



# The Fortress

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The form of taqwa depends on the situation, and it needs jihad. Life is a struggle, and Jannah is green and soothing, with rivers and springs. Enter Jannah in peace and security. There is no disturbance in Jannah. It is دار الأمان, the place of security, and دار السلام, the place of peace.

The majority of people have bits of shirk in their lives, such as seeking the praise of people, attaching to the means, taking an oath with someone rather than Allah, taking evil omens, etc. It is so easy to fall into minor shirk. If any bit of shirk is present, there is no peace and security, and therefore, no guidance.

You move forward when there is security, and this is through faith and taqwa. For example, when you want to say something wrong, and you follow your desires and say it, you are insecure; if you fight your desire, make taqwa, and keep quiet, you are in security. The مؤمن will get أمن. Allah brings the signs and gives security.

People who are not criminals, but also aren't serious about the deen, the foolish and the heedless, will not be seen in Jannah either. It will be complete security. In dunya, even لغو can create disturbances and bad feelings. لغو is vain talk, with no reward or punishment, zero value. Sometimes you say something unthinkingly, and hurt them with unnecessary actions, such as

curiosity. This is desire, not goodness.

We must understand the nature of people; some are very strong, and will not be hurt even by words like sticks, while some will be hurt beneath with light words like feathers. Some people who are sick love to be made a fuss of, kissed and hugged, while others hate to be touched, and want to be left alone. You must always have a good intention to give people what is good for them, and treat them in a way which pleases them. Ask Allah for guidance.

And We will remove whatever is in their breasts of resentment, [so they will be] brothers, on thrones facing each other.

وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِّنْ غَلٍّ إِخْوَانًا عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مُّقْبِلِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

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Sometimes a situation occurs, you hear something which disturbs and upsets you, and it keeps coming to the heart again and again. You don't say anything, because you are making taqwa. So it goes into your heart, sinks in, takes residence in your heart. How can you remove this feeling which has sunk

deep in your heart? You need an operation, which will take place before you enter Jannah. This feeling of resentment cannot be removed by any amount of reform or purification in the dunya, the grave, or the Day of Judgement.

وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مِن بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

And [there is a share for] those who came after them, saying, "Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."

سورة الحشر  
59:10

نزع

The sins of the heart of the dwellers of the hellfire will be purified with the fire, but the sins of kufr, shirk and

nifaq will not be able to be purified, even with the fire. For the people of Jannah, the غل, this resentment, will remain in their hearts.

The غل will go deeper step by step, until it settles in the middle of the heart. It resembles water flowing gradually to the middle of a pool. The غل will settle between the heart and the chest. The resentment is a feeling of hatred and enmity, chained to the heart.

This resentment is a feeling which you cannot remove from your heart, so you have to make extreme taqwa. Not all the believers will have this resentment, but some may. The muttaqi will suffer in silence. The shaitan will try to tell him to get it off his chest, to say something. But the muttaqi will suppress his feelings and remain quiet.

To carry resentment for a believer is a very difficult situation, and it can happen. So we need to overlook the mistakes of people all the time. The shaitan will make your mind create scenarios full of logic. You will have to handle this all your life. So ask Allah not to let it approach your heart.

Who are the dwellers of Jannah? Those who have pure hearts, truthful tongues, without any resentment or jealousy. Protect your ears too, because what you hear will go to your heart. We are all a test for each other, so control yourself.

Allah will take care of the غل. It will be extracted from its place, like a wisdom tooth, pulled out by force. It is chained to the heart, so it must be removed by force, from its roots. The غل stays in the chest, not the heart. The chest is a larger cavity. The chest can become tight and constricted, as well as vast and open.

Allah will take care of any traces of غل, so that everyone in Jannah will be facing each other without blame. The result is that everyone will be brothers. This is the best description, more than friends. In dunya, we have to struggle to purify our hearts. The fight will go on inside you, and you will show only goodness. This will go on until you die. Then Allah will remove the غل, and there will be only good feelings in the heart.

The people of Jannah will rely on raised couches, decorated with gold embroidery, with silk linings, lined up in rows, facing each other, being served whatever their hearts desire, by the servants of Jannah.