



﴿وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمُوتَ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ﴾

(سورة البقرة: ١٥٤)

2:154. Do not say of those who are slain in the way of Allah: They are dead. Nay, they are alive, although you do not perceive [it].

When Allah issued the command to seek help through patience in all affairs, He gave an example of a matter in which one may seek help through patience, namely jihad for His sake. It is the best of physical acts of obedience and the most difficult for people, because in and of itself it is tough and because it may lead to death and loss of life, for people usually are attached to this world, so they want to live and attain the means of survival. So all their activities are for the purpose of survival and are aimed at warding off what is contrary to it.

It is well known that the wise individual does not give up what he loves unless it is for something even better. Hence Allah tells us that the one who is killed for His sake, when fighting so that the word of Allah may be supreme and His religion may prevail, and not for any other purpose, is not missing out on the life that he loves; rather he has attained a life that is more perfect than what you may think or imagine.

The martyrs:

﴿...are alive with their Lord, receiving provision, rejoicing in what Allah has bestowed upon them out of His bounty, sharing glad tidings that for those who have yet to join them, of those whom they left behind, they will have no fear, nor will they grieve. Rejoicing in the favours and bounties of Allah, and at the awareness that Allah will not cause the reward of the believers to be lost.﴾ (Āl 'Imrān 3: 169-171)

Is there anything greater than this life (of the martyrs) that includes closeness to Allah (ﷻ), physical enjoyment in the form of delicious food and drink, and spiritual enjoyment, which is joy, jubilation and