

# Welcome to ALI 383: Session Two

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HOW?

Taking pleasure in the Hereafter  
while in the World

Ideas?

Different  
ways?

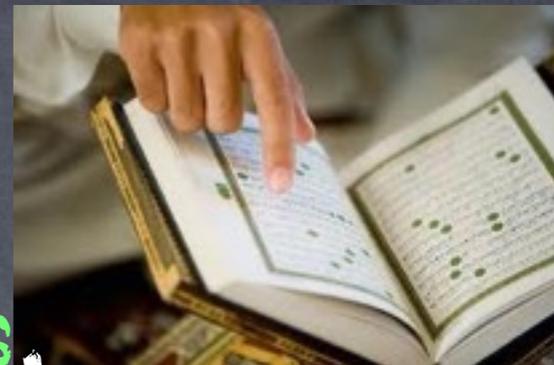
Indeed the God conscious ones  
will be amid gardens and springs.  
'Enter it in peace and safety.'

We will remove whatever rancour  
there is in their chests.

Like brethren, on couches  
facing each other

Therein neither weariness will  
touch them nor will they ever be  
asked to leave

Sura Hijr, 15:45-48





The God conscious ones will be **led** to Paradise in **groups**. When they reach it, and its gates are opened, its keepers will say to them, '**Peace** be on you! You are **welcome**. Enter it to remain **forever**'.

Sura al-Hijr, 39:73-75

In this world everything  
that is **heard**  
is better than what is **seen**  
while everything of the next  
world that is **seen**  
is better than what is **heard**

Imam Ali (a)

Nahjul Balagha, Khutba #114

Be in this world  
with your body  
and in the Hereafter  
with your heart  
and your actions

Imam Ali (a)  
Ghuratul Hikam



# Two Opposing forces

## Soul

- has desires and inclinations
- the desires can be extreme
- seeks to overpower the intellect

## Intellect

- has reason and understanding
- is in constant conflict with the soul
- seeks to reform the soul

# The World - Positive Factors

- ❖ Being the Khalifa of God on earth
- ❖ A chance to worship God
- ❖ An opportunity to make a difference to others
- ❖ Enjoying the good things God has created
- ❖ Working for the Hereafter

# The World - Negative Factors

- ❖ Egoism
- ❖ Materialism
- ❖ Attachments
- ❖ Vain pursuits
- ❖ Indulgence
- ❖ Extremes

# The Hereafter - Fears

- ❖ Fear of the Unknown
- ❖ Fear of separation
- ❖ Fear of the Accounting
- ❖ Fear of punishment

# The Hereafter - Hopes

- ❖ Hope to meet God
- ❖ Hope to meet the Divinely chosen ones
- ❖ Hope to meet family and friends
- ❖ Hope to be happy and at peace