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Chapter Eighteen

On What the *Shehu* Mentioned to the People Concerning the Verses Which Incite Yearning and the Description of the Paradise

Realize that the *Shehu* arranged these verses in sequence and would explain in the language of those who were present. He would say to them: “Whoever obeys the commands of Allah and avoid His prohibitions will enter Paradise. Allah ta`ala says:

﴿إِنَّا لَا نُضِيعُ أَجْرَ مَنْ أَحْسَنَ عَمَلًا * أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ عَدْنٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ يُحَلَّوْنَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَيَلْبَسُونَ ثِيَابًا خُضْرًا مِنْ سُنْدُسٍ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٍ مُتَّكِنِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ نِعْمَ الثَّوَابُ وَحَسُنَتْ مُرْتَفَقًا﴾

“I will not forsake the reward of those who were excellent in deeds. For these will be Gardens of Ease under which rivers flow. There they will be given bracelets of gold and will wear green robes of silk brocade and gold embroidery. They will recline upon thrones therein. The best of Rewards and excellent the resting place.”

Allah ta`ala says:

﴿أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ رِزْقٌ مَعْلُومٌ * فَوَاكِهُ وَهُمْ مُكْرَمُونَ * فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ * عَلَى سُرُرٍ مُتَقَابِلِينَ * يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِكَأْسٍ مِنْ مَعِينٍ * بَيْضَاءَ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ * لَا فِيهَا غَوْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ عَنْهَا يُنْزَفُونَ * وَعَنْدَهُمْ قَاصِرَاتُ الطَّرْفِ عِينٌ * كَأَنَّهُنَّ بَيْضٌ مَكْنُونٌ﴾

“These will have a known provision of fruits and they will be honored in Gardens of Delight upon couches facing one another. There will be passed among them a cup from a bright gushing spring which will be delicious to the drinkers and which does not cause headaches nor will they be made unbalanced from it. With them will be women of modest gaze and lovely eyes as if they were hidden pearls.”

Allah ta`ala says:

﴿الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ * ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ * يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصِحَافٍ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ وَفِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهِيهِ الْأَنْفُسُ وَتَلَذُّ الْأَعْيُنُ وَأَنْتُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ * وَتِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ * لَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ مِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ﴾

“Those who believe in My signs and have surrendered in Islam will enter into Paradise, you and your wives to be made gratified. There will be brought to them trays of gold and cups. Therein will be what all souls desire and whatever eyes find sweet. You will be in it forever. This is the Paradise which you have inherited based upon what you used to do, for you in it will abundant fruits which you will consume.”

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي مَقَامٍ أَمِينٍ * فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعَيُْونٍ * يَلْبَسُونَ مِنْ سُندُسٍ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٍ مُتَقَابِلِينَ * كَذَلِكَ وَرَوَّجْنَاهُمْ بِحُورٍ عِينٍ * يَدْعُونَ فِيهَا بِكُلِّ فَاكِهَةٍ آمِنِينَ * لَا يُذُقُونَ فِيهَا الْمَوْتَ إِلَّا الْمَوْتَةَ الْأُولَىٰ وَوَقَاهُمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ * فَضْلًا مِنْ رَبِّكَ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ﴾

“Verily those who fear Allah will be in safe places in Gardens and springs. They will be dressed in silk and silk embroidery, facing one another. Even so, and I will marry them to large eyed maidens. They will request every sought of fruit in safety. They will taste death except the first death, for He has saved them from the doom of Hell. This is a bounty from your Lord and this is the Supreme Bounty.”

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ مَاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ خَمْرٍ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ﴾

“The likeness of Paradise which has been promised to those who fear Allah, therein are rivers of unpolluted water, rivers of milk whose taste does not change, rivers of wine delicious to the drinkers and rivers from clear honey. Therein is every kind of fruit and forgiveness from Lord.”

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَنَعِيمٍ * فَاكِهِينَ بِمَا آتَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ وَوَقَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ * كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ * مُتَكِنِينَ عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مَصْفُوفَةٍ وَرَوَّجْنَاهُمْ بِحُورٍ عِينٍ * وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلْتَنَاهُمْ مِنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ * وَأَمَدَدْنَاهُمْ بِفَاكِهَةٍ وَلَحْمٍ مِمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ * يَتَنَزَّعُونَ فِيهَا كَأْسًا لَا لَغْوٌ فِيهَا وَلَا تَأْتِيمٌ * وَيَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ غِلْمَانٌ لَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ لُؤْلُؤٌ مَكْنُونٌ * وَأَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ * قَالُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا قَبْلُ فِي أَهْلِنَا مُشْفِقِينَ * فَمَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا وَوَقَانَا عَذَابَ السَّمُومِ * إِنَّا كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلُ نَدْعُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْبَرُّ الرَّحِيمُ﴾

“Verily those who fear Allah will be in Gardens and ease enjoying the fruits of what their Lord will give them and their Lord will save them from the punishment of Hell. Therefore, eat and drink as a reward for what you used to do. Reclining upon arranged couches and I will marry them to large eyed maidens. And those who believe and their descendants who followed them in belief, they will meet with their descendants there, and I will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person is a pledge for that which he has earned. I will provide for them fruits and meats which they desire. They will pass between themselves cups which has no vanity or sin. There circulates among them youth who are like guarded pearls. Each of them will encounter one another questioning. They will say: ‘We used to be anxious among our people. Then Allah favored us and saved us from the torment of the breath of the Fire. We used to supplicate Him for He is the Benevolent and the Merciful.’”

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿وَلِمَن خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتٍ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * ذَوَاتَا أَفْنَانٍ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * فِيهِمَا عَيْنَانِ تَجْرِيَانِ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * فِيهِمَا مِنْ كُلِّ فَاكِهَةٍ زَوْجَانِ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * مُتَكئينَ عَلَى فُرُشٍ بَطَائِنُهَا مِنْ إِسْتَبْرَقٍ وَجَنَى الْجَنَّتَيْنِ دَانٍ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * فِيهِنَّ قَاصِرَاتُ الطَّرْفِ لَمْ يَطْمِئِنَّهُنَّ أَنِ إِنْسٌ قَبْلَهُمْ وَلَا جَانٌّ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * كَانَهُنَّ الْيَاقُوتُ وَالْمَرْجَانُ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * وَمِنْ دُونِهِمَا جَنَّتَانِ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * مُدْهَمَمَتَانِ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * فِيهِمَا عَيْنَانِ نَضَّاخَتَانِ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * فِيهِمَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَنَخْلٌ وَرُمَّانٌ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * فِيهِنَّ خَيْرَاتٌ حِسَانٌ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * حُورٌ مَقْصُورَاتٌ فِي الْخِيَامِ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * لَمْ يَطْمِئِنَّهُنَّ أَنِ إِنْسٌ قَبْلَهُمْ وَلَا جَانٌّ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * مُتَكئينَ عَلَى رَفْرَفٍ خُضْرٍ وَعَبَقَرِيٍّ حِسَانٍ * فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ * تَبَارَكَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ﴾

“For he who fears the station of his Lord there will be two Gardens. Which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Of spreading branches, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Wherein are two flowing fountains, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Wherein is every kind of fruit in pairs, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Reclining upon couches lined with silk brocade, the fruit of both Gardens near at hand. Which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Therein are maidens of modest gaze, whom neither man nor jinn have touched before. Which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Like unto the jacinth and the coral-stone. Which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Is not the reward for excellence only excellence? Which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? And beside these two are two other Gardens. Which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Dark green with foliage, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Wherein are two abundant springs, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Wherein is fruit, the date palm and pomegranate, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Wherein are the most excellent and beautiful, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Maidens close-guarded in pavilions, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Whom neither man nor jinn have ever touched before, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Reclining on green cushions and exquisite carpets, which of the favors of your Lord can you two deny? Blessed be the name of your Lord, the Mighty and Glorious.

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ * أُولَئِكَ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ * فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ * ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الْأُولَى * وَقَلِيلٌ مِنَ الْآخِرِينَ * عَلَى سُرُرٍ مَوْضُونَةٍ * مُتَكِنِينَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَقَابِلِينَ * يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُخَلَّدُونَ * بِأَكْوَابٍ وَأَبَارِيقَ وَكَأْسٍ مِنْ مَعِينٍ * لَا يُصَدَّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنْزَفُونَ * وَفَاكِهَةٍ مِمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ * وَلَحْمِ طَيْرٍ مِمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ * وَحُورٌ عِينٌ * كَأَمْثَالِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُونِ * جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ * لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا تَأْتِيًا * إِلَّا قِيلًا سَلَامًا سَلَامًا * وَأَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ * فِي سِدْرٍ مَخْضُودٍ * وَطَلْحٍ مَنضُودٍ * وَظِلٍّ مَمْدُودٍ * وَمَاءٍ مَسْكُوبٍ * وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ * لَا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ * وَفُرُشٍ مَرْفُوعَةٍ * إِنَّا أَنشَأْنَاهُنَّ إِنِشَاءً * فَجَعَلْنَاهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا * عُرْبًا * أُرَابًا * لِأَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ﴾

“The foremost are the foremost. These are those who are brought near. In Gardens of Ease. A multitude of those of old and a few of those of later time, on lined couches, reclining therein face to face. There wait on them immortal youths with bowls, containers and cups from a pure spring. From which neither headaches nor derangement occur, and fruits that they prefer and flesh of fowls that they desire. And large eyed maidens like hidden pearls. Reward for what they used to do. They will hear no vain talking or incrimination. Only the saying: Peace. Peace. As for the companions of the right, what are the companions of the right? Among thornless lote trees, clustered plantains and spreading shade and gushing water and abundant fruit, neither out of reach nor forbidden, and there are raised couches. Verily I have made them into a new creation and have made for them virgins who are their lovers and intimate friends for the companions of the right.”

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ يَشْرَبُونَ مِنْ كَأْسٍ كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا كَافُورًا * عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا عِبَادُ اللَّهِ يُفَجِّرُونَهَا تَفْجِيرًا﴾

“Verily the righteous will drink from cups whose draught is blended with camphor taken from springs. Gushing exceedingly and it will be imbibed by the servants of Allah.”

Allah ta'ala says:

﴿وَجَزَاءُهم بِمَا صَبَرُوا جَنَّةٌ وَحَرِيرًا * مُتَكِنِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا * وَدَانِيَةً عَلَيْهِمْ ظِلَالُهَا وَذُلَّتْ أَلْفُوفُهَا تَدْلِيلًا * وَيُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِآنِيَةٍ مِنْ فِضَّةٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ كَانَتْ قَوَارِيرَ * قَوَارِيرَ مِنْ فِضَّةٍ قَدَرُوهَا تَقْدِيرًا * وَيُسْقَوْنَ فِيهَا كَأْسًا كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا زَنْجَبِيلًا * عَيْنًا فِيهَا تُسَمَّى سَلْسَبِيلًا * وَيَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُخَلَّدُونَ إِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ حَسِبْتَهُمْ لُؤْلُؤًا مَنُورًا * وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ ثَمَّ رَأَيْتَ نَعِيمًا وَمَلَكًا كَبِيرًا * عَلَيْهِمْ ثِيَابٌ سُنْدُسٍ خُضْرٌ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٌ وَحُلُوعًا أُسُورًا مِنْ فِضَّةٍ وَسَقَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ شَرَابًا طَهُورًا﴾

“They will be rewarded Gardens and silk for their patience; reclining therein upon couches which have never seen the severity of the sun or bitter cold. The shade therein will be close upon them and the clustered fruits thereof dip down. Containers of silver are circulated among them and cups as bright as glass, but made from silver which are measured to exact measure. These are watered from a cup whose drink is a

blend of Zanjabil. From the spring therein called Salsabil. They are served by eternal youths whom if seen would look like scattered pearls. If you were to see these favors, then you would see blessings and a huge kingdom. Upon them will be garments of fine green silk and gold embroidery. They will wear bracelets of silver and their Lord will give them to drink a pure beverage.”

Allah ta`ala says:

﴿إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ * عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ * تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ نَضْرَةَ النَّعِيمِ * يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَخْتُومٍ * خَتَامُهُ مِسْكٌ وَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ * وَمِزَاجُهُ مِنْ تَسْنِيمٍ * عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا الْمُقَرَّبُونَ﴾

“Verily the righteous will be in ease upon couches gazing. The splendor of serenity will be noticed on their faces. They will be given to drink from sealed wine whose seal will be musk. Let this be what those who contests, vie with one another. Given a drink whose blend is from Tasneem, taken from a spring, imbibed by those who will be brought near.”

Allah ta`ala says:

﴿وُجُوهُ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَاعِمَةٌ * لِسَعْيِهَا رَاضِيَةٌ * فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ * لَا تَسْمَعُ فِيهَا لَآغِيَةً * فِيهَا عَيْنٌ جَارِيَةٌ * فِيهَا سُرُرٌ مَرْفُوعَةٌ * وَأَكْوَابٌ مَوْضُوعَةٌ * وَنَمَارِقُ مَصْفُوفَةٌ * وَزَرَابِيُّ مَبْثُوثَةٌ﴾

“Faces on that Day will be in bliss because of the efforts which were pleasing in the highest Gardens in which no empty talk will be heard; therein will be flowing springs. Therein will be raised couches, placed cups, arranged cushions, and silken carpets spread out.”

After this the **Shehu** would make supplication for the people and then depart.

