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Surat al-‘Ankabūt (29)

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COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN

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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



Session 24
Review for Today
Āyāt 56-58



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God’s precedence in testing humans’ faith

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4 Verses



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1 Verse



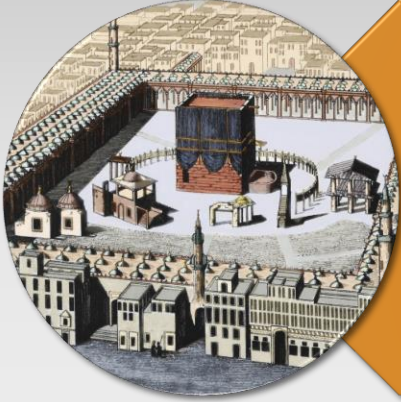
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يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ أَرْضِي وَاسِعَةٌ فَإِيَّايَ فَاعْبُدُونِ ﴿٥٦﴾

O My servants who believe *but are prevented from living according to your belief!* Indeed My earth is vast, so worship Me alone *even if that means that you need to move from your present country elsewhere to avoid persecution.* (56)



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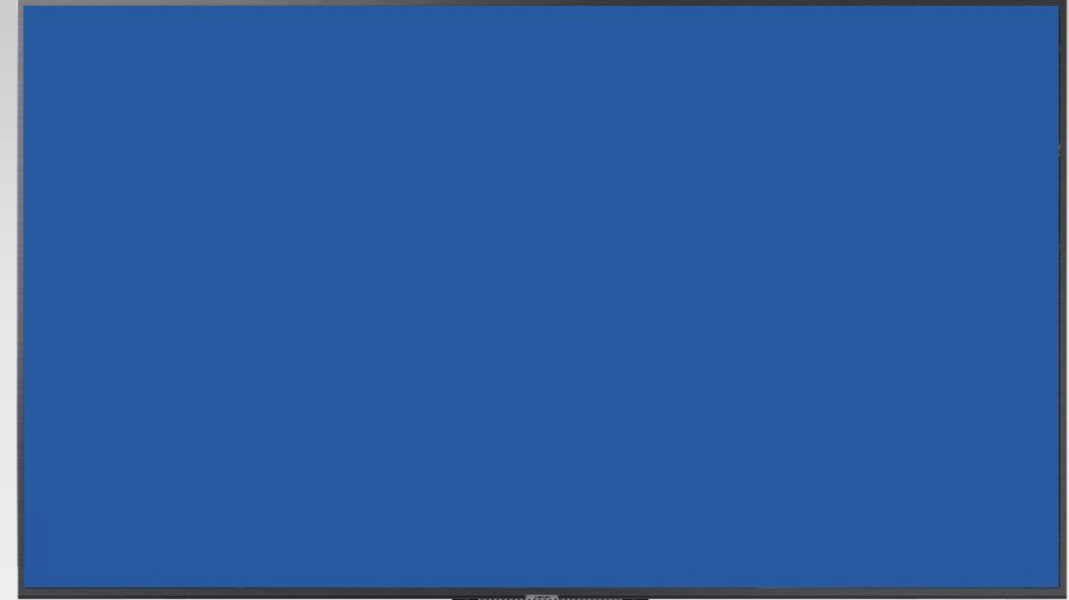
Mecca

- Patience (Sabr)
- Migration (Hijrah)



Medina

- Patience (Sabr)
- Resistance (Jihad)



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**HOW WILL WE ANSWER TO
THE ANGELS?**



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إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَوَفَّاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ ظَالِمِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ قَالُوا فِيمَ كُنْتُمْ
قَالُوا كُنَّا مُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا أَلَمْ تَكُنْ أَرْضُ اللَّهِ
وَاسِعَةً فَتُهَاجِرُوا فِيهَا فَأُولَئِكَ مَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَسَاءَتْ

مَصِيرًا ﴿٩٧﴾

As to those whose souls the angels *obligated with taking the souls of people* take in the state of wronging themselves *by continuing to live in unbelief without suffering to emigrate to a land where they would be able to attain and practice their faith*. They *the angels* ask them: "What situation were you in *so that you were not with the believers or could not practice your faith?*" They say: "We were under such oppression in this land that we could not find way to faith." They *the angels* say: "Was God's earth not wide enough for you to emigrate in it?" Such are those whose refuge is Hell: how evil a destination to arrive at! (4:97)



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Every soul is bound to taste death,
and then to Us you will be brought
back. (57)



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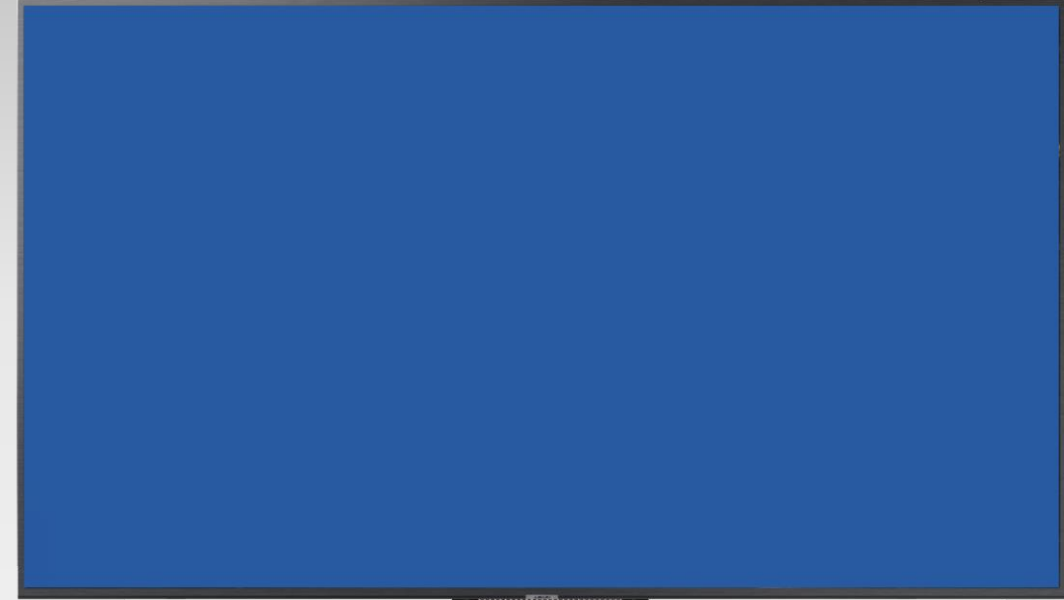
قِيلَ لِأَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مَا الِاسْتِعْدَادُ لِلْمَوْتِ؟ فَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): أَدَاءُ الْفَرَائِضِ وَاجْتِنَابُ الْمَحَارِمِ وَ
الِاسْتِمَالُ عَلَى الْمَكَارِمِ، ثُمَّ لَا يَبَالِي أَوْقَعَ عَلَى الْمَوْتِ أَوْ وَقَعَ الْمَوْتُ.

It was once said to the Commander of the Faithful عليه السلام, "What is the best way to prepare for death?" He عليه السلام said, "One should fulfill the obligatory acts, abstain from the forbidden and exhibit exalted morals. At that point, he should not be concerned whether he falls upon death or death falls upon him."

Bihar al-Anwar, Vol. 6, Pg. 126



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6. عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَ سَلَّمَ): الْنَّاسُ اثْنَانِ: وَاحِدٌ أَرَّاحَ وَ آخِرُ إِسْتَرَّاحَ، فَأَمَّا الَّذِي اسْتَرَّاحَ فَأَلْمُؤْمِنُ إِذَا مَاتَ اسْتَرَّاحَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَ بِلَائِهَا، وَ أَمَّا الَّذِي أَرَّاحَ فَالْكَافِرُ إِذَا مَاتَ أَرَّاحَ الشَّجَرَ وَ الدَّوَابَّ وَ كَثِيرًا مِنَ النَّاسِ.

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir عليه السلام relates that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said, "People are of two types: one group is **pleased by death**, while the other one **makes others pleased by their death**. As for he who is **pleased by death**, he is the true believer, who by dying is relieved from the trials and tribulations of the world. And as for the one whose **dying makes others pleased**, he is the non-Believer, who by dying has relieved the trees, animals, and many people." (Bihar al-Anwar, Volume 6, Page 151)



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**Heaven or Hell? The
choice is OURS**



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تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا نِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

Those who believe and do good, righteous deeds,
We will most certainly lodge them in high, lofty
mansions in Paradise through which rivers flow,
therein to abide. How excellent is the reward of
those who always do good deeds! (58)



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Those who believe and do good, righteous deeds...

TRUE BELIEF: Outlined by the Prophets of Allah and in the Quran.

RIGHTEOUS DEEDS: Must be defined by Allah in the Quran or the Prophet in his verified statements.



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1. **Laam** at the beginning of the word is for emphasis;
2. **Noon** with **Tashdeed** at the end of the word is for emphasis



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...**غُرَفًا** تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا...

...lofty **mansions** in Paradise through which rivers flow, therein to abide...



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...نِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

...How excellent is the reward of those who **always**
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Points for Reflection

1. When looking for a place to live, do not only consider the neighborhood and personal comforts such as a short commute to work, school, etc. reflect on your ability to practice Islam.
2. Death knows no limits, is a definite reality and is **NOT** the end of our existence – we will move on just as we went from the womb of our mother into this world.
3. Paradise is “waiting for us” – we are preparing it today with our good deeds – our leaving of this world is the first step to enjoying that which awaits us.

