

Chapter Three

Woman in Paradise

Good Believing Women Excel the Houris of Paradise

Saying that the believing women in the earthly world are better than the Paradise Maidens (houris) is a strongly believed and well-established saying since the reward is according to the hardship due.

The believing women in the earthly life had exerted their efforts, were patient on obedience to Allah, in staying away from the sins, patient on the crisis and hardships that befell them.

On the other side, the Paradise Maidens are just creatures of paradise, who had never experienced any sin which deprived them from their Lord's obedience, nor had sinful husbands who prevented them from wearing the veil or ordered them towards the sinful path.

So how can those who were not commanded to conform to worship or dealings be equal in rewards to those who have been commanded to conform to do and don't? The promises of Allah are fulfilled according to His Words:

[A Reward for the deeds of their past (life).]

(Al-Waqi`ah: 24)

[Is there any Reward for Good - other than Good?]

(Ar-Rahman: 60)

In addition to this, it was stressed in many reported Prophetic *hadiths*, the perfection and excellence of the worldly believing women is more than the Paradise Maidens (houris):

- At-Tabarani reported from Umm Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her) that she asked the Prophet (pbuh) "O Messenger of Allah, is the women of the world better or the Paradise maidens (houris)?" He (pbuh) said, *"The women of the world are better than the paradise maidens as the favoring of the superior to the inferior."* She said, 'O Messenger of Allah, for what is this?' He (pbuh) said, *"For their prayers, fasting and worshipping Allah, the Almighty. Allah has covered their faces with light, their bodies with silk, white colored, green dresses, yellow suits, their musk pots are the corundum, their combs are the gold, they say, 'We are the mortal that never die, we're the soft that are never tough, we're the dwellers that never leave, and we are the satisfied that never complain. Praise be to him who is for us and whose we are to him."*
- Lady `A'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said, "When the Paradise maiden say these words: We are the prosperous and beautiful, the spouses of generous people, give looks of love and kindness, we're the eternal that never die, the secure that never fear, the dwellers that never leave, the believing woman of life shall answer them, 'And we are the ones who prayed and you never did, we are the ones who fasted and you never did, we are the ones who made ablution and you never did, we are the ones who gave charity and you never did.' And I swear by Allah, they (the believing women) win."

Aspects of excellence of believing women over houris of Paradise:

It was reported that the human believing women are better than the Paradise beautiful maidens by 70,000 grades. Among the aspects of their excellence, are:

- The good believing women excel the Paradise maidens (houris) in beauty, charm, manners, in their good treatment to their husbands, in saying the words of love and praises, the beauty and tenderness of voices, the chanting lyrics, the glittering lights, dresses, bracelets, jewelry, ornaments, and in the young boys and young beautiful servants.
- In addition, the houris of Paradise are servants to the good believing women and her husband and lover is strongly more attracted and interested in her more than with the Paradise Maidens.

Good believing men will get better spouses

Some may wonder about the meaning of the prophetic *hadith*, “...and replace for him a spouse better than his (in life).” This prophetic *hadith* has a number of interpretations, among which:

- A good believing man is rewarded in the hereafter a wife that’s better than his in case his wife was destined to hellfire, or a wife better than his because in Paradise his wife has normally changed to a different appearance, as if she becomes, in her beauty and glitter, another different person.

- Another interpretation: 'Spouse' here can refer to the 'marriage bond' itself and not to a certain wife as in the world.

So, the 'Replacement' here means that the wife in the hereafter is indeed better than that of the world in all aspects.

Marriage in Paradise

As to the manner of marriage: The one who performs marriages is Allah, the Almighty as per His Word, [*...and We established their marriage.*]

As to the number of spouses: Man has a wife among his earthly wives and two Paradise Maidens (houris) at least.

As for desire: In Paradise, man is gifted the power and strength of one hundred men in performing the intercourse. Hence, the overall meaning is that the marriage in the hereafter is much better than in the world in all aspects. Yet, the wife in the world can still remain wife in the hereafter, but the marriage itself is far better, where the one who marries in the hereafter his same wife as in the world, will feel as if he has not been married at all in the worldly life.

Are Women the Major Inhabitants of Hellfire or of Paradise?

It was narrated in the *Sahih* (authentic) *hadith* that the Prophet of Allah (pbuh) said to women, “*I saw you the majority of the inhabitants of hellfire.*” And in another one he said, “*The fewer inhabitants of Paradise are the women.*”¹

In another *Sahih hadith* it was mentioned that for every man on earth there are (two wives) from the women of earth, whereas scholars differ about the interpretation of this saying and in putting it in context with the other previous ones: are women the majority in hellfire or in Paradise?

Some said that women will be the majority in both hellfire and Paradise because they are larger in number. Judge `Iyad said, “The majority of the children of Adam are women,” which means that women are the majority of the world population.

Others said that women are the majority in hellfire based on the previous *hadiths*, and that they are also the majority in Paradise when adding their number to the houris of Paradise. Therefore, both of them will exceed men in number in Paradise.

Moreover, women are the majority of the inhabitants of Paradise because every single man in Paradise will have two Paradise houris in addition to his wife (wives).

¹ Reported by al-Bukhari and Muslim.

The Status of Women in Paradise¹

Paradise with all its joys is not a place designed for men only apart from women, but it has been designed especially as a reward to those who are pious and fearing Allah: [*Prepared for the righteous.*]² no matter were they men or women. Allah the Almighty said,

[If any do deeds of righteousness, be they male or female, and have faith, they will enter Heaven.]

(An-Nisa': 124)

Why are the houris of Paradise used as a means to attract men only?

1. It is well known that bashfulness is a basic trait in women. Therefore, Almighty Allah does not attract women to the joys of Paradise using scenes or acts that might be against their bashful nature.
2. Sheikh Ibn `Uthaymin said, "Allah the Almighty used the aspect of 'wives' to attract men to Paradise because man is the suitor and desires women more, while He didn't use the same thing for women. Yet that doesn't mean that women in Paradise will not have husbands but indeed they will have ones."

¹ By: Sulayman ibn Salih al-Kharashi (Dar al-Qasim).

² Al `Imran: 133.

The status of women on earth and its counterpart in Paradise

Any woman on earth must fall under one of these categories:

1. Dies before she gets married.
2. Dies after getting a divorce and before she's married to another.
3. Is married, but (on the Day of Judgment) her husband will not be among the inhabitants of Paradise (We seek refuge in Allah from such situation).
4. Dies while married.
5. Her husband dies and she remains alive without marrying another man until she passes away.
6. Her husband dies and she marries another one.

These cases cover the entire possible situations woman faces on earth and every case has its counterpart in Paradise:

1. For the woman who dies before she gets married: Allah, the Almighty will provide her in Paradise with a husband from the men of earth based on the saying of the Prophet of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) "Paradise doesn't have singles (man or woman) (Muslim). Sheikh Ibn `Uthaymin said, "If she didn't get married – i.e. the woman – on earth so Allah the Almighty will provide her with a husband who will be a source of enormous pleasure and joy to her in Paradise. Happiness and joy in Paradise is not only given to men, but both men and women will have joy equally while 'marriage' is just a means of joy among other uncountable means in Paradise."
2. Similar in situation is the women who died after she got divorced.

3. Similar also is the one whose husband did not enter Paradise. Sheikh Ibn `Uthaymin said, “If the woman entered Paradise while she was single on earth or if she was married but her husband did not enter Paradise, so she will be married to a man who died also as a single.”
4. The woman who died while she was married, she will marry the same one in Paradise if he is pious.
5. The widowed woman who died without getting married to another man, she will be married to the same husband in Paradise, if he is pious.
6. The widowed woman who married another man after the death of her former husband, an opinion says that she will be married in Paradise to the last of her husbands, no matter how many they were, based on the *hadith* (the woman is for the last of her husbands)¹. It is also based on the saying of Hudhayfah to his wife, “If you wish to be my wife in Paradise, so don’t marry another man after my death, for the woman is married in Paradise to her last husband on earth.”

That is why Allah has prohibited that the wives of the Prophet of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) from marrying another men after the Messenger of Allah passes away, since they are his wives in Paradise.

Another opinion, by Sheikh Ibn `Uthaymin is that the widowed woman who married another one after her former one died, so she will be in Paradise married to the best one of them and NOT necessarily to the last. This opinion is based on the *hadith* that at-Tabarani reported from Lady Umm Salamah

¹ Al-Albani, *Silsilat Al-Ahadith Al-Sahihah* [The Series of Authentic *hadiths*].

(may Allah be pleased with her): “I said, 'O Messenger of Allah, the woman among us is married to two or three or four men then dies and enters Paradise and they enter with her, so who is chosen to be her husband?' He (pbuh) said, ‘O *Umm Salamah*, she is given to choose so she chooses the best of manners; she will say: O Lord, that one was the best among them in manners with me in the worldly life so let him marry me. O *Umm Salamah*, the good manners had combined the goodness of the life and hereafter.”

A Case

One would say that the supplication of the funeral contains: O Allah, replace her with a husband better than hers. So if she was married already in life, how can we say this in the supplication, given that we know that her husband in Paradise is the same one on earth? And if she died as single, so where’s that husband mentioned in the supplication?

The answer, as said by Sheikh Ibn `Uthaymin: If she was single, so the meaning is to grant her one who is better than the one she would have got married to if she remains on earth. Whereas if she was married, so the meaning is that the husband in Paradise will be better than that of the earth in terms of better manners, because the replacement here is not that of identity but of characteristics. Almighty Allah says,

*[One day the Earth will be changed to a different Earth,
and so will be the Heavens.]*

(Ibrahim: 48)

In this verse, the interpretation involves that the earth will remain the same but will be extended and stretched. The same for the heavens but they will be intersected.

Houris of Paradise (Women Created in Paradise)

The term "houris" refers to young beautiful women who have fair complexion and extremely dark black eyes. They are only found in Paradise.

The nature of houris

The houris are not human, and they do not descend from the lineage of Adam and Eve. They are creatures of Paradise. Some weakly validated *hadiths* and citations attributed to some companions and followers suggest that the houris were created from saffron.

Types of houris

There are various levels of houris, corresponding to the levels of humans in obeying Allah:

1. The select few:

In this category, the "select few" are granted houris who are more beautiful than those granted to members of the right-side group. Houris of the select few groups are described as restricting their gazes to their husbands, and as being similar to rubies and coral in their purity and splendor.

Allah says,

[But for such as fear the time when they will stand before (the Judgment Seat of) their Lord, there will be two Gardens. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you

deny? Containing all kinds (of trees and delights). Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them (each) will be two springs flowing (free); Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them will be Fruits of every kind, two and two. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? They will recline on Carpets, whose inner linings will be of rich brocade: the Fruit of the Gardens will be near (and easy of reach). Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? In them will be (Maidens), chaste, restraining their glances, whom no man or Jinn before them has touched. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? - Like unto Rubies and coral. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Is there any Reward for Good - other than Good?]

(Ar-Rahman: 46-60)

2. Right-side group:

The right side group is at a level subsequent to that of the select few. The houris granted to this group are described as being restrained in pavilions, i.e. concealed.

Allah says,

[In them will be fair (Companions), good, beautiful. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Companions restrained (as to their glances), in (goodly) pavilions. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? Whom no man or Jinn before them has touched. Then which of the favors of your Lord will you deny?]

(Ar-Rahman: 70-75)

We can notice that,

- The *right-side* category has a public aspect, whereas the *select-few* level is private.

- Accordingly, the houris granted to the *select-few* have been given descriptions that were not given to the houris granted to the *right-side* category, such as resembling rubies sapphire and coral in beauty and splendor. This obviously indicates that the select few will be at a higher level than the right side group.

Description of the houris

Each houri will be appropriate in height and build to her husband. The garment of houris will be made of types of silk that are specific to Paradise and are of various textures and colors, as well as being extremely pure and transparent. We find all of this in the Glorious Qur'an as follows:

- [*For them will be Gardens of Eternity; beneath them rivers will flow; they will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold, and they will wear green garments of fine silk and heavy brocade: They will recline therein on raised thrones. How good the recompense! How beautiful a couch to recline on!*]

(Al-Kahf: 31)

- [*Upon them will be green Garments of fine silk and heavy brocade, and they will be adorned with Bracelets of silver; and their Lord will give to them to drink of a Wine Pure and Holy.*]

(Al-Insan: 21)

- [*Allah will admit those who believe and work righteous deeds, to Gardens beneath which rivers flow: they shall be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearls; and their garments there will be of silk.*]

(Al-Hajj: 23)

In addition, a number of prophetic *hadiths* gave description to the houris of Paradise:

In the *hadith* reported by Ibn Mas`ud (may Allah be pleased with him), “*And then he will look and find one of the houris sitting on the throne of her king and wearing seventy garments, each of a different color than the others. Even though, he will see the marrow of her legs through the flesh, blood, bones, and clothes above.*”¹

Additionally, all those garments will be adorned with rubies, aquamarines, and pearls. The crowns on the heads of houris will be better than the world and everything within it. The Prophet (pbuh) said, “*And the crown on her head is better than the world and everything within it.*”²

The crown will be inlaid with jewels of countless types and colors. Her head cover will be better than the world and everything within it (as mentioned in the *hadith* narrated by al-Bukhari and Muslim). Her hair will be long, smooth, and her hairdo will be charming. From her hair, breezes will blow and light and beauty will radiate. Her face will be of untold and unimaginable beauty.

Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) said, “We were sitting with Ka`b one day and he said, ‘If one hand of the houris with its whiteness and rings were suspended from the heavens, it would illuminate the earth as the sun gives light to the people of the world, and I said only one hand. As to their faces, suffice to mention its whiteness,

¹ Reported by Ibn Abu ad-Dunya and cannot be validly attributed to the Prophet (pbuh).

² Reported by at-Tabarani with fair validity.

beauty, and crown with all its rubies, pearls, and aquamarines.”¹

He was also reported to have said, “If she reveals her face, its beauty would illuminate everything between the heavens and the earth.”

Each houri will have brilliant white eyeballs and extremely dark black pupils. The beauty of her large eyes will be mesmerizing, yet her gazes will be restrained to her husband. Her eyebrow will be wide. Her nose will be tight and her mouth will be the focal point of her beauty, with wonderful lips, teeth, voice, and tones.

Ibn Mas`ud (may Allah be pleased with him) was reported to have said, “When a bright light flashes in Paradise, they will look upwards and find that it came from the lips of a houri who smiled to her husband.”²

Her saliva will taste sweeter than honey and smell better than musk. Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) was reported to have said, “If a houri were to spit in a sea, the sweetness of her saliva would make the water of that sea sweet.”

First encounter with the houris

When a good man emerges from his grave, he will be met by the houris and will then ride, eat, drink, and expectorate until he arrives at the entrance of Paradise. At that time, he will find two of the springs of Paradise, one of which he will drink from and the other he will take water from and perform ablution. Suddenly, he will find himself sixty arms tall, as

¹ Reported by Ibn Abu ad-Dunya and Ibn al-Mubarak.

² Reported by Abu Nu`aym.

was Adam. He will also find himself in possession of the patience of Prophet Ayyub (pbuh), the beauty of Prophet Yusuf (pbuh), the age of Prophet `Isa (pbuh) who was thirty-three years old, and the virtues of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). As he approaches the entrance to Paradise, his houri wives will meet him with songs, embraces, and kisses.

Anyone who goes to Paradise will eat the most wonderful of food, drink the most wonderful of beverage, will never feel tired or worried, and will never perspire, urinate, defecate, expectorate, or spit. If a man, he will meet a woman extremely beautiful and arousing, and for that he will be given the virility of a hundred men.

Intercourse with the houris

After you finish the intercourse with the houri, she retains back her virginity and her beauty even increases. It was also reported that the Prophet (pbuh) said, “*After the men have intercourse with their women in Paradise, the women will become virgins once again.*”¹

Zayd ibn Arqam (may Allah be pleased with him) was reported to have said, “One man of the people of the Book came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said, ‘O Abu al-Qasim, you claim that the people of Paradise will eat and drink?’ He replied, ‘*Yes, by He who has the life of Muhammad in His hand, each man will be given the capacity of a hundred men in eating, drink, and intercourse.*’ The man then said, ‘Anyone who eats and drinks must excrete, while in Paradise there is no such filth?’ He replied, ‘*Their excretion will be vapor released off their skin such as that of musk, and will relieve his guts.*’”

¹ Reported by at-Tabarani.

Equally amazing is that women in Paradise will be purified of all repulsive aspects, such as uncleanness, urine, feces, menstruation, filth, sin, misconduct, gossip, lying, spittle, phlegm, unfaithfulness, rudeness, cursing, bad manners, and all other bad characteristics. They have no needs or requirements but only were created for pleasing the desires of good believing men in paradise.

Almighty Allah says,

[But give glad tidings to those who believe and work righteousness, that their portion is Gardens, beneath which rivers flow. Every time they are fed with fruits therefrom, they say: "Why, this is what we were fed with before," for they are given things in similitude; and they have therein companions pure (and holy); and they abide therein (for ever).]

(Al-Baqarah: 25)

Likewise, husbands will be purified too. Never will they experience disease, calamity or weakness. No diseases, disasters may befall him nor can weakness or declining of his strength ever reach him even if he had intercourse with her billion times.

It is the intercourse just for the sake of joy, pleasure and happiness, void of any trace of shortcoming. The desire gets stronger and stronger, endless with no exertion of semen or death, no state of impurity nor did boredom can befall him. He's always concerned with satisfying his desires and it's his endless mission, parallel to the other pleasures, desires and eternal forms of happiness.

[Surely the dwellers of Paradise shall on that day be in an occupation quite happy.]

Singing of the houris of Paradise

When the believing man enters his palace in paradise, he listens to the enchanting songs of the charming houris of Paradise.

Imam at-Tirmidhi reported that `Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet (pbuh) said,

“In Paradise, there’s a gathering place for the Paradise beautiful maidens who sing in magnificent melodies so beautiful that no mortal has ever heard before, and they say, ‘we are the eternal that never die, we are the tender who are never tough and we are the satisfied who never complain. How happy is he who is destined for us and who we are destined for him.”

It must be noted that for a man to gain such pleasures, he must restrain himself in this world as a prerequisite. If he does not protect himself from adultery and its stimulating acts, he will be deprived of houris.

Who Shall Win the Houris of Paradise?

The one who did not protect himself from fornication and from all its introductory preliminary steps in this life, will be deprived from the pleasure of the Paradise beautiful maidens (houris) or will be deprived the similar pleasures given to those who were virtuous, pure and patient in keeping their chastity away from the prohibited, protected himself and attained his purity in life.

Number of houris of Paradise for each male believer

The authentic narrations stated that the believer in paradise will have two houris of Paradise as wives.

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said,

“The first group of male believers to enter Paradise will be of the appearance of the full moon and those next to them will be as the most glittering planet in heaven. They don't urinate, go to a privy, expectorate, or spit. Their combs are made of gold, their perspiration is musk, their wives are the houris, their morals are the same, and their appearance is like that of their father Adam, sixty feet length in heaven.”¹

¹ Reported by al-Bukhari and Muslim.

The martyr case

The Martyr will get married to seventy-two wives from the Paradise Beautiful Maidens as the *hadith* of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh):

“The Martyr deserves special privileges from Allah. He is forgiven at the first flow of his blood, sees his seat in paradise, ornamented by the beautiful suit of Belief, he’s saved from torture in the grave, he’s relieved from the great terror. On his head will be placed the crown of dignity of which each pearl is better than the life of this world and everything in it. He will be married to seventy-two wives from the Paradise Maidens (houris) and he intercedes for seventy of his relatives.”¹

The dowry of the houris of Paradise

The Glorious Qur’an says,

[But give glad tidings to those who believe and work righteousness, that their portion is Gardens, beneath which rivers flow. Every time they are fed with fruits therefrom, they say: “Why, this is what we were fed with before,” for they are given things in similitude; and they have therein companions pure (and holy); and they abide therein (for ever).]

(Al-Baqara: 25)

[But those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, We shall soon admit to Gardens, with rivers flowing beneath, - their eternal home: Therein shall they have companions pure and holy: We shall admit them to shades, cool and ever deepening.]

(An-Nisa’: 57)

¹ Reported by Ahmad.

These two previous verses mentioned the dowry that the man should pay to win the houris of Paradise. They are:

1. Faith and good deeds:

These are the two main pillars of piety. They are its core and fruit. God Fearing and closeness to Him are among the dowry for the houris. It's the highest grade of piety and those who are the owners of this trait are the quickest and proceeding in acting nicely, by the will of Allah. That's the great bounty and indeed the great prize. Allah, the Almighty says,

[And those Foremost (in Faith) will be Foremost (in the Hereafter). These will be those Nearest to Allah: In Gardens of Bliss: A number of people from those of old. And a few from those of later times. (They will be) on Thrones encrusted (with gold and precious stones), Reclining on them, facing each other. Round about them will (serve) youths of perpetual (freshness), with goblets, (shining) beakers, and cups (filled) out of clear-flowing fountains: No after-ache will they receive therefrom, nor will they suffer intoxication: And with fruits, any that they may select: And the flesh of fowls, any that they may desire. And (there will be) Companions with beautiful, big, and lustrous eyes, - Like unto Pearls well-guarded. A Reward for the deeds of their past (life).]

(Al-Waqi`ah: 10-24)

2. Sincerity with Allah:

It is among the dowry of the Paradise Beautiful Women. Among the highest grades of closeness to Allah is the grade of sincerity with Allah. Almighty Allah says,

[But the sincere (and devoted) Servants of Allah, - For them is a Sustenance determined, Fruits (Delights); and

they (shall enjoy) honor and dignity, In Gardens of Felicity, Facing each other on Thrones (of Dignity): Round will be passed to them a Cup from a clear-flowing fountain, Crystal-white, of a taste delicious to those who drink (thereof), Free from headiness; nor will they suffer intoxication therefrom. And besides them will be chaste women, restraining their glances, with big eyes (of wonder and beauty). As if they were (delicate) eggs closely guarded.]

(As-Saffat: 40-49)

3. Fearing Allah, the Lord of the Worlds:

It's glorifying Allah's - the Almighty - greatness and honoring Him His Due. If the servants of Allah had ever known His Greatness, they wouldn't have ever associated with Him other gods. Allah, the Almighty says,

[Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? - Containing all kinds (of trees and delights); - Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? - In them (each) will be two Springs flowing (free); Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? - In them will be Fruits of every kind, two and two. Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? They will recline on Carpets, whose inner linings will be of rich brocade: the Fruit of the Gardens will be near (and easy of reach). Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? In them will be (Maidens), chaste, restraining their glances, whom no man or Jinn before them has touched; - Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? - Like unto Rubies and coral. Then which of the favors of your Lord will ye deny? Is there any Reward for Good - other than Good?]

(Ar-Rahman: 47-60)

Fearing the Lord of the Worlds and Glorifying His Sublime Esteem is among the highest levels of Piety.

4. Avoiding the bad deeds:

`Ali at-Talhi (the story is mentioned in the Book, *The Revival of the Sciences of Religion* by Imam Abu Hamid al-Ghazali) said, “While asleep, I dreamt of a woman, who doesn't resemble the women of this world. I said: who are you? she said: a Paradise houri, I said: marry me, she said: ask for my hand (for proposal) from my Master and pay my dowry. I said: and what's your dowry? she said: restrain yourself from committing bad deeds desired by yourself.”

5. Persistence on Fasting:

Imam at-Tirmidhi reported in *Nawadir Al-Usul* that Abu Mas`ud al-Ghifari said, “The Paradise Maidens stay in a tent in the shape of a hollow pearl as Allah mentioned, [*In them will be fair (Companions), good, beautiful.*] (Ar-Rahman: 70). Every maiden of them wears seventy dresses, not a one in the color of the other, is given seventy kinds of perfume, not a one is in the scent of the other, for every one of them seventy beds made of a red pearl covered by jewels and corundum, on every bed there are seventy cloth, on each cloth a sofa, for each woman of them seventy thousand maids for fulfilling her requests, and seventy thousand boy, beautiful Paradise servants, with each of them a gold plate that has a certain kind of food where you find the pleasure of having the first bite as strong as in the last bite.

Her husband is given the same on a bed of red corundum has two belts of gold strained with red corundum. This is

given as a reward for each day he has fasted in the month of Ramadan apart from the good deeds he acted.”¹

6. The Night Prayers:

It was narrated that Abu Sulayman ad-Darani, a well-known ascetic, had fell asleep one day and missed performing his daily usual night prayer. So, a woman from Paradise came to him in his dream. She said to him,

“Are you sleeping while the King is awake? Shame on an eye that favored the pleasure of sleep to the remembering of Allah, the King, the Omniscient. Will you sleep while I am getting ornamented and prepared for you in the heaven since thousands of years?” Then, she sang a lyric,

*Will you ask for one like me and sleep away
And the sleeping of Lovers is Prohibited
Because we've been created for every Man
Who is to much prayer is always gifted.*

7. The Long Night Prayer (Tahajjud) and asking for forgiveness at the pre-dawn time:

Allah says,

[As to the Righteous, they will be in the midst of Gardens and Springs, taking joy in the things which their Lord gives them, because, before then, they lived a good life. They were in the habit of sleeping but little by night, And in the hour of early dawn, they (were found) praying for Forgiveness.]

(Adh-Dhariyat: 15-18)

¹ *At-Tadhkirah*, 2/556,557.

Some characteristics of the pious people, who are rewarded as husbands of the Paradise Beautiful Maidens are:

1. Spending, whether in prosperity or in adversity.
2. Restrain of their anger.
3. Forgiveness to people.
4. Performing good deeds (Charity, generosity).
5. Repenting and regretting bad deeds.
6. Not insisting on committing the wrong deliberately.
7. Keep asking for Allah's forgiveness.

The Qur'anic verses stress on describing those who win the Paradise beautiful maidens as the "Pious":

[As to the Righteous, they will be in Gardens, and in Happiness, - Enjoying the (Bliss) which their Lord has bestowed on them, and their Lord shall deliver them from the Penalty of the Fire. (To them will be said:) 'Eat and drink you, with profit and health, because of your (good) deeds.' They will recline (with ease) on Thrones (of dignity) arranged in ranks; and We shall join them to Companions, with beautiful big and lustrous eyes.]

(At-Tur: 17-20)

And,

[Verily for the Righteous there will be a fulfillment of (the heart's) desires; Gardens enclosed, and grapevines; And voluptuous women of equal age; And a cup full (to the brim). No vanity shall they hear therein, nor Untruth: Recompense from your Lord, a gift, (amply) sufficient.]

(An-Naba': 31-36)

