

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Why do we Love the World?

Sulayman bin Abdul Malik was a Sultan from the Ummayyad Dynasty. One day, he asked the great Imam, Imam Abu Haazim - *may Allah be pleased with him* - the following question. He asked, “What is the reason that we seem to love the world and dislike the hereafter?”

The great Imam replied, “The reason for this is that you people have beautified the world and have destroyed the Hereafter. This is the reason that you fear going to a place which you have destroyed and which is barren.”

Sulayman then asked, “If only we could see in what state we will be in the Hereafter.”

The great Imam replied, “If you read the Qur'an, you will also come to know this.”

Sulayman then asked which verse in the Qur'an revealed this. The great Imam recited the 13th and 14th verses in Surah Infitar (82) which are:

إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ
وَإِنَّ الْفُجَّارَ لَفِي جَحِيمٍ

“Indeed the virtuous are in serenity. And indeed the sinners are in Hell.”

Sulayman then asked the great Imam, “What will be the state of people when they present themselves in the Divine Court of the Allah Almighty”.

The great Imam replied, “As for the pious and the good people, it will be like those who are returning home after a long journey in a state of immense joy and happiness. As for the evil and disobedient, it will be like those slaves who have run away and are now being brought back to their master after been captured.”

It is mentioned that when these words were mentioned by the great Imam, he greatly affected Sulayman and he began to weep uncontrollably. (Tafseer Ruhul Bayan)