

34. Indeed, that is how We deal with the criminals.
35. Indeed they, when it was said to them, "There is no deity but Allāh," were arrogant
36. And were saying, "Are we to leave our gods for a mad poet?"
37. Rather, he [i.e., the Prophet (ﷺ)] has come with the truth and confirmed the [previous] messengers.
38. Indeed, you [disbelievers] will be tasters of the painful punishment,
39. And you will not be recompensed except for what you used to do –
40. But not the chosen servants of Allāh.
41. Those will have a provision determined –
42. Fruits;<sup>1208</sup> and they will be honored
43. In gardens of pleasure
44. On thrones facing one another.
45. There will be circulated among them a cup [of wine] from a flowing spring,
46. White and delicious to the drinkers;
47. No bad effect is there in it, nor from it will they be intoxicated.
48. And with them will be women limiting [their] glances,<sup>1209</sup> with large, [beautiful] eyes,
49. As if they were [delicate] eggs, well-protected.
50. And they will approach one another, inquiring of each other.
51. A speaker among them will say, "Indeed, I had a companion [on earth]
52. Who would say, 'Are you indeed of those who believe
53. That when we have died and become dust and bones, we will indeed be recompensed?'"

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<sup>1208</sup>Meaning everything delicious.

<sup>1209</sup>i.e., chaste and modest, looking only at their mates.

54. He will say, <sup>1210</sup> "Would you [care to] look?"
55. And he will look and see him<sup>1211</sup> in the midst of the Hellfire.
56. He will say, "By Allāh, you almost ruined me.
57. If not for the favor of my Lord, I would have been of those brought in [to Hell].
58. Then, are we not to die
59. Except for our first death, and we will not be punished?"
60. Indeed, this is the great attainment.
61. For the like of this let the workers [on earth] work.
62. Is that [i.e., Paradise] a better accommodation or the tree of zaqqūm?
63. Indeed, We have made it a torment for the wrongdoers.
64. Indeed, it is a tree issuing from the bottom of the Hellfire,
65. Its emerging fruit as if it was heads of the devils.
66. And indeed, they will eat from it and fill with it their bellies.
67. Then indeed, they will have after it a mixture of scalding water.
68. Then indeed, their return will be to the Hellfire.
69. Indeed they found their fathers astray.
70. So they hastened [to follow] in their footsteps.
71. And there had already strayed before them most of the former peoples,
72. And We had already sent among them warners.
73. Then look how was the end of those who were warned –
74. But not the chosen servants of Allāh.
75. And Noah had certainly called Us, and [We are] the best of responders.
76. And We saved him and his family from the great affliction.

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<sup>1210</sup>To his companions in Paradise.

<sup>1211</sup>The companion who had tried to dissuade him from belief on earth.