

Everlasting Life

Tarbiyah 8D01



يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصْدُرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ ﴿٦﴾
فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ ﴿٧﴾
وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ ﴿٨﴾

On that day, mankind will issue forth in various groups to be shown their deeds.
So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an
atom's weight of evil will see it.

Surat az-Zilzal

Imagine that you have won a free trip to go anywhere in the world.

What would you take with you on your trip?

Now think of what you would want to take with you to the Hereafter?



Ma'ad – The Return



This world is a harvest field for the Hereafter.

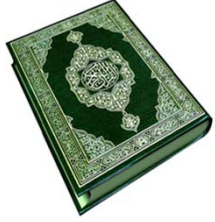
We will harvest in the Hereafter what we sow in this world, and every moment of our life we are sowing what will be either of **benefit** or **harm** to us in the Hereafter.



الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ
عَمَلًا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ

He, who created death and life that He may test you [to see] which of you is best in conduct. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Surat al-Mulk, 67:2



بَلْ تُؤْتِرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا (١٦) وَالْآخِرَةَ خَيْرٌ
وَأَبْقِ

Rather you prefer the life of this world, while the Hereafter is better and more lasting.

Surah al-A'la, 87:16-17



وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ
عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

And hasten towards your Lord's forgiveness and a paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, prepared for the *muttaqin*.

Surah Aal Imran, 3:133

IMAGINE

Imagine for a moment that on the Day of Judgment you are given 24 treasure boxes:



Some treasure boxes are full of light and joy, making us very happy. These boxes represent the hours we made good use of.



Some treasure boxes are frightening, dark, and full of a foul smell, making us frightened and sad. These boxes represent the hours we spent committing sins.



Some treasure boxes are completely empty. These boxes represent the time we wasted.

Which of these three boxes would you like to see on the Day of Judgment?



1. Every Muslim must have faith in *ma'ad*.
2. Real success or failure is the success or failure of the Hereafter for which Allah will be the judge.
3. Our belief regarding *ma'ad* gives meaning to our current life in this world.
4. If our deeds lead us to *jannah* then we will be happy forever and have anything and everything we desire.
5. Those that waste their life and commit sins will be the ones who will fear death. They will be terrified to leave this world for they will realize that their actions will lead them to severe unhappiness.

Review



1. What is *ma'ad*?
2. How does belief in *ma'ad* give meaning to this life?
3. Why do some people neglect the Hereafter?
4. How can we ensure a happy existence in the Hereafter?

Faith in Action



Think of a good deed - something simple that you can experiment with the whole day. For example, smiling at others. Remember to smile at people throughout the day. It could be your parents, siblings, neighbour, and anyone you may see during the day.

Watch their reactions as you perform the good deed. Think about:

1. How this good deed will help you in the Hereafter.
2. How this good deed made the other person feel.
3. How this good deed made you feel.