

Welcome to ALI 383: Session Two

HOW?

Taking pleasure in the Hereafter
while in the World

Ideas?

Different
ways?

Indeed the God conscious ones
will be amid gardens and springs.
'Enter it in peace and safety.'

We will remove whatever rancour
there is in their chests.

Like brethren, on couches
facing each other

Therein neither weariness will
touch them nor will they ever be
asked to leave

Sura Hijr, 15:45-48





The God conscious ones will be **led** to Paradise in **groups**. When they reach it, and its gates are opened, its keepers will say to them, '**Peace** be on you! You are **welcome**. Enter it to remain **forever**'.

Sura al-Hijr, 39:73-75

In this world everything
that is **heard**
is better than what is **seen**
while everything of the next
world that is **seen**
is better than what is **heard**

Imam Ali (a)

Nahjul Balagha, Khutba #114

Be in this world
with your body
and in the Hereafter
with your heart
and your actions

Imam Ali (a)
Ghuratul Hikam



Two Opposing forces

Soul

- has desires and inclinations
- the desires can be extreme
- seeks to overpower the intellect

Intellect

- has reason and understanding
- is in constant conflict with the soul
- seeks to reform the soul

The World - Positive Factors

- ❖ Being the Khalifa of God on earth
- ❖ A chance to worship God
- ❖ An opportunity to make a difference to others
- ❖ Enjoying the good things God has created
- ❖ Working for the Hereafter

The World - Negative Factors

- ❖ Egoism
- ❖ Materialism
- ❖ Attachments
- ❖ Vain pursuits
- ❖ Indulgence
- ❖ Extremes

The Hereafter - Fears

- ❖ Fear of the Unknown
- ❖ Fear of separation
- ❖ Fear of the Accounting
- ❖ Fear of punishment

The Hereafter - Hopes

- ❖ Hope to meet God
- ❖ Hope to meet the Divinely chosen ones
- ❖ Hope to meet family and friends
- ❖ Hope to be happy and at peace