



# Questions about **PARADISE** answered by the Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah



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عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

### Translation

O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (*Al-Mustatraf*, vol. 1, p. 40)

#### **Note:**

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This booklet consists of the answers Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat gave in response to some questions posed to him.

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## Du'a of the successor of Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat

O Lord of Mustafa! Whosoever reads or listens to the 23 page booklet “Questions about Paradise answered by the Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah”, grant him the ability to perform good deeds and refrain from sin. Forgive him without accountability and grant him the companionship of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Jannah tul-Firdaus.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## Statement of Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

Allah Almighty has created a tree in Paradise that bears fruit larger than an apple, smaller than a pomegranate, softer than butter, sweeter than honey and more fragrant than musk. The

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branches of the tree are made of pearls, its trunk made of gold  
and its leaves are green jewels.

لَا يَأْكُلُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا مَنْ أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Only those who send an abundance of Salat upon the Prophet  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ can eat the fruit of this tree.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Question:** What is Jannah (Paradise)? Please explain.  
(Question received via social media)

**Answer:** The linguistic meaning of Jannah is garden. It is our belief that Jannah is a place of many great bounties of Allah Almighty. Such bounties that have never been seen by any eye nor heard by any ear.<sup>2</sup> Paradise is only for those people who left the world with their faith intact. Despite the existence of Muslim Jinn, Paradise is a blessing only for the offspring of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. The one who enters Paradise will never be made to leave it.<sup>3</sup>

**Question:** What are the correct beliefs about Paradise? How is it to deny the existence of Paradise?

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Haawi lil Fatawi, vol. 2, p. 48

<sup>2</sup> Bukhari, vol. 2, p. 391, Hadith 3244

<sup>3</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 15,

It is stated in Ayah 48 of Surah tul-Hijr: لَا يَسْأَلُهُمْ فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَمَا هُمْ مِنْهَا بِمُخْرِجِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

Neither any sorrow is to reach them in it, nor are they to be banished from it.

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**Answer:** It is Fard (obligatory) to believe in Paradise; the one who rejects its existence is a disbeliever. We are those who have faith in that which we cannot see.

It is stated in the Quran

يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ

*Those who believe without seeing.*<sup>1</sup>

Paradise is an unseen thing, and Allah Almighty Himself is the Most Hidden (*Ghayb al-Ghayb*), yet we believe in Him.

Remember that believing in Paradise is one of the necessities of the religion. If one says, "Paradise is nothing; these are mere fantasies," he will become a disbeliever, and if he does not repent before his death, he will remain in Hell for eternity. His salah, fasting and other good deeds will be of no use to him. May Allah Almighty, for the sake of His beloved Prophet ﷺ, allow us sinners to enter Paradise without accountability.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

**Question:** Is Paradise in the skies? (Muhammad Hamid Attari, Istanbul)

**Answer:** Paradise is above the seven skies, and Hell is beneath the seven earths.<sup>2</sup> Paradise is greatly elevated and Hell is

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<sup>1</sup> [Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 3)

<sup>2</sup> Sharh Al-'Aqaaid, p. 246



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May Allah Almighty elevate us instead of lowering us, so that we may enter Paradise and fall at the feet of the noble Prophet ﷺ. If we are granted the honour of being the neighbours of the Prophet ﷺ in Paradise, then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** we will attain everything.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** What will Paradise and its blessings be like?

**Answer:** Various examples have been mentioned in the hadith in order for us to gain some understanding. However, the reality of those blessings can only be experienced once we see Paradise. It has been reported regarding the bounties of Paradise that no eye has seen them, no ear has heard them and no thought of them has crossed any mind.<sup>2-3</sup>

**Question:** Just as there are twelve months in our worldly life, will this be the case for our life in Paradise too? (Actor, Ahsan Khan)

**Answer:** The system in the Hereafter will not be like that of this world. There is summer, winter, months, weeks, days and nights in this world; this will not be the case in the Hereafter. It will always be spring in Paradise and the sky will be like the

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<sup>1</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 456

<sup>2</sup> Sadr al-Shar'iah Mufti Muhammad Amjad Ali A'zami رحمه الله عليه says: Any example given in the definition of this (Paradise) is to explain, otherwise the highest thing in the world cannot be compared with anything in Paradise. (Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, p. 152)

<sup>3</sup> Muslim, p. 1126, Hadith 7132, Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, ep. 248, p. 14

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early morning sky we see in this world.<sup>1</sup>

There will be no flies, mosquitos, darkness, grief, bad odours, etc., in Paradise; there will only be happiness. A dweller of Paradise will receive whatever he desires. We will see the beloved Prophet ﷺ in Paradise, and the greatest blessing that a person will receive in Paradise is beholding Allah Almighty.<sup>2</sup>

**Question:** Can someone see Paradise in their dreams?

**Answer:** Yes! But how can one be sure that he has seen Paradise? It is possible that he gazing upon a beautiful, scenic garden but a thought arises in his mind that he is in Paradise. The truth is, we will see Paradise when we enter it **إِنَّ هَٰذَا اللَّهُ**, whilst following our beloved Prophet ﷺ, for we are the people of the Prophet ﷺ and Paradise is his.

Nevertheless, there are accounts in which our pious predecessors **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ** saw the heavenly maidens. Likewise, their dreams of entering Paradise have been recorded in books, but dreams are not considered to be a source of evidence. In reality, the only one who has entered Paradise and seen the heavenly maidens is our beloved Prophet ﷺ, when he ascended to the Heavens during the Night Journey. Apart from the Prophet ﷺ, whosoever has claimed to see Paradise in a dream cannot say so with absolute conviction.

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<sup>1</sup> Tafseer Qurtubi, Part 29, Surah Dahr, Ayat 13, vol. 10, p. 100

<sup>2</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, ep. 234, p. 1

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The mind cannot perceive how great Paradise is. Our minds are weak, and the mind of the Prophet ﷺ was complete, is complete and will remain complete.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** During the era of Sayyiduna Hud عليه السلام, “Shaddaad” manufactured ‘paradise’ on earth. Please explain this incident.

**Answer:** The first major individual from the nation of ‘Aad whose offspring inherited from him was ‘Aad bin ‘Aws bin Iram bin Nuh. “Shaddaad” was from the sons of Aad and he was a powerful king. During his reign, he gathered all the rulers beneath his flag and made them obedient to his cause. He had heard of Paradise from the Prophets and made a rebellious intention to manufacture a paradise on earth.

He constructed an immense city in which there were palaces made of gold and silver bricks, wherein pillars made of precious rubies were fitted. The floors of its buildings were made of invaluable pearls, rivers full of jewels would flow near every palace, and different types of trees were planted to provide shade.

Thus, in accordance with his perception of Paradise, this rebellious individual accumulated every type of luxury and comfort in the city. When the city was complete, “King Shaddaad”, along with his ministers and subjects, travelled to see his manufactured ‘paradise’. But, as they drew near, a terrifying noise came from the skies, by which Allah Almighty

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<sup>1</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 2, p. 148

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destroyed “Shaddaad” and his companions, and they were thus unable to see the “paradise” they created.<sup>1</sup> Allah! Allah! What a lesson!<sup>2</sup>

**Question:** What tree is planted for us in Paradise when we say  
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ؟

**Answer:** A hadith mentions that a date tree will be planted in Paradise.<sup>3</sup> But what will the dates and tree be like? We will only know of this when we enter Paradise.<sup>4</sup>

**Question:** What is the significance of making du’a for Paradise and seeking salvation from Hell?

**Answer:** Asking Allah Almighty for Paradise and seeking refuge in Him from Hell is a Sunnah. The following words are reported in a lengthy Prophetic du’a:

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ وَعَمَلٍ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ وَعَمَلٍ

*O Allah! I seek Paradise from You and those statements and actions that will draw me nearer to it, and I seek refuge in You from Hell and the statements and actions that will draw me nearer to it.*

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<sup>1</sup> Khaza'in ul Irfan, Part 30, Surah Al-Fajr, Ayaat 8, p. 1102

<sup>2</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 5, p. 313

<sup>3</sup> Ibn Majah, vol. 4, p. 252, Hadith 3807

<sup>4</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 294

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Thus, it is important for us to ask Allah for Paradise and seek refuge in Him from Hell, at least three times a day. The Prophet ﷺ said: Whosoever asks Allah Almighty for Paradise three times, Paradise says, “O Allah Almighty! Admit him into Paradise,” and whosoever seeks refuge from Hell three times, Hell says, “O Allah! Grant him salvation from Hell.”<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember, it is not necessary to perform the du’a in Arabic. Offering it in your mother tongue three times a day will suffice **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** and you will reap its blessings.<sup>2</sup>

**Question:** Will every Muslim enter Paradise? (Muhammad Ahmad, Sydney, Australia)

**Answer:** Yes! Whosoever dies upon faith will certainly enter Paradise. Some sinners will be forgiven by the mercy of Allah Almighty and some will receive the intercession of the Prophet ﷺ. Some will receive the intercession of other pious figures whereas others will only be admitted into Paradise after being punished for their sins in Hell.

Beware! Never say, “If we will eventually enter Paradise, then commit any sin you want. We can bear some punishment!” Remember! The one who says this will remain in Hell forever as he is mocking the punishment of Allah Almighty by trivialising it. Without a doubt, the punishment of Allah

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<sup>1</sup> Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 257, Hadith 2581

<sup>2</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 1, p. 132

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Almighty is terrifying and intolerable. Its effects can be understood from this hadith, “If Hell was to be opened equal to the size of a needle’s eye, everyone on earth would die because of its heat and stench.”<sup>1</sup> Also, “If a drop of the liquid that will be given to the dwellers of Hell to drink fell on this earth, every subsistence, field and garden would perish.”<sup>2</sup>

Ponder! If this is the case if Hell is opened ever so slightly and whilst being millions of miles away, then what will be the condition of the one who enters Hell itself for even a moment? Hence, we should not consider the punishment of Allah Almighty to be bearable in the slightest.<sup>3</sup>

**Question:** Will the jinn also go to paradise?

**Answer:** It was once asked in the presence of Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ: Will the jinn not go to Paradise?

He replied: There is an opinion that they will live in houses around Paradise, and they will come to visit it. (Then he said) Paradise is the estate of Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام; it will be divided among his children.<sup>4</sup>

That is, according to one opinion, the jinn will not live in Paradise but in the surrounding houses, and they will come to roam in Paradise. There are other opinions besides this. There

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<sup>1</sup> *Al-Mu’jam al-Awsat*, vol. 2, p. 78, *Hadith* 2583

<sup>2</sup> *Tirmizi*, vol. 4, p. 263, *Hadith* 2594

<sup>3</sup> *Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat*, ep. 240, p. 2

<sup>4</sup> *Malfuzaat e Ala hazrat*, p. 536

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Sayyiduna Anas bin Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "There is reward for the believing jinn (i.e., Muslim jinn) and there is punishment for them too." We asked him about their reward, and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, "They will be on A'raaf and they will not be in Paradise with the Muhammadan Ummah." Then we asked, "What is A'raaf?" The beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "It is a wall of Paradise in which rivers flow, and in which trees and fruits grow." There is also an opinion of Tawaqquf, i.e., withholding judgement regarding it.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** If a deceased person is forgiven, will they be admitted into Paradise immediately, or on the Day of Judgement?

**Answer:** If a deceased person is forgiven, a window of Paradise is opened for them in their grave, by means of which they feel delight. As for actual admission into Paradise will only occur on the Day of Judgement.<sup>2</sup>

*(The Mufti sahib present in the Madani Muzakarah said:)* The souls of

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<sup>1</sup> Umdat al-Qaari, vol. 15, pp. 252 – 253, al-Ba'th wa al-Nushur p. 107, Hadith 108, Malfuzaat e Ameer Ahl e Sunnah, vol. 3, p. 419

<sup>2</sup> Mirat ul Manajeeh, vol. 2, p. 126

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the martyrs live in the bodies of birds who have their nests in chandeliers that hang from the mighty Throne. They are permitted to enter Paradise and so are the souls of the ones for whom Allah Almighty wills.<sup>1</sup> As for actually being admitted into Paradise, this will occur on the Day of Judgement<sup>2</sup> and the beloved Prophet ﷺ will be the first to enter it.<sup>3</sup>

**Question:** What food will the dwellers of Paradise be given first?

**Answer:** The first meal of the people of Paradise will be the edge piece of the liver of a whale.<sup>4</sup> With the blessings of the Prophet ﷺ, we will eat this too **إِنَّ هَذَا لِلَّهِ**. Someone may think there will be many people in Paradise so where will this large amount of fish liver come from? But instead of trying to understand it according to his own limited intellect, he must accept the words of the One who states:

**إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ**

*undoubtedly, Allah can do everything..<sup>5</sup>*

**مَعَادُ اللَّهِ** He is not powerless; He can do whatever He wills.<sup>6</sup>

**Question:** “If everyone was upright and honest, this world

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<sup>1</sup> Muslim, p. 807. Hadith 4885

<sup>2</sup> Hadith 27, Mirat ul Manajeeh, vol. 2, p. 126

<sup>3</sup> Dalaail Al-Nubuwwah, vol. 1, p. 33, Malfuzaat e Ameer Ahl e Sunnah, vol. 2, p. 286

<sup>4</sup> Bukhari, vol. 2, p. 412, Hadith 3329

<sup>5</sup> [Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 20)

<sup>6</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 365



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**Answer:** The intent of this statement could be to express how people would not fight, kill and cause harm to one another. They would be living in peace and harmony. From this perspective, it is like Paradise on earth, just like how Kashmir is known as a valley of Paradise. Statements of this nature are used as figures of speech.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** Will a mother, father and siblings be together in Paradise? (Muhammad Aamir Raza)

**Answer:** If they die upon faith and Allah Almighty is pleased with them, they will be together in Paradise, as there is no grief in Paradise.<sup>2</sup> One will be able to meet whomever he pleases.<sup>3</sup>

(The Mufti sahib then said:) The Quran states in relation to the mother and father:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا  
أَلْتَنَاهُمْ مِنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ط

*And those who believed and their children followed them with faith, We have joined their children with them [in Paradise] and have not reduced anything from their deeds.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 3, p. 319

<sup>2</sup> Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 247, Hadith 258

<sup>3</sup> At-Targheeb Wat-Tarheeb, vol. 4, p. 304, Hadith 115

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Meaning, someone who is on a lower station [of Paradise] will be joined with people from a higher station.<sup>2</sup>

**Question:** Will the non-Baligh children who died take their parents to Paradise?

**Answer:** Yes! Those who died whilst still being non-Baligh will intercede for their parents and welcome them at the gates of Paradise. Even a miscarried foetus will intercede for its parents by speaking abruptly with Allah Almighty; almost in argumentation. Thus, Allah the Merciful will grant him permission and he will pull his parents towards Paradise.<sup>3</sup>

When looking with the eye of deep understanding, one sees that the child who dies whilst non-Baligh and at whose loss parents destroy themselves weeping, is actually a treasure for those parents in the Hereafter.<sup>4</sup>

**Question:** Will one have children in Paradise? (Question from Karachi)

**Answer:** Yes! One will have children in Paradise.<sup>5</sup>

**Question:** In the case of a divorce or the previous husband dying, who will a woman be with in Paradise if she married

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<sup>1</sup> [Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 27, Surah Al-Toor, verse 21)

<sup>2</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, ep. 243, p. 2

<sup>3</sup> Ibn Majah, vol. 2, p. 273, Hadith 1608

<sup>4</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, ep. 245, p. 8

<sup>5</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 2, p. 286

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more than once?

**Answer:** According to one opinion, if a woman had, one after another, more than one husband, in Paradise, she will be with her last husband. Sayyiduna Abu Darda رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “In Paradise, a woman will be married to the man who was her last husband in the world.”<sup>1</sup>

Another opinion is she will be with the man who has the best character. Sayyidatuna Umm Salama رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا said, “O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Some women have married two, three or four times in this world [one husband at a time]. So, which man will the woman be with if they all enter Paradise?” The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, “She will have a choice and she will choose the husband with the best character. She will say, ‘O my Lord! This husband of mine had the greatest character, so allow me to marry him.’”<sup>2</sup>

There is no conflict between these narrations and opinions. Imam Ahmad bin Hajar Makki Shaafi'i رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states: If a woman had multiple husbands, one after another, one scenario is that all of her husbands divorced her and she died whilst unmarried, then only in this case will she be given a choice. She will then choose the husband who had the best character; as is mentioned in the hadith of Sayyidatuna Umm Salamah. Another scenario is that she married on multiple occasions

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<sup>1</sup> Musnad Al-Shamiyyin lil-Tabarani, vol. 2, p. 359, Hadith 1496

<sup>2</sup> Al-Mu'jam al-Kabeer, vol. 23, p. 367, Hadith 870

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and her last husband did not divorce her. If she dies in this state, she will be married to her last husband in Paradise, just as the narration of Sayyiduna Abu Darda رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ explains.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** Will the Muslims who died whilst they were unmarried in this world be married in Paradise?

**Answer:** The men and women who did not marry during their life will marry each other in Paradise.<sup>2</sup>

**Question:** Are the heavenly women of the world superior or the heavenly maidens (*Hoors*)?

**Answer:** Heavenly women of the world are superior to the heavenly maidens. It is mentioned in a long hadith of “Tabarani”: The mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Umm Salama رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا asked, “O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Are the worldly women superior or the wide-eyed heavenly maidens?” The beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, “The worldly women are superior to the wide-eyed heavenly maidens.” The mother of the believers رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا asked, “O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Why is this?” The noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ answered, “Due to their salah, fasting and worship of Allah.”<sup>3</sup>

It is mentioned in another hadith that the worldly women of

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<sup>1</sup> Fatawa Hadeethiyya, pp. 70 -71, Nayki Ki Dawat, p. 297

<sup>2</sup> Nayki Ki Dawat, p. 296

<sup>3</sup> Al-Mu’jam al-Kabeer, vol. 23, p. 367, Hadith 870

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**Question:** We have heard that Zulaykha will enter Paradise as an old lady. Is this correct?

**Answer:** Zulaykha was not a Muslim at first, rather, she became Muslim in old age. She loved Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام but he did not love her. Those who نَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام claim that he had carnal passion for her have insulted a Prophet, and doing so is Kufr [disbelief].<sup>3</sup> Prophets do not engage in such actions.

The love was from Zulaykha's side and it was not reciprocated. She became old and her beauty faded. However, after becoming a Muslim and marrying Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, her beauty returned. A detailed account of this is mentioned in the publication of Maktaba tul Madina, "Questions and Answers about Islamic Veil".

Regarding the statement that she will enter Paradise as an old lady; this is incorrect. Everyone in Paradise will be young, such that even if a day-old child enters Paradise, he will enter as a

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Tazkirah lil-Qurtubi, p. 458

<sup>2</sup> Tafseer Qurtubi, part 27, Surah Al-Rahman, Ayat 70, vol. 9, p. 137, Nayki Ki Dawat, p. 297

<sup>3</sup> Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, p. 47

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young man, and if a 100-year-old man enters Paradise, he will also enter as a young man. Everyone in Paradise will be 30-years-old.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** Are Imam Hasan and Imam Husain رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمَا the leaders of the *jawan* (the youthful) in Paradise or the leaders of the *nau-jawan* (the youth) in Paradise?

**Answer:** The meaning of *jawan* is brave, i.e., the one who has strength in the matter of fighting, and the one who fights with power in jihad is known as *jawan*.<sup>2</sup> This is the reason why some 60- and 70-year-olds are referred to as young in books. Whereas, in reality, a person only remains young until the age of 30; after this, his youth begins to decline.

Imam Hasan and Imam Husain رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمَا are the leaders of the youth in Paradise, but everyone will be young in Paradise. Hence, the meaning here is that they are the leaders of those who left the world when they were young.<sup>3</sup> In Urdu, the word *jawan* is used both for the *nau-jawan* and the *jawan*; without

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<sup>1</sup> Mirat ul Manajeeh, vol. 8, p. 385, Malfuzaat e Ameer Ahl e Sunnah, ep. 247, p. 27

<sup>2</sup> Sawanih Karbala, p. 104

<sup>3</sup> Hakeem al-Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ comments: Imam Hasan and Imam Husain رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمَا are the leaders of those who pass away in their youth and are destined for Paradise, because everyone will be young in Paradise. Therefore, this does not necessitate that Imam Hasan and Imam Husain will be the leaders of our beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the other prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام. Shabaab is the plural of Shaab, which means young; the age of youth is from 18 to 30. (Mirat ul Manajeeh, vol. 8, p. 475)

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**Question:** If Imam Hasan and Imam Husain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا are the leaders of the youth in Paradise, then who will be the leader of the elderly? (Arsalan, Gujranwala)

**Answer:** Firstly, it should be noted that all people in Paradise will be 30 years old.<sup>2</sup> However, in Paradise, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr al-Siddiq and Sayyiduna Umar al-Faruq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا will be the leaders of those who died in old age and went to Paradise.<sup>3</sup>

**Question:** Can a woman make du’a to be the neighbour of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Paradise?

**Answer:** A woman can ask to be in the neighbourhood of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Paradise. In fact, she should ask for this. If a fortunate person is granted the neighbourhood of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Paradise, they will be prosperous indeed. If only we too are blessed with proximity to the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Paradise!<sup>4</sup>

**Question:** You have stated that we should make du’a to be granted the neighbourhood of the beloved Prophet

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<sup>1</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 99

<sup>2</sup> Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 244, Hadith 2554

<sup>3</sup> Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 376, Hadith 3685, Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 186

<sup>4</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 95

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صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم in Paradise, but the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has billions of followers, which includes his Companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ as well as many other great personalities. So, how will it be possible for so many followers to be granted closeness to the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم?

**Answer:** Remember that nobody will experience sadness or grief in Paradise, and as for the matter of how so many followers will be granted proximity to the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, then many examples like this can be found even in the world. For example, a person invited Sayyiduna al-Ghawth al-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ to their home for Iftar, so he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ accepted the invitation. Then another person came and invited him, and he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ accepted that too.

This continued to such a point that 70 of his disciples invited him to their homes for Iftar, and he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ accepted all of their invitations. The narrator mentions that every host stated that al-Ghawth al-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ came to their home for Iftar on that day, but the most astonishing thing was that he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ did not leave his lodge on that day, and performed Iftar there.<sup>1</sup>

Did you see how al-Ghawth al-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ visited 70 places at one time? If this is the excellence of the follower, then just imagine the greatness and glory of the beloved master صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Can he صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم not give neighborhood to his millions of followers in Paradise?!

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<sup>1</sup> Tafreeh Al-Khaatir, p. 112



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*(The Mufti sahib sitting close to Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat  
 دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةُ mentioned :) Sayyiduna Abdul Aziz Dabbaagh  
 رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states, “Jannat al-Firdaus is an immense station of  
 Paradise, but the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be  
 stationed at an even higher level than Jannat al-Firdaus, and he  
 صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will show compassion towards his followers by  
 visiting them.”<sup>1</sup> (Upon this, Ameer Ahl al-Sunnah دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةُ  
 said :) Instead of saying “the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will  
 be stationed at an even higher level”, it is better if one says “the  
 place where the beloved Prophet will be stationed will become  
 lofty.”<sup>2</sup>*

**Question:** Will there be no hair on a person’s body in Paradise?

**Answer:** A person will only have eyelashes and eyebrows in Paradise; they will not have any other hair on their body.<sup>3</sup>

**Question:** How will the people of Paradise meet one another?

**Answer:** The people of Paradise will meet each other. They will have mounts, and whenever they wish to visit someone, they will fly to them on their mounts.<sup>4</sup> With the mercy of Allah Almighty, they will neither have any fear of the animal falling nor of being wounded nor will they be frightened by its

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Ibreez, vol. 2, p. 324

<sup>2</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 6, p. 96

<sup>3</sup> Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 1, p. 159, Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 1, p. 291

<sup>4</sup> Kitab Al-Azamah, pp. 218 – 219, Hadith 612

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movement. This is because there will be no fear or dread in Paradise nor pain nor illness nor coughing nor flu nor cold. There is only mercy, ease and convenience therein.

Paradise contains such things and bounties that we cannot even conceive. If only, in order to attain this beautiful Paradise, we would become those who perform good deeds, avoid sins and are punctual in performing salah. Even if Satan incites us towards laziness in the biting cold, we must pay no heed to him and still offer salah.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** Is it true that every pomegranate contains a seed of Paradise?<sup>2</sup>

**Answer:** It is commonly said that every pomegranate contains a seed from Paradise. Sayyiduna Humayd bin Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ narrates from his father that Sayyiduna Abdullah bin 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا would eat every seed in a pomegranate. When someone asked him regarding this, he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ replied, "I have heard that there is no pomegranate tree on the earth except that a seed from a heavenly pomegranate has been placed within it in order to make it fruit-bearing, and it is possible that it is this seed."<sup>3</sup>

Meaning, in order to make a pomegranate tree fruit-bearing, a

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<sup>1</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 1, p. 451

<sup>2</sup> This question was posed by the weekly booklet department, and answered by Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat دَاعِيَتُ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ

<sup>3</sup> Hilya tul Awliya, vol. 1, p. 398, Hadith 1139, Allah Walon Ki Baatayn, vol. 1, pp. 566 - 567

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seed from a pomegranate of Paradise is placed within it. This is why Sayyiduna Abdullah bin ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا would eat every seed within a pomegranate, with the thought that perhaps the seed of Paradise is in the pomegranate, and he will be blessed with it.<sup>1</sup>

**Question:** Will the people of Paradise perspire?

**Answer:** سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ! The perspiration that the people of Paradise will exude will be so fragrant that it will contain a musk-like scent.<sup>2</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

**Question:** Will a husband and wife remain together in Paradise?

**Answer:** Yes! If both husband and wife die with their faith intact, then they will remain together in Paradise.<sup>3</sup> However, if either one of them dies without faith, مَعَآذَ اللَّهِ, their abode will be Hell, and the one who is destined for Paradise will be married to another person of Paradise. The one who enters Paradise will feel no sadness or grief due to being separated from their partner, as Paradise is not a place of grief.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, vol. 2, p. 348

<sup>2</sup> Muslim, p. 1165, hadith 2835, Malfuzaat e Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, ep. 197, p. 7

<sup>3</sup> Al-Tazkirah Bi-Ahwaal Al-Maut Wa Umoor Al-Akhirah, p. 462

<sup>4</sup> Faizan e Madani Muzakarah, ep. 8, p. 30

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**Question:** Men will receive hoors (heavenly maidens) in Paradise, so what will women receive?

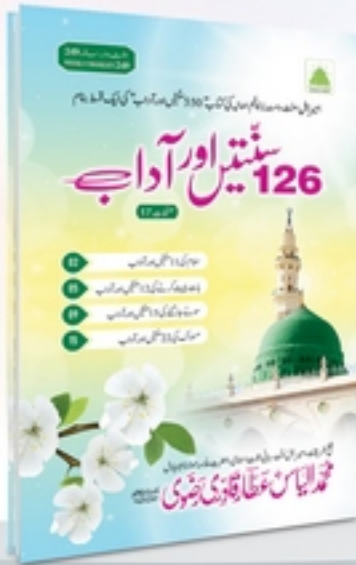
**Answer:** A woman will receive the man that she was married to, with the condition that her husband is also destined for Paradise. If a woman's husband is unable to enter Paradise, she will be married to another man of Paradise. Likewise, those women who pass away whilst being unmarried, they will also be married to a man in Paradise. Besides this, men and women will be equal in the bounties of Paradise, such as palaces, clothing, foods, fragrances, etc. However, there is a difference of opinion in terms of the divine vision, and the correct opinion is that they will both experience it.<sup>1</sup>

**Note:** The final two questions were taken from Faizan-e-Madani Muzakarah, but contain necessary changes and additions.

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<sup>1</sup> *Fatawa Ahl e Sunnat, Silsilah. 7, p. 24, Faizan e Madani Muzakarah, ep. 31, p. 3*

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