

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:51, Narrated Abu Huraira(ra)

The Prophet said, "A place in Paradise as small as the bow or lash of one of you is better than all the world and whatever is in it"

The Noble Qur'an - Al-Mu'minun 23:8-11

Those who are faithfully true to their trusts and to their covenants; And those who strictly guard their (five compulsory congregational) prayers (at their fixed stated hours). These are indeed the inheritors. Who shall inherit the Firdaus (Paradise). They shall dwell therein forever.

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:569, Narrated Abu Huraira (ra)

Then Allah [swt] will say (to him): 'I have forbidden Paradise for the disbelievers.'

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 6:373, Narrated Abu Huraira (ra)

The Prophet said, "Paradise and the Fire (Hell) argued, and the Fire (Hell) said, 'I have been given the privilege of receiving the arrogant and the tyrants.' Paradise said, 'What is the matter with me? Why do only the weak and the humble among the people enter me?' On that, Allah said to Paradise, 'You are My Mercy which I bestow on whoever I wish of my servants.' Then Allah said to the (Hell) Fire, 'You are my (means of) punishment by which I punish whoever I wish of my slaves. And each of you will have its fill.' As for the Fire (Hell), it will not be filled till Allah puts His Foot over it whereupon it will say, 'Qati! Qati!' At that time it will be filled, and its different parts will come closer to each other; and Allah will not wrong any of His created beings. As regards Paradise, Allah will create a new creation to fill it with."

## Descriptions of Paradise

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:474, Narrated Anas bin Malik (ra) , see also Bukhari 6:403, Quran 56:30

The Prophet said, "There is a tree in Paradise (which is so big and huge that) if a rider travels in its shade for one hundred years, he would not be able to cross it."

Hadith - Mishkat, Narrator AbuHurayrah , transmitted by Tirmidhi and Darimi

Allah's Messenger said, "The inhabitants of Paradise are hairless, beardless and have black eyes, their youth does not pass away and their garments do not wear out."

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:479, Narrated Sahl bin Sad (ra)

The Prophet said, "Paradise has eight gates, and one of them is called Ar-Raiyan through which none will enter but those who observe fasting." The Prophet also said, "If a person spends two different kinds of something (for Allah's cause), he will be called from the gates of Paradise."

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:546, Narrated Anas , also in Bukhari 6:7

...the first meal of the people of Paradise will be Extra-lobe (caudate lobe) of fish-liver.

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:543, Narrated Abu Huraira , see also Bukhari 4:544

...Any person who will enter Paradise will resemble Adam (in appearance and figure). People have been decreasing in stature since Adam's creation.

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:464, Narrated 'Imran bin Husain , see also Bukhari 7:124, 7:125

The Prophet said, "I looked at Paradise and found poor people forming the majority of its inhabitants; and I looked at Hell and saw that the majority of its inhabitants were women."

The Noble Qur'an - Al-Ghaashiyah 88:10-16

10. In a lofty Paradise.

11. Where they shall neither hear harmful speech nor falsehood,

12. Therein will be a running spring,

13. Therein will be thrones raised high,

14. And cups set at hand.

15. And cushions set in rows,

16. And rich carpets (all) spread out.

#### The First Group to Enter Paradise

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:468, Narrated Abu Huraira (ra)

Allah's Apostle said, "The first group (of people) who will enter Paradise will be (glittering) like the moon when it is full. They will not spit or blow their noses or relieve nature. Their utensils will be of gold and their combs of gold and silver; in their centers the aloe wood will be used, and their sweat will smell like musk. Everyone of them will have two wives; the marrow of the bones of the wives' legs will be seen through the flesh out of excessive beauty. They (i.e. the people of Paradise) will neither have differences nor hatred amongst themselves; their hearts will be as if one heart and they will be glorifying Allah in the morning and in the evening."

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 4:464, Narrated 'Imran bin Husain

The Prophet said, "Verily! 70,000 or 700,000 of my followers will enter Paradise altogether; so that the first and the last amongst them will enter at the same time, and their faces will be glittering like the bright full moon."

Many Paradises

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 5:318, Narrated Anas (ra)

Haritha was martyred on the day (of the battle) of Badr, and he was a young boy then. His mother came to the Prophet and said, "O Allah's Apostle! You know how dear Haritha is to me. If he is in Paradise, I shall remain patient, and hope for reward from Allah, but if it is not so, then you shall see what I do?" He said, "May Allah be merciful to you! Have you lost your senses? Do you think there is only one Paradise? There are many Paradises and your son is in the (most superior) Paradise of Al-Firdaus."

A Ticket to Paradise

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 2:463, Narrated Anas bin Malik , see also Bukhari 2:340

Allah's apostle said, "Any Muslim in whose three children died before the age of puberty will be granted Paradise by Allah because of His mercy to them."

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 1:35, Narrated Abu Huraira(ra)

The Prophet said, "The person who participates in (Holy battles) in Allah's cause and nothing compels him to do so except belief in Allah and His Apostles, will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward, or booty (if he survives) or will be admitted to Paradise (if he is killed in the battle as a martyr). Had I not found it difficult for my followers, then I would not remain behind any sariya going for Jihad and I would have loved to be martyred in Allah's cause and then made alive, and then martyred and then made alive, and then again martyred in His cause."

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 3:894, Narrated Abu Huraira (ra)

Allah's Apostle said, "Allah has ninety-nine names, i.e. one-hundred minus one, and whoever knows them will go to Paradise." (Please see Hadith No. 419 Vol. 8)

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 8:419, Narrated Abu Huraira (ra)

Allah has ninety-nine Names, i.e., one hundred minus one, and whoever believes in their meanings and acts accordingly, will enter Paradise; and Allah is Witr (one) and loves 'the Witr' (i.e., odd numbers).

Hadith - Transmitted by Tirmidhi, Narrated Umm Salamah(ra)

The Prophet said: If a woman dies while her husband was pleased with her, she will enter Paradise.

Hadith - Sahih Bukhari 8.481, Narrated Sahl bin Sad (ra)

Allah's Apostle said, "Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his two jaw-bones and what is between his two legs (i.e. his tongue and his private parts), I guarantee Paradise for him."