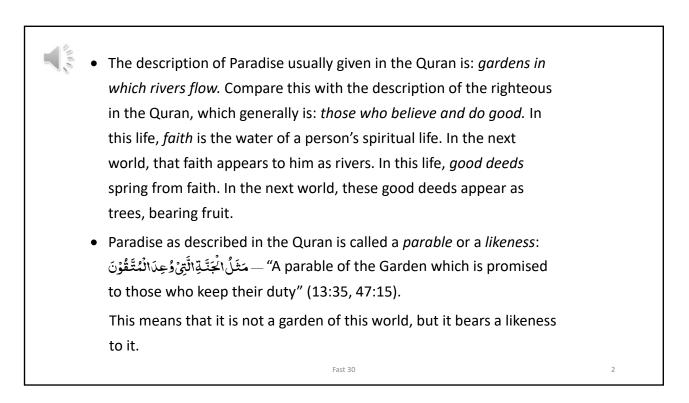
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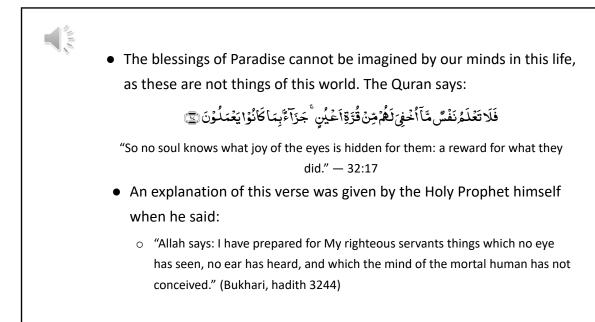
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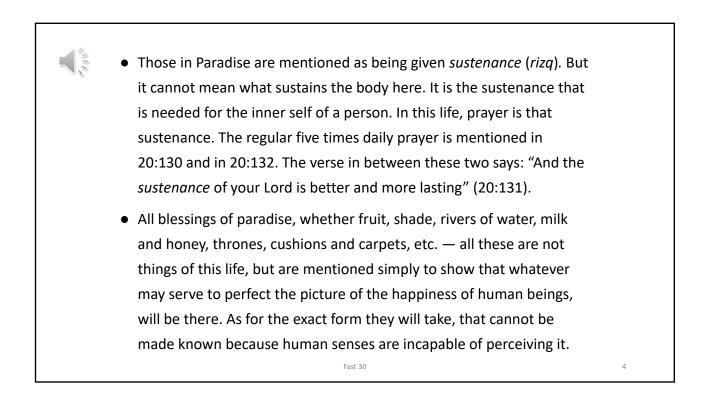
• Paradise according to the Quran: The word garden (jannah) or its plural (jannāt) is generally used to indicate the abiding place of the righteous in the hereafter. This word indicates something which is concealed or covered so that it cannot be perceived by the senses (an ordinary garden is called *jannah* because it is covered by trees). For paradise this meaning may refer to the fact that it cannot be perceived by our human senses.

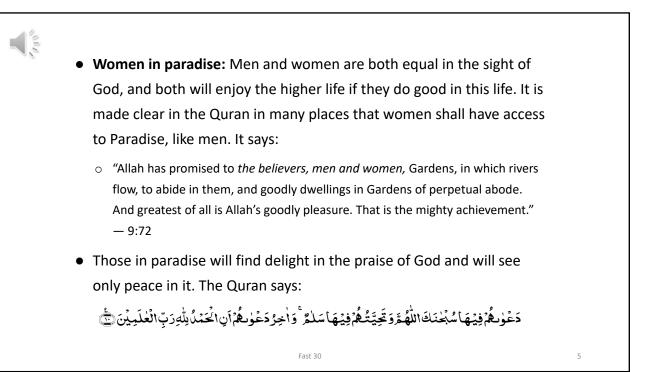
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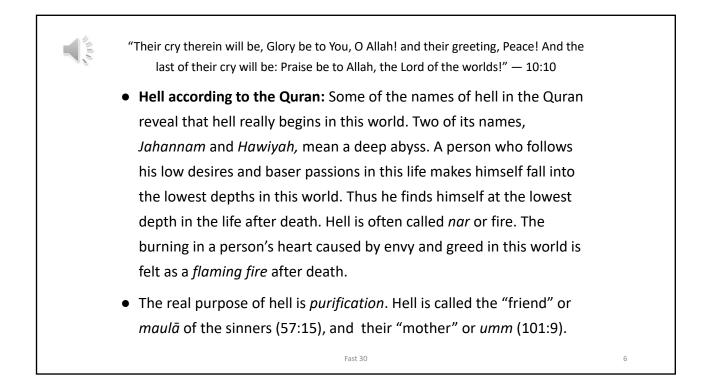




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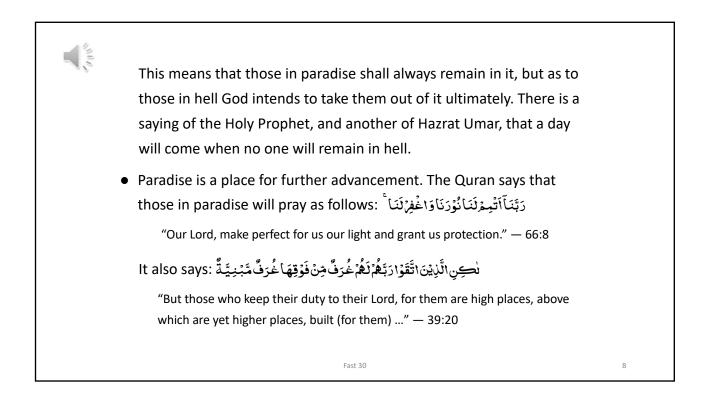






Hell is called a "friend" of sinners, because through suffering it will make them fit for spiritual progress, and it is called their "mother", because in its bosom they will be brought up, so that they may be able to tread the path of a new higher life in the next world. The Holy Quran and the Sayings of the Holy Prophet show that all those who are in Hell shall ultimately, when they are fit for a new life, be released from it to progress further on in the next life. Regarding those in hell and those in paradise, the Quran says that they will both remain in it "except as your Lord please", meaning that He can take them out of it. Then for those in paradise it adds that paradise is "a gift never to be cut off". But for those in hell it adds: "Surely your Lord is the mighty Doer of what He intends" (see 11:107-108).

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• The new life granted to the righteous in Paradise is thus the startingpoint for a new advancement, in which they shall continue to rise to higher and higher places. The joys of Paradise are really the true joys of advancement.

Lastly, Eid Mubarak to all readers of these Quran Studies. Wishing all of you a very happy and blessed Eid of April 2023!

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