



﴿ زُنَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ
يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢١٢)

- 2:212. The life of this world is made to appear attractive to those who disbelieve, and they scoff at those who believe. But those who fear Allah will be above them on the Day of Resurrection, for Allah bestows His abundance without measure on whom He will.

Here Allah (ﷻ) tells us that in the case of those who disbelieve in Allah and His revelations, and Messengers, and do not submit to His law, the life of this world has been made attractive to them, so they are content and happy with it. Thus all their whims and desires, wishes and efforts are focused on it; they turn towards it and strive hard to acquire worldly gains; they give it the utmost importance and show respect to those who share their worldly interests and focus on accumulation; they look down on the believers and mock them, saying: Are these the people among us to whom Allah has shown His favour? This stems from their lack of understanding and their shortsightedness, for this world is the realm of tests and trials, in which hard times come to believers and disbelievers alike, but if bad things happen to the believer in this world, he bears it with patience and seeks reward with Allah, hence Allah alleviates it for him because of his faith and patience in a way that does not happen for anyone except the believer.

What really matters is true superiority in the hereafter. Hence Allah (ﷻ) says: ﴿But those who fear Allah will be above them on the Day of Resurrection﴾. So those who fear Allah will be in the highest levels of paradise, enjoying all kinds of delight, happiness and rejoicing, whilst the disbelievers will be beneath them in the lowest depths