

Exegesis of the Verse “وَلَا خَيْرَ لَكَ مِنَ الْأُولَى”

Darulifta Ahlesunnat (Dawateislami)

Question

What do the scholars of Islam say regarding the following matter: Is the meaning of (وَلَا خَيْرَ لَكَ مِنَ الْأُولَى) simply that 'your future is better than your past'? Has this verse been revealed concerning every Muslim? Please provide a complete exegesis of this verse.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

(وَلَا خَيْرَ لَكَ مِنَ الْأُولَى) And indeed, for you, the later moment is better than the former. This blessed verse was revealed for the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Commentators have given multiple meanings for this verse. One interpretation of this verse is that, O Beloved صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Indeed, the Hereafter is better for you than this world, because there awaits you the Praiseworthy Station (al-Maqām al-Maḥmūd), the Pool of Kawthar (al-Ḥawḍ al-Kawthar), and all the goodness that has been promised. This includes your precedence over all Prophets and Messengers عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام, your Ummah being witnesses over all other nations, the elevation of the believers' ranks and stations through your intercession and countless honours and nobilities that cannot be adequately expressed.

Furthermore, the exegetes have also stated another meaning for this verse: that the upcoming states and circumstances are better and superior for you than the previous ones. This implies that Allah Almighty's promise is that He will elevate his ranks day by day, increasing his honour upon honour and status upon status, so that his stations will continue to progress in every coming moment.

In Tafsīr Nasafī, it is stated:

ای ما اعد الله لك في الآخرة من المقام المحمود والحوض المورود والخير الموعود خير مما اعجبك في الدنيا
Meaning, whatever Allah Almighty has prepared for you in the Hereafter, such as the Praiseworthy Station, Pool of Kawthar, and the promised goodness, is better than the good that you preferred

in this world. (Tafsir Nasafi, vol. 3, p. 653; Gharā'ib al-Tafsir Wa 'Ajā'ib al-Tāwīl, vol. 2, p. 1354; Fatāwā Ridāwiyyah, vol. 30, pp. 165-166, summarised)

وَاللّٰهُ اَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ اَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم knows best.)

Answered By: *Mufti Abu Muhammad Ali Asghar Attari Madani*

Date: *Islamic Magazine Faizan e Madina September 2025*



Dar-ul-Ifta Ahlesunnat (Dawat-e-Islami)



www.fatwaqa.com



[daruliftaahlesunnat](https://www.facebook.com/daruliftaahlesunnat)



[DaruliftaAhlesunnat](https://www.youtube.com/DaruliftaAhlesunnat)



[Dar-ul-ifta AhleSunnat](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.daruliftaahlesunnat)



feedback@daruliftaahlesunnat.net