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Course objectives

Life is full of choices; each and everyone of us, has to go through the inevitable test of life. We've gone through marriage journey together with Home Sweet Home, through parenting journey with Parenting Matters, and now with the ultimate journey to lead your family away for the Hellfire, and towards Paradise with The Final Destination in sha Allaah.

The similarities between birth and death are astonishing. When we came to this life, we were given a shower, when leaving life, we'll be given a Ghusl, after the shower we were covered with a blanket, after Ghusl we'll be shrouded, when we came to this life, we were given a birth certificate, and when we leave this life we'll be given a death certificates, and between them we'll be collecting certificates, keeping in mind the most important certificate of all, we'll be given on Judgment Day. So, what will it say, and which hand will we receive it by?! Hence:

Everyone shall taste death. And only on the Day of Resurrection shall you be paid your wages in full. And whoever is removed away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise, he indeed is successful. The life of this world is only the enjoyment of deception (a deceiving thing). (Q. 3: 185)

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتُهُمْ ذُرِيَتُهُم بِإِيمَانٍ أَكْتَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِيَتُهُمْ وَمَا أَلْثَنَاهُم مِّنْ عَمَلِهِم مِّن شَيْءٍ ۚ كُلُّ امْرِئِ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينُ And those who believe and whose offspring follow them in Faith, to them shall We join their offspring, and We shall not decrease the reward of their deeds in anything. Every person is a pledge for that which he has earned. (Q. 52: 21)

In this course, we'll block the path to the Hellfire by learning all about it, and its' dwellers characteristics and attributes, and pave the path to Jannah by learning all about it, and its' dwellers characteristics and attributes for our ultimate retirement plan in sha Allaah.

Note: These course notes are meant to compliment the instructor's lectures.





First module: Hellfire

Introduction and definitions: Hellfire

The hellfire is the abode that Allaah had prepared for those who disbelieved in Him, rebelled against His Shariah, and disbelieved in His Messengers. The Hellfire is the punishment to His enemies and the prison of criminals.

It's the greatest humiliation and the ultimate loss:

Lord! Verily, whom You admit to the Fire, indeed, You have disgraced him, and never will the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers) find any helpers. (Q. 3: 192)

Do they not know that whoever opposes Allah and His Messenger - that for him is the fire of Hell, wherein he will abide eternally? That is the great disgrace. (Q. 9: 63)

So worship what you like besides Him. Say (O Muhammad SAW): "The losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Verily, that will be a manifest loss!" (Q. 39: 15)

How could it not be as it was described in its wrath, pain, and sorrow no matter what pins write or tongues utter? Indeed, it's eternal, and its dwellers are eternal in it. Hence, the length that Allaah has given it, in its honour and its dwellers.

Evil indeed it (Hell) is as an abode and as a place to rest in. (Q. 25: 66)

This is so! And for the Tâghûn (transgressors, disobedient to Allâh and His Messenger - disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh, criminals), will be an evil final return (Fire), Hell!

Where they will burn, and worst (indeed) is that place to rest! (Q. 38: 55-56)





Paradise and Hellfire are created

Altahawi of Al'aqeedah Altahawiyah said, "Paradise and Hellfire are created, will never parish. Indeed, Allaah had created them before mankind, and created for them dwellers, if He wishes them to Paradise by His grace, and if He wishes them to Hellfire by His Justice.

Qur'an and	وَسَارَعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبَّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
Sunnah	And march forth in the way (which leads to) forgiveness from your Lord, and for Paradise as wide as are the heavens and the earth, prepared for Al-Muttaqûn (the pious). (Q. 3: 133)
	سَابِقُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَحَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ * ذَلِكَ
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	Race with one another in hastening towards forgiveness from your Lord (Allâh), and Paradise the width whereof is as the width of the heaven and the earth, prepared for those who believe in Allâh and His Messengers. That is the Grace of Allâh which He bestows on whom He is pleased with. And Allâh is the Owner of Great Bounty. (Q. 57:21)
	(﴿ وَلَقَدُ رَءَاهُ نَزُلَةً أُخْرَىٰ (﴿ وَ عِندَ سِدْرَةِ ٱلْمُنتَعَىٰ (﴿ وَ عَندَهَا جَنَّةُ ٱلْمَأُونَى (﴿ اللهِ And indeed he (Muhammad SAW) saw him [Jibril (Gabriel)] at a second descent (i.e. another time). Near Sidrat-ul-Muntaha (a lote-tree of the utmost boundary over the seventh heaven beyond which none can pass). Near it is the Paradise of Abode. (Q. 53: 13-15)
	وَٱتَّقُواْ ٱلنَّارَ ٱلَّتِي أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَلفِرِينَ۞
	And fear the Fire, which is prepared for the disbelievers. (Q. 3: 131)
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	Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar R.A.: Allaah's Messenger () said, "When anyone of you dies, he is shown his place both in the morning and in the evening. If he is one of the people of Paradise; he is shown his place in it, and if he is from the people of the Hell-Fire; he is shown his place there-in. Then it is said to him, 'This is your place till Allaah resurrect you on the Day of Resurrection." (Bukhari 1379)





Narrated by Albara'a Ibn Aazib R.A.:

"A caller will call from the Heavens, indeed my slave told
the truth, furnish his grave from Paradise, and open a gate for
him to Paradise." (Muslim 2866)





The Keepers of the Hellfire

The guardians of the Hellfire are Angels of a great creation and strength as described in the Qur'aan:

O you who believe! Ward off from yourselves and your families against a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allâh, but do that which they are commanded. (Q. 66: 6)

They are 19 in numbers:

I will cast him into Hell-fire. And what will make you know (exactly) what Hell-fire is? It spares not (any sinner), nor does it leave (anything unburnt)! Burning and blackening the skins! Over it are nineteen (angels as guardians and keepers of Hell). (Q. 74: 26-30)

The mere numbers of the Angels was a Fitnah for the disbelievers, as they thought they can overcome them, oblivious to the fact that only one Angel can destroy them:

And We have set none but angels as guardians of the Fire, and We have fixed number (19) only as a trial for the disbelievers, in order that the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) may arrive at a certainty [that this Qur'ân is the truth as it agrees with their Books regarding their number (19) which is written in the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] and that the believers may increase in Faith (as this Qur'ân is the truth) and that no doubt may be left for the people of the Scripture and the believers, and that those in whose hearts is a disease (of hypocrisy) and the disbelievers may say: "What Allâh intends by this (curious) example?" Thus Allâh leads astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills. And none can know the hosts of your Lord but He. And this (Hell) is nothing else than a (warning) reminder to mankind. (Q. 74: 31)

Hence, they were called Khazanah (Keepers) by Allaah:

And those in the Fire will say to the keepers (angels) of Hell: "Call upon your Lord to lighten for us the torment for a day!" (Q. 40: 49)





The description of the Hellfire

The place of the Hellfire

The scholars differed upon its place, some said it was the lowest rank on earth, and some said it was in the sky, and some refrained because they is no proof of its place.

The size of the Hellfire

It's massive in size, far and wide, with enormous depth. The size of one tooth of its dwellers is the size of a mountain, and the distance between the shoulders is 3 days. After all, it will accommodate all of the disbelieves from beginning of time until the end of time.

On the Day when We will say to Hell: "Are you filled?" It will say: "Are there any more (to come)?" (Q. 50: 30)

Narrated Abu Huraira (radiallahu anhu):

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Paradise and the Fire (Hell) argued, and the Fire (Hell) said, "I have been given the privilege of receiving the arrogant and the tyrants.' Paradise said, 'What is the matter with me? Why do only the weak and the humble among the people enter me?' On that, Allaah said to Paradise. 'You are My Mercy which I bestow on whoever I wish of my servants.' Then Allaah said to the (Hell) Fire, 'You are my (means of) punishment by which I punish whoever I wish of my slaves. And each of you will have its fill.' As for the Fire (Hell), it will not be filled till Allaah puts His Foot over it whereupon it will say, 'Qati! Qati!' At that time it will be filled, and its different parts will come closer to each other; and Allaah will not wrong any of His created beings. As regards Paradise, Allaah will create a new creation to fill it with." (Bukhari 4850)

Abu Huraira (radiallahu anhu) reported:

We were in the company of Allaah 's Messenger (ﷺ) that we heard a terrible sound. Thereupon Allaah 's Apostle (ﷺ) said: Do you know what (sound) is this? We said: Allaah and His Messenger know best. Thereupon he said: That is a stone which was thrown seventy years before in Hell and it has been constantly slipping down and now it has reached its base. (Muslim 2844)

And Hell will be brought near that Day. On that Day will man remember, but how will that remembrance (then) avail him? (Q. 89: 23)

Abdullah b. Mas`ud reported Allaah 's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying:

Hell would be brought on that day (the Day of Judgment) with seventy thousand bridles, and seventy thousand angels dragging each bridle. (Muslim 2842)





Abysses of the Hellfire

Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths (grade) of the Fire; no helper will you find for them. (4:145)

The gates of the Hellfire

"And surely, Hell is the promised place for them all. (15:43) "It (Hell) has seven gates, for each of those gates is a (special) class (of sinners) assigned. (Q. 15: 43-44)

And those who disbelieved will be driven to Hell in groups, till, when they reach it, the gates thereof will be opened (suddenly like a prison at the arrival of the prisoners). And its keepers will say, "Did not the Messengers come to you from yourselves, reciting to you the Verses of your Lord, and warning you of the Meeting of this Day of yours?" They will say: "Yes, but the Word of torment has been justified against the disbelievers! "It will be said (to them): "Enter you the gates of Hell, to abide therein. And (indeed) what an evil abode of the arrogant!" (Q. 39: 71-72)

Abu Huraira reported Allaah 's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying:

"When there comes the month of Ramadan, the gates of mercy are opened, and the gates of Hell are locked and the devils are chained." (Muslim 1079)

The fuel of the Hellfire

But if you do it not, and you can never do it, then fear the Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, prepared for the disbelievers. (Q. 2: 24)

Certainly! You (disbelievers) and that which you are worshipping now besides Allâh, are (but) fuel for Hell! (Surely), you will enter it.[] Had these (idols) been âlihah (gods), they would not have entered there (Hell), and all of them will abide therein. (Q. 21: 98-99)





The heat, sparks, and smoke of the Hellfire

And those on the Left Hand how (unfortunate) will be those on the Left Hand? In fierce hot wind and boiling water. And shadow of black smoke. (That shadow) neither cool, nor (even) pleasant, (Q. 56: 41-44)

"Depart you to a shadow (of Hell-fire smoke ascending) in three columns, "Neither shady, nor of any use against the fierce flame of the Fire." Verily, It (Hell) throws sparks (huge) as Al-Qasr [a fort or a (huge log of wood)], As if they were yellow camels or bundles of ropes. (Q. 77: 30-33)

I will cast him into Hell-fire. And what will make you know (exactly) what Hell-fire is? It spares not (any sinner), nor does it leave (anything unburnt)! Burning and blackening the skins! (Q. 74: 26-29)

Allaah 's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying:

"Our fire is part of 70 parts of the Hellfire." (Bukhari (Fath ElBari 6/330))

The Hellfire talks and sees

When it (Hell) sees them from a far place, they will hear its raging and its roaring. (Q. 25:12)

The dream of Ibn Omar R.A.:

"So while I was in that state, there came to me (in a dream) two angels. In the hand of each of them, there was a mace of iron, and both of them were taking me to Hell, and I was between them, invoking Allaah, "O Allaah! I seek refuge with You from Hell." Then I saw myself being confronted by another angel holding a mace of iron in his hand. He said to me, "Do not be afraid, you will be an excellent man if you only pray more often." So they took me till they stopped me at the edge of Hell, and behold, it was built inside like a well and it had side posts like those of a well, and beside each post there was an angel carrying an iron mace. I saw therein many people hanging upside down with iron chains, and I recognized therein some men from the Quraish. Then (the angels) took me to the right side." (Bukhari 7028/7029)





The dwellers of the Hellfire and their crimes

First category: the eternal dwellers of the Hellfire

But those who reject Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations,) and treat them with arrogance, they are the dwellers of the (Hell) Fire, they will abide therein forever (Q. 7: 36)

Had these (idols) been âlihah (gods), they would not have entered there (Hell), and all of them will abide therein. (Q. 21: 99)

Know they not that whoever opposes and shows hostility to Allâh (swt) and His Messenger (SAW), certainly for him will be the Fire of Hell to abide therein. That is extreme disgrace. (Q. 9: 63)

It is not for the Mushrikûn (polytheists, idolaters, pagans, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh), to maintain the Mosques of Allâh (i.e. to pray and worship Allâh therein, to look after their cleanliness and their building), while they witness against their ownselves of disbelief. The works of such are in vain and in Fire shall they abide. (Q. 9: 17)

Then it will be said to them who wronged themselves: "Taste you the everlasting torment! Are you recompensed (aught) save what you used to earn?" (Q. 10: 52)

Ibn Omar R.A. narrated, Allaah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying:

"It will be said unto the dwellers of the Paradise, O dwellers of Paradise, live therein eternally without death, O dwellers of the Hellfire, live therein eternally without death." (Bukahri 406)

And warn them (O Muhammad SAW) of the Day of grief and regrets, when the case has been decided, while (now) they are in a state of carelessness, and they believe not (Q. 19: 39)





The place of living

سَنُاقِي فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرُّعْبَ بِمَا أَشْرَكُوا بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنَزِّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانًا ۖ وَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ ۚ وَبِئْسَ مَثْوَى الظَّالِمِينَ We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve, because they joined others in worship with Allâh, for which He had sent no authority; their abode will be the Fire and how evil is the abode of the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong ¬doers). (Q. 3: 151)

This is so! And for the Tâghûn (transgressors, disobedient to Allâh and His Messenger - disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh, criminals), will be an evil final return (Fire), (55) Hell! Where they will burn, and worst (indeed) is that place to rest! (Q. 38: 56)

The callers to the Hellfire

وَلَا تَنكِحُواْ ٱلْمُشْرِكَاتِ حَتَىٰ يُؤْمِنَّ وَلَاَّمَةُ. مُّؤْمِنَةٌ خَيْرُ. مِّن مُّشْرِكَةٍ. وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ وَلَا تُنكِحُواْ ٱلْمُشْرِكِينَ حَتَىٰ يُؤْمِنُواْ وَلَعَبْدُ. مُّؤْمِنُ خَيْرُ. مِّن مُّشْرِكٍ. وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكُمْ أُوْلَنَبٍكَ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى ٱلنَّارِ وَٱللَّهُ يَدْعُواْ إِلَى ٱلجُنَّةِ وَٱلْمَغْفِرَةِ

(بِإِذْنِهِ- وَيُبَيِّنُ ءَايَاتِهِ- لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ (١٠٠٠)

And do not marry Al-Mushrikât (idolatresses, etc.) till they believe (worship Allâh Alone). And indeed a slave woman who believes is better than a (free) Mushrikah (idolatress), even though she pleases you. And give not (your daughters) in marriage to Al-Mushrikûn till they believe (in Allâh Alone) and verily, a believing slave is better than a (free) Mushrik (idolater), even though he pleases you. Those (Al-Mushrikûn) invite you to the Fire, but Allâh invites (you) to Paradise and Forgiveness by His Leave, and makes His Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) clear to mankind that they may remember. (Q. 2: 221)

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا ۖ أَوَلَوْ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ And when it is said to them: "Follow that which Allâh has sent down", they say: "Nay, we shall follow that which we found our fathers (following)." (Would they do so) even if Shaitân (Satan) invites them to the torment of the Fire? (Q. 31: 21)

