



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

ALLAH'S PROMISE TO THE BELIEVERS

INTRODUCTION

"O mankind! Verily, the Promise of Allah is true. So let not this present life deceive you, and let not the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allah."
– Qur'an 35 [Fatir]: 5

Allah even Reminded us in the du'a which He taught us:

"Our Lord! Grant us what You promised unto us through Your Messengers and disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection, for You never break (Your) Promise." 3: 194

1. PARADISE

But those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, We shall admit them to the Gardens under which rivers flow to dwell therein forever. Allah's Promise is the Truth, and whose words can be truer than those of Allah? Qur'an 4[Nisa']:122

This is the ultimate aim in our life – to be Granted a permanent place in Paradise in the Hereafter. BUT a lot of efforts need to be put in in order to be Granted Jannah.

"Give glad tidings to those who believe and work righteousness, that their portion is Gardens, beneath which rivers flow. Every time they are fed with fruits therein, they say: "Why, this is what we were fed with before," for they are given things in similitude; and they have therein companions pure (and holy), and they abide therein (for ever)." [Al Qur'an 2:25]

2. A GOOD LIFE - Hayaatan tayyibah

Allah the Most high, says,

“Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has Faith, verily, to him will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions.” [Al Qur’an 16:97]

The believers have a very good life, don’t be fooled by what you see. For sometimes what you see is not what you get. Sometimes you can see a wealthy disbeliever who has the world in his hands, but you can’t see what is going on in the inside, and he doesn’t know what the believers are feeling because he has never felt it. He feels happy with what he has and doesn’t know that there is something much better than that.

Ibn Taymiyah (May Allah have mercy on him) said “If the kings knew the happiness and pleasure that we feel in our hearts, they would come and try to take it away from us with the tips of their swords.”

“But whosoever turns away from My Message, verily for him is a very distressful life.” [Al Qur’an 20:124]

Be assured anyone not on the true path is having a life of misery even if you think otherwise. Whilst the believers who are apparently going through suffering, Allah is giving them a feeling in their heart that could not be bought with the wealth of this Dunya.

Because of the difficulty the believers go through and the patience they show Allah gives them something in their hearts that cannot be described with words.

Again, if you are not feeling this, then there is something wrong with the iman (faith).

3. ESTABLISHMENT ON EARTH - *Tamkeen*

Allah the Most high, says,
“Allah has promised, to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will, of a surety, grant them in the land, inheritance (of power), as He granted it to those before them; that He will establish in authority their religion, the one which He has chosen for them and that He will change (their state), after the fear in which they (lived), to one of security and peace: They will worship Me (alone) and not associate any partner with Me. If any do reject Faith after this, they are rebellious and wicked.” [Al Qur’an 24:55]

Rasullulah (Sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said in a hadith that “Allah has shown me the entire Earth and told me the kingdom of my nation will reach all of it”

So the question is not if Islam will be victorious or not. That has been promised and will happen. But rather the question is that are we going to play a role in that or not.

The group who bring Islam back will be the ones who resemble the companions the most. Because the Muslims who came after the Sahaabah have always lived under Islamic rule, now the Muslims have the golden opportunity of doing what the Sahaabah did, i.e. re-establishing Islam and Islamic rule.

Rasullullah((SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said in another hadith that, "I wish that I could meet my brothers, so the Sahaabah said aren't we your brothers, so Rasul(saw) said no, you are my Companions, but my brothers are going to be people who will come at the end of time, and one of them would wish that they could see me, even if it would cost them their wealth and their families." Meaning a glimpse of Rasullullah(SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) for them would be worth more than anything in the world.

4. PROTECTION

Truly, Allah defends those who believe. Verily! Allah likes not any treacherous ingrate to Allah [those who disobey Allah but obey *Shaitan* (Satan)]. 22: 38

5. ALLAH WILL NEVER GRANT THE DISBELIEVERS A WAY OVER THE BELIEVERS

Allah the Most high, says,

"And never will Allah grant to the unbelievers a way (to triumph) over the believers" [Al Qur'an 4:141]

Rasulullah (SallAllahu 'alayhu wa sallam) mentions in a hadith that "Islam is always higher and nothing goes above it." Meaning nothing can overpower Islam.

So if we don't see this happening, and we see the disbelievers having an upper hand over the believers, then we shouldn't question the promise of Allah, but rather we should question ourselves and our Iman (faith). Are we behaving like true believers, or is the opposite true.

6. BLESSINGS - *Barakah*

Allah the Most high, says,

“If the people of the towns had but believed and feared Allah, we should indeed have opened out to them (all kinds of) blessings from heaven and earth, but they rejected (the truth), and We brought them to book for their misdeeds.” [Al Qur’an 7:96]

We should not believe in Allah and His messenger (SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) in order to seek the blessings of this world, rather we should seek the blessings of the hereafter. However at times Allah will bless this Ummah. Some of that time has already passed, and some is still to come, i.e. when Isa (AS) reappears.

Sins also have an effect on blessings. An individual who sins can be deprived of many blessings in his life. Collectively in this world, if the earth has sins, i.e. the sins of the inhabitants, then it takes away the barakah. However when there is iman and righteousness then there is barakah. At the time of Isa(AS) there will be so much barakah.

7. GUIDANCE - *Hidayah*

Allah the Most high, says,

“Those who believe, and work righteousness, their Lord will guide them because of their faith, beneath them will flow rivers in gardens of bliss.” [Al Qur’an 10:9]

And this is what we need most. Just because we are believers, it doesn’t mean that we don’t need guidance. We need guidance in every moment of our lives.

The most frequent dua that one makes is in Surah Al-fatihah - “Oh Allah guide us to the straight path.” [Al Qur’an 1:5]

8. PROTECTION FROM SHAYTAN

Allah, the Most High says,

“No authority has he (i.e. Shaitaan) over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord.” [Al Qur’an 16:99]

Put your trust in Allah and Allah will protect you from Shaitaan.

Iblis (Shaitaan) is very experienced. He is stronger than us, we can’t defeat him except with the help of Allah.

Allah has given us many weapons to defeat the Shaitaan. A believer uses these weapons that Allah has given him.

For instance Ayat-ul-Kursi which is recited before going to sleep and on other occasions, the tawwudh (words of seeking protection from Shaitaan), the Daily adhkaar (Prayers and invocations) for morning and evening from the ahadeeth, the prayer before entering the lavatory etc... are all weapons that Allah has given to the believers as a protection against the Shayateen (army of devils), both from amongst the Jinn and from amongst Mankind.

9. NO EFFORT WILL BE WASTED

Allah the Most High says,

“As to those who believe and work righteousness, verily We shall not suffer to perish the reward of any who do a (single) righteous deed.” [Al Qur’an 18:30]

Sometimes you might feel that you are wasting your time. For instance you are giving Dawah (calling towards Islam), but nobody is listening, or you can’t see a change in the people. You should know that your reward is with Allah and none of your effort will be wasted, as success is not about numbers.

Rasullullah (saw) says that when I was taken to the heavens – “I saw a prophet with 10 followers, a prophet with 5 followers, a prophet with 2 followers, some with 1 follower and some with no followers.” However these Prophets did not fail, rather it was the people who refused to believe.

In fact Allah will pay you back with more than what you did

10. LOVE FOR THEM

Allah, the Most High says,

“Verily, those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, the Most Gracious will bestow love for them.” [Al Qur’an 19:96]

The commentators of the Qur’an say that, if you draw your heart closer to Allah, then Allah will draw the hearts of the believers closer to you.

Another saying – “if you displease Allah by pleasing the creation, then Allah will be displeased with you and will make the creation also displeased with you and if you please Allah by displeasing the creation, then Allah will be pleased with you and will also make the creation pleased with you.”

This is what we should want, for the hearts of the believers to love us.

So love Allah and Allah will make the servants of Allah love you.

This love is only from the sincere believers, but such love is not to be expected from the disbelievers and from the insincere believers.

11. ALLAH WILL ERASE EVIL

Allah, the Most High says,

“Those who believe and work righteous deeds, from them shall We blot out all evil (that maybe) in them, and We shall reward them according to the best of their deeds.” [Al Qur’an 29:7]

Jannah is pure, so it can only admit someone who is pure. Jannah and impurity cannot go together.

There is no one who is free from sin. We are all contaminated, every one of us, so how can we wash away these sins. Allah promises that with the believers he shall wash away their sins.

This is done through the following ways: Taubah (Repentance), Istigfaar (seeking forgiveness), illness wipes away sins if borne patiently, hardship, trials and tribulations etc...

There must be a cleaning process. There are some people that Allah loves them so much. Allah wants to show His favour on them. So Allah will make some of their sins in this world hidden and will make the same sins hidden in the hereafter. Rasul(SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said –“a man will be brought on the day of judgement and his knees will be shaking , his book of deeds will be brought before him, he knew what he did and he will go through the book and will see a lot of sins, but he will see that some big sins have been left out. So he will say oh Allah there are some sins I don’t see here, Allah(swt) will say oh my servant I concealed them for you in the World. So I conceal them for you today.”

Allah will make a sitr (covering and veil over sins) on the believer as long as the believer makes sitr on himself. So if you have committed a mistake or sin, then seek repentance from Allah, make istigfaar and move on. As long as it is done with sincerity Allah is willing to erase anything.

12. VICTORY

Allah, the Most High says,

“We will, without doubt, help our Messengers and those who believe, (both) in this world’s life and on the Day when the Witnesses will stand forth” [Al Qur’an 40:51]

And Allah, the Most High also says,

“...and it was due from Us to aid (give victory) those who believed.” [Al Qur’an 30:47]

When we get our belief right, then Allah will grant us victory.

However we should be patient, as the believers will go through many tests before victory is granted.

Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) would ask the sahaabah what suffering they had gone through, so a particular sahaabi uncovered his back and showed it to him. Umar said I have never seen a back like this, what happened to you. He said the musrikeen of Quraish would burn rocks over fire for a long time and then they would throw me on my naked back over these rocks, so my flesh would burn and I would smell my back burning, so it left some black deep holes in his back.

What have we gone through? We live comfortable lives. We have gone through nothing compared to what the sahaabah went through, and also what some muslims are going through today.

Victory of Allah is on its way, this is the promise of Allah. If it doesn’t happen in our lifetime it will happen in our children’s lifetime, but it will happen.

13. THE MERCY OF ALLAH - *Rahmah*

Allah, the Most High says,

“Then, as to those who believed and did righteous deeds, their Lord will admit them to His Mercy. That will be the achievement for all to see.” [Al Qur’an 45:30]

Allah is Ar-Raheem (the Merciful). A person can also be Raheem, however the Mercy of Allah is on a completely different level.

Allah’s mercy is in proportion to His greatness.

14. THE GRACE AND KINDNESS OF ALLAH - *Fadl*

Allah, the Most High, says,

“...for Allah is full of grace to those who believe.” [Al Qur’an 3:152]

The grace of Allah is vast. Allah(swt) is more graceful to us than we deserve. At times we want something from Allah, yet Allah gives us more. This is the grace and kindness of Allah upon the believers.

15. ALLAH WILL BE WITH YOU

Allah, the Most High, says

“...for verily Allah is with those who believe.” [Al Qur’an 8:19]

When Allah says that “Allah is with the believers”, it means that the believers don’t need anyone else.

Rasulullah (SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) has said “Be mindful of Allah, and Allah will protect you. Be mindful of Allah, and you will find Him before you.”

Allah will be with us and will give us according to what we are doing, i.e. our actions and our deeds.

16. LIGHT - *Noor*

Allah, the Most High, says:

“One Day shall you see the believing men and the believing women, how their Light runs forward before them and by their right hands: (their greeting will be): “Good News for you this Day, gardens beneath which flow rivers, to dwell therein for forever. This is indeed the highest Achievement” [Al Qur’an 57:12]

On the Day of Judgement it will be dark and we will be asked to cross over a bridge that is thinner than hair and sharper than a razor blade, and there will be no light, so it will be impossible unless we’re given light by Allah. This light that Allah will give us, the power of the light, will depend on how much light was in our heart in the Dunya. So this light which is in the heart, which is not a physical light, but a spiritual light, will come on the Day of Judgement in a physical form.

Depending on how much Iman (faith and belief) was in the heart. Iman will come on the Day of Judgement in the form of light. Some people will have so

much light that they run over the bridge so fast like a breeze. While some run. Some walk, some will take a step then stop until they get their light back again. Some will start but will not reach the end because of insufficient light.

17. PROTECTION AND FRIENDSHIP OF ALLAH

Allah, the Most High says,
"Without doubt, amongst men, the nearest of kin to Ibrahim, are those who follow him, as are also this Messenger and those who believe: And Allah is the Wali [protecting friend] of those who have faith." [Al Qur'an 3:68]

Wali means a friend, a protector. So Allah is saying that He is the Wali of the believers.

So a believer doesn't need anyone else besides Allah, because if Allah is your Wali, then who else do you need.

18. FORGIVENESS - *Maghfirah*

Allah the Most high, says,
"To those who believe and do deeds of righteousness has Allah promised forgiveness and a great reward" [Al Qur'an 5:9]

Every single person is in need of the forgiveness of Allah. One of Allah's attributes is that he is the Most Forgiving. So Allah will forgive the believers as long as they repent to Allah and seek His forgiveness.

As Allah the Most high, also says

"O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls. Despair not of the Mercy of Allah. for Allah forgives all sins, for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." [Al Qur'an 39:53]

19. ALLAH WILL PAY THEM IN FULL

Allah the Most high, says,
"As to those who believe and work righteousness, Allah will pay them (in full) their reward, but Allah loves not those who do wrong." [Al Qur'an 3:57]

Allah will pay you for every single deed that you did. Nothing will be wasted
"Is there any Reward for Good, other than Good?" [Al Qur'an 55:60]

20. NO FEAR AND NO GRIEF

Allah the Most high, says,

“Those who believe, and do deeds of righteousness, and establish regular prayers and regular charity, will have their reward with their Lord. On them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.” [Al Qur’an 2:277]

Abdus Salaam (a scholar of the past) (May Allah have mercy upon him) once went to visit a tyrant, with his students. So at first he started to speak softly, but then his voice started becoming louder and louder and his voice was becoming harsher and harsher, and he started pointing towards this tyrant. So his students started wrapping up their cloaks, because they were expecting that at anytime a sword will cut off his head, because of the way he was speaking to this tyrant. When he came out, his students went to him and said, what have you done, how could you speak to him like that. He said that when I imagined the greatness of Allah, then this tyrant became in front of me smaller than a cat.

This happened when he put things into perspective

As a believer you could go through situations where you have fear, because fear is a natural human instinct, however when iman sinks into the heart it eliminates fear. So you might go through that natural feeling of fear, but you will overcome it thorough your iman.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Allah exhorts us to exercise patience and be steadfast amidst trial and calamity. Be rest assured that Allah’s promise will definitely come to pass, no matter how long it may take, Allah’s aid is sought.

So be patient (O Muhammad SAW). Verily, the Promise of Allah is true, and let not those who have no certainty of faith, discourage you from conveying Allah’s Message. Qur’an 30[Rum]:60