

## In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Most Merciful



All praises are due to Allah. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah the uniquely One, who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that the Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger.

O Servants of Allah! Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Qalam:

**“Indeed, for the righteous with their Lord are the Gardens of Bliss.”** (S.68 V.34)

The Messenger of Allah SAW said: “[On the Day of Resurrection] Allah will bring a believer near Him and shelter him with His Screen and ask him: ‘Did you commit such-and-such sins?’ He will say: ‘Yes, my Lord.’ Allah will keep on asking him till he will confess all his sins and will think that he is ruined. Allah will say: ‘I did screen your sins in the world and I forgive them for you today.’, and then he will be given the book of his good deeds in his right hand. [Bukhari and Muslim]

So, the believer reads his book of deeds, being pleased with his faith, rejoicing in the goodness of his works, and is elated at what awaits him of God's reward and generosity. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Inshiqaq:

**“Then as for he who is given his record in his right hand,” “he will be judged with an easy account” “and return to his people in happiness.”** (S.84 V.7—9)

It is as if the people of the right are saying, “Here read the record of my deeds. For in it I put forward good deeds and actions that I did.” Such a person will be in a state of utter contentment with what Allah had prepared for him of bliss. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Waqi'ah: “The companions of the right - what are the companions of the right?” “[They will be] among Lote trees with thorns removed.” “And trees layered [with fruit].” “And shade extended.” “And water poured out.” “And fruit, abundant [and varied],” “neither limited [to season] nor forbidden.” “And [upon] beds raised high.” (S.56 V.27--34)

The Prophet SAW said: “In Paradise there is a tree so big that in its shade a rider may travel for one hundred years without being able to cross it.”

The people of the Right will enter into Paradise with the righteous from their families. They will be greeted by the Angels who will give them the salutations of the Pleasure of their Lord.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ar-Raad:

**“Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon them from every gate,” “[saying], Peace be upon you for what you patiently endured. And excellent is the final abode.”** (S.13 V.23—24)

So how pure and blessed will be their abode and their abiding therein. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Haqqan:

**“So, he will be in a pleasant life” “- In an elevated garden,” “Its [fruit] to be picked hanging near.” “[They will be told], “Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you put forth in the days past.”** (S.69 V.21—24)

How can we become from the People of the Right? Allah has described the way of the People of the Right in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Balad:

**“And then being among those who believed and advised one another to patience and advised one another to compassion.” “Those are the companions of the right.”** (S.90 V.17—18)

In other words, they are those who believe in their Lord, they are devout towards their Creator and so do much good and perform many good deeds. They abstain from the forbidden, give much charity, feed the poor and needy, are kind to their relations, show patience in light of difficulties, and their hearts are full of compassion towards all people. These are the people who are covered through the mercy from their Lord, and He enters them into the abode of Paradise that He has described for them to abide forever.

May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon prophet Muhammad SAW, his family and all of his Companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

O Allah! Bless us with Your love. Bless us the love of those You love.

O Allah! Accept our prayers and all our ibada.

O Allah! Guide us to the right path and make us of those on whom You bestows Your mercy.

O Allah! Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our sins.

O Allah! Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin.