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## ALI 154: Tafseer of Sura al-Hjir, Session Three

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### Questions for Tadabbur, verses 45 - 77

- 1) What are the different rewards mentioned in verses 45 – 48 for the believers in Paradise?
- 2) Why does Allah offer so many rewards to the believers?
- 3) Read the story of the messengers sent to Nabi Ibrahim (a) and Nabi Lut (a). Then compare the verses with verses 69 – 83 of Sura Hud. What do you notice?

# Rewards in Heaven

- 1) Gardens
- 2) Springs
- 3) Peace
- 4) Safety
- 5) Removal of hatred/rancor
- 6) Brotherhood
- 7) Socializing
- 8) No tiredness
- 9) Unending blessings

## The Greatest reward in Heaven

For a believer the greatest reward is the pleasure of Allah.

Allah has promised to the believing men and the believing women, gardens beneath which rivers flow, to abide therein, and goodly dwellings in gardens of perpetual abode, and Allah's pleasure, that is the greatest, that is the grand achievement.

(9:72)

# Rancor/Hatred

## Prayer of the believers

And as for those who came in after them, who say:  
Our Lord, forgive us and our brethren who are the  
forerunners in the faith, and do not put any rancor in our  
hearts towards the faithful, Our Lord, You are indeed  
most Kind and Merciful. (59:10)

## Hadith of Imam Ali (a)

Whoever removes rancor from his heart, Allah is pleased  
with him.

Rancor is the disease of the heart.

Rancor nullifies good deeds

# The Angels visit Nabi Ibrahim (a)

Two announcements

- 1) The birth of a son – a knowledgeable servant
- 2) Punishment to the people of Nabi Lut (a)

## Points to note

Nabi Ibrahim's fear

His surprise at the good news

His reaction to the news of the punishment for the people of Nabi Lut

# Positive Aspect of Fear

A reaction to dangerous or potentially dangerous situation is necessary for safety

## Extremes in Emotion

Excessive fear = cowardice

Excessive lack of fear = foolhardiness

Excessive hope = greed

Excessive lack of hope = despair

# Despair

Say, O My servants who have committed excesses  
Against their own souls, do not despair of the mercy of  
Allah Indeed Allah will forgive all sins, Indeed He is the  
all-Forgiving, the Merciful  
(39:53)

I am surprised at he who despairs, and with him is  
Istighfar. **Imam Ali (a)**

The evil doer who hopes for the mercy of Allah  
is closer to it than the worshipper who despairs  
**Holy Prophet (s)**

## The wife of Nabi Lut (a)

Allah sets forth an example for those who disbelieve the wife of Nuh and the wife of Lut. They were under two of Our righteous slaves, but they both betrayed their (husbands by rejecting their doctrine) so they (Nuh and Lut) benefited them (their respective wives) not, against Allah, and it was said: Enter the Fire along with those who enter!

Surah at-Tahrim, 66: 10