



﴿ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢١٨)

2:218. Those who believed and migrated and fought for the sake of Allah – it is they who have the hope of Allah’s mercy. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

This refers to the deeds that are the basis of being blessed, the main feature of which is true servitude to Allah; from them it may be known to what extent a person is a winner or a loser.

With regard to faith, do not ask about its virtue. How can you ask about something which is the factor that differentiates between those who are blessed and those who are doomed, between the people of paradise and the people of hell? This is a factor which determines whether a person’s good deeds will be accepted from him; if it is absent, then no obligatory or supererogatory good deed will be accepted from him.

As for migration, this refers to leaving loved ones with whom one grew up in order to please Allah (ﷻ). The migrant leaves his homeland, his property, his family and his friends, seeking to draw closer to Allah and to support His religion.

As for fighting for the sake of Allah, it means striving and fighting the enemy in battle, doing one’s utmost to support the religion of Allah and suppress the religion of the Shayṭān. It is the pinnacle of righteous deeds which brings the best of rewards. It is the main reason for the spread of Islam, defeating the idol worshippers and bringing security to the Muslims, their property and their children.

The one who does these three deeds, despite the difficulties involved, will be more likely to do other good deeds.