

# SUMMER IMMERSION

## THE IRON: TAFSIR OF SURAH HADID



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### The Scene of Light on the Day of Judgment

- **Verse Reference:** Surah Al-Hadid (57):12-15
- **Description:** On the Day of Judgment, believers will have light (نور) radiating ahead of them and on their right:

يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَى نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ بُشْرَاكُمُ الْيَوْمَ جَنَّاتُ تَجْرِي  
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

*On the Day you see the believing men and believing women, their light proceeding before them and on their right, [it will be said], "Your good tidings today are [of] gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein you will abide eternally." That is what is the great attainment. (57:12)*

- The right side is mentioned because the book of deeds is given in the right hand.
- The brightness of the light depends on one's deeds (أعمال, a'mal).
- Some will have light as bright as a mountain, others only enough to see their finger.
- **Proximity is Not Enough:** Being physically close to righteous people or places (like the masjid) is not enough; the heart must also be attached.
  - The Prophet ﷺ said:

سَبْعَةُ يُظْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِي ظِلِّهِ، يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلُّهُ إِمَامٌ عَادِلٌ، وَشَابٌ نَشَأَ فِي عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ، وَرَجُلٌ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ فِي خَلَاءٍ فَفَاضَتْ عَيْنَاهُ، وَرَجُلٌ قَلْبُهُ مُعْلَقٌ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ، وَرَجُلٌ تَحَاجَبَ فِي اللَّهِ، وَرَجُلٌ دَعَتْهُ أُمْرَأَهُ ذَاتُ مَنْصِبٍ وَجَمَالٍ إِلَى نَفْسِهَا قَالَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ، وَرَجُلٌ تَصَدَّقَ بِصَدَقَةٍ فَأَخْفَاهَا، حَتَّى لَا تَعْلَمَ شِمَالُهُ مَا صَنَعْتَ يَمِينُهُ

Seven (people) will be shaded by Allah by His Shade on the Day of Resurrection when there will be no shade except His Shade. (They will be), a just ruler, a young man who has been brought up in the worship of Allah, a man who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes are then flooded with tears, **a man whose heart is attached to mosques** (offers his compulsory congregational prayers in the mosque), two men who love each other for Allah's Sake, a man who is called by a charming lady of noble birth to commit illegal sexual intercourse with her, and he says, 'I am afraid of Allah,' and (finally), a man who gives in charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given. (Sahih Bukhari)

## The Hypocrites' Plight

- When the Blackout Happens:
  - Believers receive light and move towards Jannah.
  - Hypocrites, who were physically among the believers, try to follow but are left in darkness.
- Their plea:

يَوْمَ يَقُولُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتُ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا انْظُرُونَا نَقْتِيسْ مِنْ نُورِكُمْ قِيلَ ارْجِعُوا وَرَاءَكُمْ فَالْتَّمِسُوا نُورًا فَضُرِبَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِسُورٍ لَهُ بَابٌ بَاطِنُهُ فِيهِ الرَّحْمَةُ وَظَاهِرُهُ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الْعَذَابُ

On the [same] Day the hypocrite men and hypocrite women will say to those who believed, "Wait for us that we may acquire some of your light." It will be said, "Go back behind you and seek light." And a wall will be placed between them with a door, its interior containing mercy, but on the outside of it is torment. (57:13)

- "نقتبس" (naqtabis): to take a portion, like lighting a flame from someone else's fire.
- Response:
  - The angels reply that the hypocrites must return to the world to earn their own light (i.e., do good deeds), but it's too late.

## The Four Traits of the Hypocrites (Munafiqeen)

### 1. Self-Affliction: فَتَنَّتُمْ أَنفُسَكُمْ

يُنَادِونَهُمْ أَلَمْ نَكُنْ مَّعَكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَى وَلَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنَّتُمْ أَنفُسَكُمْ ...

*The hypocrites will call to the believers, "Were we not with you?" They will say, "Yes, but you afflicted yourselves... (57:14)*

- Continuously putting oneself in questionable or sinful environments.
- Surrounding oneself with toxic influences.
- Example: Repeatedly going to places or situations where it's hard to avoid sin.
- **Prophetic Advice:** Avoid places where sin is easy and righteousness is hard.

### 2. Procrastination: وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ

... وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ ...

*... and awaited [misfortune for us] ... (57:14)*

- Delaying repentance or good deeds despite knowing what is right.
- "Tarabbastum" implies waiting with the intention to act later, not just passive waiting.
- The disease of "I'll change later" or "I'll do it after Hajj/Ramadan/etc."
- **Warning:** The more you delay, the less impact reminders and good advice will have on your heart.

### 3. Doubt: وَأَرْتَبْتُمْ

... وَأَرْتَبْتُمْ ...

*...and doubted... (57:14)*

- Developing doubts about Islamic rulings or the seriousness of sins.
- Example: Questioning whether something is really haram or obligatory.
- This doubt can eventually extend to core beliefs.

## 4. Deception by False Hopes: وَغَرَّتُكُمُ الْأَمَانِيُّ

وَغَرَّتُكُمُ الْأَمَانِيُّ...

*...and wishful thinking deluded you... (57:14)*

- Being distracted by worldly ambitions and goals, thinking fulfillment will come with each achievement.
- Losing sight of the real purpose: the Hereafter.

### The End Result

- Death comes suddenly:

حَتَّىٰ جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَغَرَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغَرُورُ...

*...until there came the command of Allah. And the Deceiver deceived you concerning Allah. (57:14)*

- No Ransom Accepted:

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْكُمْ فِدْيَةٌ وَلَا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُواٰ...

*So today no ransom will be taken from you or from those who disbelieved... (57:15)*

- Final Abode:

مَأْوَاكُمُ النَّارُ هِيَ مَوْلَاكُمْ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ...

*...Your refuge is the Fire. It is most worthy of you, and wretched is the destination.*

*(57:15)*

### Lessons & Action Points

- **Your Light is Personal:** No one can give you their light on the Day of Judgment. Build your own through prayer, charity, sincerity, and remembrance.
- **Proximity is Not Enough:** Being physically close to righteous people or places is not enough; your heart must also be attached.
- **The Path to Darkness is Gradual:** Hypocrisy develops step by step: bad environments → procrastination → doubt → deception by dunya.

- **Change Now:** The longer you delay, the harder your heart becomes. Act on good reminders immediately to keep your heart receptive.
- **Don't Judge by Appearance:** Outward religiosity does not guarantee sincerity. Never judge others based on appearance; only Allah knows the hearts.

## Practical Takeaways

- Avoid environments and habits that weaken your faith.
- Don't delay repentance or good deeds.
- Guard your heart against doubts about Islam.
- Don't let worldly ambitions distract you from your real purpose.
- Act on beneficial knowledge immediately to keep your heart alive.
- Remember: On the Day of Judgment, only your own deeds and sincerity will matter.