

The world is paradise for disbeliever

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin al-Abbaad (حفظه الله)¹ – mentions in his book ‘Min Kunoozil Quraanil Kareem, Tafseeru Aayaatinn Minal Kitaabil Azeez’ (From the Treasures of the Noble Qur’aan, Explanation of Verses from the Mighty Book) pp. 268-269:

Sooratush-Shu`araa•

His saying, He the Most High:

أَفَرَأَيْتَ إِن مَتَّعْنَاهُمْ سِنِينَ ثُمَّ جَاءَهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يُمْتَعُونَ

[Then have you considered; if We gave them enjoyment for years. And afterwards there comes to them that punishment which they had been promised. All that which they used to enjoy themselves with shall not avail them.]²

In these noble verses there is a clarification that the disbelievers share of enjoyment and pleasure is only in this worldly life; and that however many years they live for – when their death comes – all of their delight and enjoyment ends.

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ said:

"The world is a prison for the believer and a paradise for the disbeliever."

And Allaah (عز وجل)⁴ says:

وَيَوْمَ يُعْرَضُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَلَى النَّارِ أَلْهَبْتُمْ طِبْيَاتِكُمْ فِي حَيَاتِكُمُ الدُّنْيَا وَاسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِهَا فَالْيَوْمَ تُجْرُونَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْسُقُونَ

[And on the Day when those who disbelieved are exposed to the Fire, it shall be said: "You exhausted your pleasures during your worldly life and enjoyed them, so

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah preserve him

² سورة الشعراء - Sooratush-Shu`araa [26:205-207]

³ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁴ (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

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this Day you will be awarded the punishment of humiliation because you were arrogant upon the earth without a right, and because you transgressed.]⁵

The disbelievers are the most ardent of people upon this worldly life; from them are those who believe in the Resurrection – such as the Jews and the Christians – and from them are those who deny it, such as the polytheists that the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was sent to.

Allaah (تعالى) said:

وَلَتَجِدَنَّهُمْ أَحْرَصَ النَّاسِ عَلَى حَيَاةٍ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا ۖ يَوَدُّ أَحَدُهُمْ لَوْ يُعَمَّرُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ وَمَا هُوَ بِمُرْحَزٍ بِهِ
مِنَ الْعَذَابِ ۚ إِنَّ يُعَمَّرُ ۚ

[And you will surely find them the most greedy of people for life – even more than those who associate others with Allaah. One of them wishes that he could be granted life a thousand years, however the grant of such life will not save him even a little from the coming punishment.]⁶

So this bliss for the disbelievers in the worldly life – even if they were to grow old and their lives were to be extended – when they taste the punishment of the Fire they would forget all of that, not remembering any of it; just as he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

"One given the most luxury in this world from the people of the Fire will be brought on the Day of Resurrection, and he will be dipped into the Fire, then it will be said to him: 'O son of Aadam: Did you ever experience any comfort? Did you ever experience any pleasure?' So he will say: By Allaah, no, my Lord. Then the person who suffered the most hardship from the people of this world be brought from amongst the inhabitants of Paradise; so he will be dipped into Paradise and it would be said to him: 'O son of Aadam: Did you ever experience any hardship? Have you ever experienced any difficulty? And he will say: By Allaah, no, O my Lord! Never have I experienced any hardship, and I have not experiences any distress."

Our Shaykh, Shaykh Muhammad al-Ameen ash-Shinqeete (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)⁷ said regarding this verse:

'This is the greatest verse in removing the incurable disease that is: having incessant hope a person will live for a long time (i.e. striving regarding this worldly life while being heedless of the Hereafter). May Allaah suffice us and all the Muslims from the evil of that.'

⁵ سورة الأحقاف - Sooratul-Ahqaaf [46:20]

⁶ سورة البقرة - Sooratul-Baqarah [2:96]

⁷ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him