

Children and wealth will have no value before Allah; rather what will benefit a person will be his faith in Allah and his righteous deeds, as Allah (ﷻ) says:

﴿It is not your wealth or your children that bring you nearer to Us; but those who believe and do righteous deeds – it is they who will have a multiple reward for their deeds, and they will dwell secure in the high places in paradise.﴾ (Saba' 34: 37)

Here Allah tells us that the disbelievers are the fuel of hellfire, and they are the ones who will remain therein forever. That is the situation in which Allah says that no wealth or children will avail the disbelievers at all. This is the way in which Allah dealt with previous nations, as happened to Pharaoh, those who came before him and those who came after him of transgressors and tyrants, who had much wealth and many troops under their control, when they disbelieved in the signs of Allah and stubbornly denied the message that the Messengers brought. Allah seized them because of their sins, on the basis of justice on His part, not injustice. Allah punishes severely those who do that which incurs the punishment, namely disbelief and sins of various types and degrees of severity.

﴿Say﴾ O Muhammad (ﷺ) ﴿to the disbelievers: You will be defeated and driven together to hell – what a wretched resting-place﴾. This indicates that the believers will prevail; it is also a warning to the disbelievers. And it came to pass as Allah foretold; He granted victory to the believers over their enemies, the disbelievers among the polytheists, Jews and Christians, and He will continue to do this for His believing slaves and troops until the Day of Resurrection. In this there is a lesson; it is one of the visible miracles of the Qur'an. Allah tells us that in addition to being defeated in this world, the disbelievers will also be gathered on the Day of Resurrection in the abode of perdition. This is what they have brought upon themselves, and what a wretched resting-place and bad recompense will be theirs.