Hell. If a bucket of this foul liquid were to be splashed over this Earth, the entire world would be upset and disrupted by its most foul stink.
10. Boiling water would be poured over the Jahannami's head and this will cause their internal organs to melt and leak out through their feet.
11. The inmates of Hell will be lashed with heavy clubs of iron. If one such club were to be placed upon this Earth, the combined strength of all the human beings, as well as all the Jinns, would fail to lift it; and if a mountain was struck with one of these clubs it would cause the whole mountain to disintegrate.
12. The dwellers of Hell will be burnt 70 thousand times daily. Every time, after the skin and flesh is burnt; they will be restored to life so that they can continuously taste this punishment.
13. All the arrogant people will be gathered in the Hereafter and driven towards Hell, but their bodies will be reduced to the size of ants and they will be given to consume the excretions of the dwellers of Hell.
14. Some sinners would be made to climb "SAUD " which is a mountain of fire in Hell, and then dropped from its peak and this process would continue forever and ever.
15. The dwellers of Hell will be bound in chains greater in length than the distance between the sky and the Earth.
16. The clothes of the sinners in Hell will be highly inflammable.
17. Besides physical torture, the dwellers of Hell will be subjected to mental harassment by the guardians of Hell's continuous taunting. They will constantly remind them of their misdeeds during their time on Earth and make remarks like "Now taste the fire."
18. The sinners and disbelievers will be continuously humiliated. They will become so ugly and their upper lips will be touching their foreheads and the lower lip dangling around the navel.
19. The dwellers of Hell would weep so much and shed so many tears and blood that furrows will form on their cheeks.
20. The tongues of Hell's inmates will be so long and protrude from their mouths that others will trample and step on them.
21. Shayateen will also rebuke the denizens of Hell.
22. The dwellers of Hell will display their rage and fury toward those who led them astray.
23. The inhabitants of Hell will appeal to the guardians of Jahannam to intercede on their behalf in the court of Allah, but their pleas will be rejected. They will make direct supplication to Allah, but their prayers will not be granted.
24. They will then abide forever in Hell, continuously lamenting and praying.

Du'aa'

اللهِ إني أعودُ بك من عذاب جهَنمَ

"Oh Allah, I ask your protection from the punishment of Jahannam."

FAITH IN ACTION

★ Always do as many good deeds as possible, avoid the bad deeds and ask Allah to protect you from the punishment in Jahannam.
If only you knew the torments of Hell
It is the worst of places where anyone could dwell
It is in existence even as we speak
And for its inhabitants the outlook is bleak
On the day of rising, Hell will be in view
A terrible sight, if only you knew
It will be brought forward by 70,000 reigns
And 70,000 angels will be on each of those chains
After burning for a thousand years, it’s flames turned white
A thousand more years, now it’s as black as the night
You think the flames are bearable, you’re totally wrong
The flames are of Hell are sixty nine times as strong
In a flash it will disintegrate all of your bones
The Hellfire will be fuelled by man and stones
The thickness of your skin will greatly increase
Causing your threshold for pain to greatly decrease
The people in Hell are there to stay
They will melt to nothing, thousands of times in a day
70 years it will take, for a stone that is thrown
To hit the bottom of Hell and it won’t be alone
The food of Hell resembles a devil’s head
And to drink, boiling water and blood bright red
Which cuts up the bowels, everything will fall out
The inhabitants of Hell will scream and shout
Some will be taken out by Almighty Allah’s command
But the polytheists will stay eternally damned
Take up Islam, the only way to succeed
And if you don’t, you’re unfortunate indeed
Brothers and sisters, help determine your fate
Once you see Hellfire, it’ll be far too late.

Anonymous
CHAPTER REVIEW

Projects and Activities

1. Write a 700 words essay describing Jahannam.
2. Write two groups of ayaat from two different Surwar about Jahannam. Research the tafseer of these Ayaat and briefly write their meanings.
3. Write three ahadeeth about Jahannam.

Stretch Your Mind

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

Study Questions

1. What will the disbelievers and sinners be handed on the Day of Judgment? What will that signal?
2. What is the reward of the disbelievers in the Hereafter?
3. List ten of the punishments of Jahannam.