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Worldly Life is Nothing But a Pastime

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This worldly life is nothing but a sport and pastime. In fact, the Home of the Hereafter is better for those who are righteous (desire to be safe from harm). Will you not, then, use your intellect?

The life of this world is only a sport and a pastime. If you believe and follow the way of piety, Allah will give you your rewards, and will not ask you (to give up) your possessions.

سورة الحديد (57)

اعُلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنِيَا لَحِبُ وَلَهُوْ وَزِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرُ بَيُنَكُمُ وَتَكَاثُرُ فِي الْأَمُوالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ كَمَعَلِ عَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيمُ فَتُرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ وَالْأَوْلَادِ كَمَعَلِ عَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيمُ فَتُرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ عُطَامًا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابُ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغُفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضُواكِ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا عُطَامًا وَفِي الْآخِرُةِ عَذَابُ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغُفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَضُواكِ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاءُ الْخُرُودِ {20} سَابِقُوا إِلَى مَغُفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّيِّكُمُ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرُضُهَا كَعَرُضِ السَّعَاءُ وَالْأَرُضِ أُعِدَّ لِللَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ذَلِكَ فَضُلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاء وَالْأَرُضِ أُعِدَّ لِللَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ذَلِكَ فَضُلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاء وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضُلِ الْعَظِيمِ {21}

Know it well that the life of this world is nothing but a sport and pastime, and a show and boasting among yourselves and a rivalry in wealth and children. Its example is of vegetation after a shower of rain, which delighted the tillers, then the same ripens and you see it turn yellow, then it becomes straw. Contrary to this, in the life to come there is severe torment and forgiveness from Allah and His good pleasure. The life of this world is nothing but illusion. Therefore, strive in rivalry with one another in hastening towards the Paradise the vastness of which is like the vastness of the heavens and earth, prepared for those who have believed in Allah and His Messengers. This is Allah's bounty which He bestows on whomever He wills, and Allah's bounty is immense!