

22. For the transgressors, a place of return,
23. In which they will remain for ages [unending].
24. They will not taste therein [any] coolness or drink
25. Except scalding water and [foul] purulence –
26. An appropriate recompense.¹⁶⁹⁶
27. Indeed, they were not expecting an account
28. And denied Our verses with [emphatic] denial.
29. But all things We have enumerated in writing.
30. "So taste [the penalty], and never will We increase you except in torment."¹⁶⁹⁷
31. Indeed, for the righteous is attainment¹⁶⁹⁸ –
32. Gardens and grapevines
33. And full-breasted [companions] of equal age
34. And a full cup.¹⁶⁹⁹
35. No ill speech will they hear therein or any falsehood –
36. [As] reward from your Lord, [a generous] gift [made due by] account,¹⁷⁰⁰
37. [From] the Lord of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them, the Most Merciful. They possess not from Him [authority for] speech.¹⁷⁰¹
38. The Day that the Spirit [i.e., Gabriel] and the angels will stand in rows, they will not speak except for one whom the Most Merciful permits, and he will say what is correct.

¹⁶⁹⁶In proportion to and comparable with their crimes.

¹⁶⁹⁷This announcement will be made to the companions of Hell.

¹⁶⁹⁸Of security, success and reward, including escape and safety from Hell.

¹⁶⁹⁹Of wine which is delicious and does not intoxicate.

¹⁷⁰⁰i.e., as a result of both their own righteous deeds and the limitless generosity of Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*). Another meaning is "a gift calculated [to be adequate]."

¹⁷⁰¹None of Allāh's creatures can plead with Him on the Day of Judgement except by His permission.

39. That is the True [i.e., certain] Day; so he who wills may take to his Lord a [way of] return.¹⁷⁰²
40. Indeed, We have warned you of a near punishment on the Day when a man will observe what his hands have put forth¹⁷⁰³ and the disbeliever will say, "Oh, I wish that I were dust!"

¹⁷⁰²i.e., a direct route through correct beliefs and righteous deeds.

¹⁷⁰³i.e., the deeds he did in this world, which await him in the Hereafter.