

faith, this reward that Allah mentions, eternal and everlasting, with all kinds of joy and happiness. Yet despite that you see people who have no interest in it and pay no attention to it. Do you think that this is due to a lack of interest in the hereafter and its delights, or is it the result of weak faith in Allah and lack of hope of attaining His reward? Otherwise, if a person was indeed certain about that and had deep faith in his heart, then you would find him motivated and longing for it, and he would make it his main aim and focus, and would be willing to spend a great deal in hope of reward. Hence Allah (ﷻ) says: ﴿Allah sees all that you do﴾, and He sees the deeds that each person does and the motivation for those deeds, and He will requite them in full.



﴿أَيُّودُ أَحَدِكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونَ لَهُ جَنَّةٌ مِّنْ نَّخِيلٍ وَأَعْنَابٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ لَهُ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَأَصَابَهُ الْكِبَرُ وَلَهُ ذُرِّيَّةٌ ضُعَفَاءُ فَأَصَابَهَا إِعْصَارٌ فِيهِ نَارٌ فَاحْتَرَقَتْ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٦٦﴾﴾

(سورة البقرة: ٢٦٦)

- 2:266. Does any of you wish to have a garden with date palms and vines, through which rivers flow, with all kinds of fruit, while he is stricken with old age, and his children are weak [too small to look after themselves], then it should be consumed by a fiery whirlwind? Thus Allah makes clear to you [His] revelations; that you may reflect.

This is the likeness of the one who does acts of charity and other deeds for the sake of Allah (ﷻ), then he does deeds that nullify them. His likeness is that of the owner of this garden in which there are all kinds of fruits. Date palms and grapevines are singled out for mention because of their superiority and abundant benefits, because