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يَّنَأَيُّهَا ٱلنَّبِيُّ إِنَّآ أَرْسَلْنَكَ شَهِمًا وَمُبَشِّرًا

O prophet, We have sent you as a witness and as a bearer of good news [33:45]



ANSWER:

Mubashshir / Bearer of good news



COMMENTARY

'Mubashshshir' means bearer of good news, and as such the Holy Prophet sis the announcer of the good news of Paradise for the righteous people of his Ummah.

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(and a bearer of glad tidings) means, a bearer of glad tidings to the believers of a great reward.

وَبَشِّرِ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ ٱلصَّلِحَتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّتٍ تَجْرِى مِن تَحْتِهَا ٱلْأَنْهَارُ ﴿ كُلَّمَا رُزِقُواْ مِنْهَا مِن ثَمَرَةً ۚ رِّزْقًا مِن قَبْلُ وَأَتُواْ بِهِ ٤ مُتَشَلِهًا وَلَهُمْ فِيهَاۤ أَزْوَجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ ۖ وَهُمْ فِيهَا خَلِدُونَ ۗ وَقَالُواْ هَلْذَا ٱلَّذِى رُزِقْنَا مِن قَبْلُ وَأَتُواْ بِهِ ٤ مُتَشَلِهًا وَلَهُمْ فِيهَاۤ أَزْوَجٌ مُّطَهَرَةٌ مُّوَهُمْ فِيهَا خَلِدُونَ

And give good news to those who believe and do righteous deeds that for them there are gardens beneath which rivers flow. Every time they are given a fruit from there to eat, they will say, "This is what we have been given before"; and they will be given (fruits) resembling one another. And for them there shall be wives purified; and there they will live forever. [2:25]

COMMENTARY

[T]he present verse announces the reward for those who believe.

As for the fruits with which believers will be regaled in Paradise, some commentators say that this concerns only the fruits of Paradise which would be alike in shape, but each time different in taste. Others say that these fruits would resemble the fruits of the earth in shape alone, but their taste would be totally different. Anyhow, the point is that the believers would have a kind of joy in Paradise they had never known before, and that this joy would keep renewing itself at every moment.

Thus, the fruits of Paradise may share a common name with the fruits of the earth, but they will be of a different nature.

The wives which the believers will have in Paradise, will be clean externally and pure internally - that is to say, free from everything that is physically disgusting like excrement and menstruation, and from everything that is morally disgusting like bad temper or unfaithfulness.





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The joys of Paradise will also be unlike the joys of the earth in that they will not be short-lived, nor will one have to be trembling with the fear of losing them, for the believers shall live in perpetual bliss for ever.

In giving these good tidings to those who believe, the Holy Qur'ān adds another condition - that of good deeds - for without good deeds, one cannot deserve such good tidings on the merit of Īmān (faith) alone. Īmān itself can, no doubt, save a man from being consigned to the fires of hell for ever, and every Muslim, even if he is a great sinner, will finally be taken out of hell, once he has undergone a period of punishment. But no one can altogether escape the fires of hell unless he has been doing good deeds defined by the Sharī'ah. (Rūh al-Bayān: Qurtubī)

And Allāh Ta'ālā knows best.

