Introduction

- Based on who you are, Allah (ﷻ) will extract worships from you depending on what you want to reach, subhan Allah. The situations we go through in life are in order we feel something and invoke Allah (ﷻ). The actions of the heart are unlimited because Allah (ﷻ) is unlimited.
- The disbelievers want angels to come to them but it’s better when they have humans because humans can show feelings towards them unlike angels who are samad.

Faith: Belief in the Angels

Descriptions of the angels from Surah Al Anbiya

- They are dwellers of the heavens
- They are not arrogant despite the great tasks they have
- They are worshippers
- They don’t get tired
- They glorify Allah (ﷻ)
- They are honored slaves
- They don’t speak before Allah (ﷻ)
- They will not do any actions except by Allah’s commands
- They have no authority to intercede except by Allah’s permission
- They fear Allah (ﷻ)
- They don’t exceed their boundaries

What do we learn?

- There is no one above Allah (ﷻ) and He can do as He wishes, but He forbade dhulm from Himself. There are boundaries so what about us?
- Don’t be impressed with your good deeds.
- If angels in the heavens have boundaries then what about ourselves who are on the earth and are more at risk? Subhan Allah.
• Obeying those who are above you, similar between an employee and manager.
• Appreciate anyone doing well even if they’re below you.
• The angels make dua for others and we should do the same.
• Angels leave when there is shouting, screaming and bad smell and this teaches us the same to not scream, shout and keep a good scent.

Ayah 24

The dwellers of Paradise (i.e. those who deserved it through their Islamic Monotheistic Faith and their deeds of righteousness) will, on that Day, have the best abode, and have the fairest of places for repose.

Word | Meaning
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أصحاب الجنة | the dwellers of paradise
يوم الدين مستقرًا | on that Day are in the best abode
أحسن مقيًا | and best time of comfort

• When there’s furqan then there will be glad tidings but when there’s no furqan then there will be warning. Ibad Ar Rahman are with the people and they are not isolating themselves. A person will learn more from his mistakes than when he only does something right every time.
• Furqan is not about restricting ourselves but to put boundaries according to the situation.
• Here we have one ayah in the middle of many warnings and this is to give coziness and comfort. When Jibreel (عليه السلام) first came to the Prophet (ﷺ), it was an overwhelming feeling to see something he’s never seen, to be squeezed and to be told something he can’t do. After this he went to Khadija (رضي الله عنها) and he said, ‘cover me’.
• Jibreel came and told the Prophet (ﷺ) tell Khadija (رضي الله عنها) that Allah gives his salam to her and I too as well. And give her glad tidings of a home in paradise with no hardship and noise. She created comfort in the life of the Prophet (ﷺ) and she was granted it in the hereafter, subhan Allah. Ibad Ar Rahman are making dua asking coolness of the eyes because they want that comfort. Hadith: (قال سمعت أبا هريرة، قال أتى جبريل النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال يا رسول الله هذه خدجية)
Abu Huraira reported that Gabriel came to Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) and said:

Khadija is coming to you with a vessel of seasoned food or drink. When she comes to you, offer her greetings from her Lord, the Exalted and Glorious, and on my behalf and give her glad tidings of a palace of jewels in Paradise wherein there is no noise and no toil. This hadith has been narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira through another chain of transmitters with a slight variation of wording.) - Sahih Muslim 2432

- It’s important to have a ‘cozy corner’ in life and not mix it with our problems. We don’t need to spoil our relationships by making everyone run with our problems. People think when they have a ‘cozy corner’ then they should only talk about their problems, but this will affect others.
- When people don’t have furqan then they spoil their own good relationships by bringing their trials to others, subhan Allah.
- (The dwellers of Paradise (i.e. those who deserved it through their Islamic Monotheistic Faith and their deeds of righteousness) will, on that Day,): the companions of paradise are those who believed and did righteous good deeds. A good friend is the one who reminds you of Allah (ﷻ) and do good deeds; good friends are the muttaqeen who remind you when you make a mistake, but they don’t judge or argue with you. Unlike other friends who deviate and mislead others.
- (have the best abode,): they will be better established in the hereafter, and they will not leave paradise. In paradise everyone is surrounded with good people, but in this life the good people are scattered. The good souls visit each other in the barzakh unlike the evil souls. And on the Day of Judgement, they will be resurrected together. Unlike the people of the hellfire whom no one will speak to, and even if they have others will them in the hellfire, they are not their companions.
- (and have the fairest of places for repose,): comes from (قيلولة) which is a short nap before ‘asr. The people of paradise do not sleep, but it’s a time of comfort which is a complete pleasure. This teaches us we can’t always be on the run but we need to rest and have a ‘cozy corner’ during the day.

Stories and Lessons

- In this story we see the justice of the Prophet (ﷺ) and that’s he’s a human.
- Before facing an enemy, the Prophet (ﷺ) would make sure the rows were straight with no gaps. He would have a stick to make sure the rows are straight. There was one man who was
out of line so the Prophet (ﷺ) poked him in the stomach to put him back straight in line. The man said, ‘you hurt me, and Allah has sent you in justice, so I want to do the same to you’, subhan Allah.

- The Prophet (ﷺ) allowed him. Then the man said to the Prophet (ﷺ), ‘you poked me on my stomach directly’ and I want to do the same. So the Prophet (ﷺ) bared his stomach and the man could poke him, but he kissed him. The Prophet (ﷺ) asked him, ‘why did you this?’. He said, ‘I cannot guarantee what will happen to me in this battle and the last I want is my skin to touch yours’, subhan Allah. This shows the gentleness and ease in the relationship, to have good thoughts and respect.

**How can we change ourselves for the better?**

- Preserve your good deeds with furqan and preserve your relationships with furqan, then a person can easily continue in his life.
- Have a ‘cozy corner and time’ in life
- Choose good companions who bring you closer to Allah (ﷺ)

_May Allah (ﷻ) grant us good companions and homes in paradise. Ameen._