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The above verse explains that those who will be considered as Allah's servants would be those who believed in Allah and all His signs and evidences, and also believed in all the verses of the Holy Quran. They will be those who submitted themselves totally to the will of Allah and were fully obedient to His orders. Therefore, true belief and conviction from the heart, as well as full submission to Allah is necessary to be considered as servants of Allah.

On account of their true beliefs and good actions, Allah will say to them:

70. Enter Paradise, you and your wives, in happiness.

The righteous believers will be instructed to enter Paradise with their believing wives, and enjoy the pleasures of Jannah with delight and happiness. They will be honoured by Allah and granted varying ranks in Paradise. Their eyes will be delighted to see the beauty of Jannah. Their ears will be amused to hear of the great things that await them. Their hearts shall be filled with joy and happiness, and their bodies shall enjoy the pleasures of the bounties that have been granted to them. (Tafseer Al Qurtubi vol.16 pg. 97)

Sura Az Zukhruf goes further in verse 71 and states:

71. Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them, (there will be) therein all that the one's inner-selves could desire, all that the eyes could delight in, and you will abide therein forever.

The above verse speaks about how the righteous believers will be entertained in Paradise. It states that food and drinks shall be served to them by youthful servants of Paradise. These shall be brought in trays/bowls and cups made of gold and given to them. Both the trays/bowls from which they will eat and the cups from which they will drink will be made of gold.

The believers will also be told that in Paradise, they will get whatever their hearts desire and whatever pleases their eyes. Whatever they want and they intend to have, from every type of pleasure, food, drink, happiness and delight, would be given to them. Everything that can bring delight and amusement to their eyes, and can bring satisfaction and gratification in their hearts, will be given to them. There will be no shortage, scarcity and end to the comfort, joy, happiness, bounties and favours which Allah has prepared in Paradise for the believers. In addition to the above, Allah will say to the believers, **'and you will abide therein forever'**.

As mentioned by the commentators, this statement in reality, is a completion or a seal to the favours in Paradise and also a means of bringing perfection to the happiness/joy of the people in Paradise. This announcement from Allah will bring glad tidings to the believers that their joy and happiness will never come to an end in Paradise, and their comfort and enjoyment will never come to an end. They will never be expelled or taken out from Paradise, and will never be deprived of its pleasures. They can therefore live comfortably, without the fear, worry or sadness that one day these favours can come to an end.

Sura Az Zukhruf continues in verse 72 and states:

72. This is the Paradise which you have been made to inherit because of your deeds which you used to do (in the life of the world).

Here, the believers will be told by Allah that their entrance into Paradise was on account of their good deeds which they did in the world. While explaining this verse, Hafiz Ibn Katheer writes that a person's good deeds will be a cause for him to receive the 'Rahmah' (mercy of Allah). For certainly, a person's actions (deeds) cannot enter him into Paradise, but it would be on account of the kindness and mercy of Allah. As for the varying ranks of the believers in Paradise, these will be granted in accordance to the amount of good deeds of the believer. (Tafseer Ibn Katheer vol.5 pg. 479 Dar Al Kitab Al Arabi Beirut 2013)

Sura Az Zukhruf continues in verse 73 and states:

73. Therein for you will be fruits in plenty, of which you will eat (as you desire).

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Here, Allah will inform the believers who would be admitted to Paradise that for them there shall be an abundance of fruits of every type, besides the food and drink which they will get in Paradise. They will be told to eat and enjoy as much as they desire, as these will never come to an end in Paradise. (Tafseer Al Qurtubi vol.16 pg. 100)

While speaking about the fruits in Paradise, the Prophet (ﷺ) said, ‘No fruit shall be taken from a tree in Paradise, except that in its place another will immediately begin to grow’ (Tafseer Abu Sawood – Safwah At Tafaseer vol.15 pg. 54 Dar Al Quran Al Kareem Beirut 1981; Tafseer Al Baghwi vol.4 pg. 146; Tabrani, Bazaar – Idara Taleefat Ashrafiya Multan)

While commenting on the above verse, the exegetes have stated, ‘The people of Paradise will eat from some fruits of the trees in Paradise, while other fruits will remain (on the trees) permanently. No changes shall come to these, and no tree shall be seen except it will be laden with fruits at all times, and this itself will be an adornment and a beauty in Paradise’. (Safwah At Tafaseer vol.15 pg. 54 Dar Al Quran Al Kareem Beirut 1981)

Sura Az Zukhruf goes further in verse 74 and states:

74. Verily, the *Mujrimun* (criminals, sinners, disbelievers, etc.) will be in the torment of Hell to abide therein forever.

In the previous verses, Allah mentioned the believers and the excellent rewards that await them in Paradise, now in the above verse Allah mentions the unbelievers/sinners, and their abode in Hell. Allah says about them that they (the unbelievers) shall be thrown in the fire of Hell and will remain there permanently. There will be no escape or concession for them.

Verse 75 further mentions about their punishment and states:

75. (The torment) will not be lightened for them, and they will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows and in despair therein.

Allah says that their punishment will not be lightened nor decreased, even for a short while. They will be punished continuously and will become hopeless of Allah’s mercy and will despair of every good.

Verse 76 (of Sura Az Zukhruf) states:

76. We wronged them not, but they were the Wrongdoers.

Here, Allah mentions that He will not be doing any wrong to the unbelievers by putting them in the fire of Hell. In fact, they would be regarded as the wrongdoers who have been unjust to themselves since they rejected the teachings of truth and chose the path of permanent destruction. When prophets came to them, they denied them. When they were invited to believe in One God, they rejected it, and when they were informed of the punishment in the Hellfire, they made a mockery of it. So they became wrongdoers on their own, and willingly chose the path that led to Hell. Therefore, they cannot blame anyone except themselves for their disastrous end.

Sura Az Zukhruf goes further in verse 77 and states:

77. And they will call out (saying): "O Malik (Keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord make an end of us." He will say: "Verily you shall abide forever."

Here, Allah mentions the plea/request which the dwellers of Hell shall make to Malik, the angel who is the keeper of Hell. They will say to the angel, ‘O Malik! Let your Lord end our lives (cause us to die) so that we will be relieved from this punishment’. In response to their request, Malik (the Angel) will say, ‘**Verily you shall remain forever in the punishment**’. Abdullah bin Abbas (R.A) says that when the above request will be made to the Angel Malik, he will wait for one thousand years and then give an answer, saying, ‘Verily you shall remain forever in the punishment. There will be no dying or escape from it’. (Tafseer Ibn Katheer vol.5 pg. 480 Dar Al Kitab Al Arabi Beirut 2013)

They will be informed that there will be no escape for them from the punishment and they will remain forever in the terrible torment of Hell. Allah informed the unbelievers of this state in another verse when He said, ‘**But those who disbelieve, for them will be the fire of Hell. Neither will it have a killing**