



Chapter (59) sūrat I-ḥashr (The Gathering)

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The meaning of Al Hashr is that there is a crowd of people. Crowds of people are not a problem, but the problem is the noise this crowd is making;

- What is the conflict?
- What is the confusion?

When this crowd is organised there are levels, there are criterion which will make this crowd to settle down. For example in a school there are crowds, but there are teachers, there are students, an office. The classes are according to the levels of the students.

The Crowds of People

Our days, our weeks and our months can also be crowded with tasks to be completed. But today we will talk about the 'hashr' of the people, the crowds of the people.

When there are crowds of people there can be so much:

- Confusion
- Clashes
- Disturbance

Subhana'Allah, Allah swt is the only One Who can organise those crowds based on His Izzat and His Hikmah. Allah swt will put everyone in their right place based on the Names of Allah swt Al Aziz AL Hakeem.

59:1 Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth exalts Allah, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

59:24 He is Allah , the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

Allah swt is the All Mighty putting everyone into their categories:

- What are their requirements?
- What is their title?
- What is their characteristic?

And there will be groups within groups. This is by Allah swt Might. Last time we discussed how the believer's got the booty without any battle and there was no confusion either. The Prophet saws handled all the booty. If too many people dealt with the booty it would have created confusion, negativity, and then deviation would spread. It is Allah swt Who made these divisions among the people.

The priorities of the people are also made clear to us:

59:7 so that it will not be a perpetual distribution among the rich from among you.

The booty will be distributed fairly. The next ayat also divides the people, how people should divide themselves, how you will divide the good people and how you will divide the bad people.

59:20 Not equal are the companions of the Fire and the companions of Paradise. The companions of Paradise - they are the attainers [of success].

This is how Allah swt will divide the people so you cannot say that all the people are the same. Someone who is good cannot be equal to someone who is bad. The justice and favours of Allah swt are the same but not the people. Justice is a value. This is how Allah swt divides the people, makes the divisions among the people.

The people of Hellfire have their own characteristic's and they did the deeds that made them to go to Hellfire. The people of Jannah worked in this life, they acquired knowledge and acted good in this life.

The People of Paradise

The people of Paradise are the winners. May Allah swt make us all the people of Paradise Ameen. But, to be a winner there is a battle, a completion by going forward and to be one of the people of Paradise, otherwise I will go backward to be one of the people of Hellfire. The people of Jannah are getting the victory from Allah swt.

Even among the People of Jannah there is no equality. In Surat Al Hashr you will find three divisions of the people of Jannah. Allah swt made these divisions to avoid any confusion or clashes. Everyone is good in something so for sure you will get some privilege, some position depending on your sacrifices. The more sacrifices you make the more higher your position will be.

Victory to Allah swt

The more you give victory to Allah swt the more higher your level will be. The more you submit to Allah swt, the more is your obedience to Allah swt, the higher is your level.

Many people are obeying Allah swt but there are those who are more foremost in their obedience and submission to Allah swt, they are giving victory to Allah swt. If we don't have this there will be too much 'hashr', everybody will be arguing about what they did or didn't do, why they got and I didn't get etc. this leads to greed and jealousy. The divisions of the people are based on how much victory they give to Allah swt.

The divisions of the People of Hellfire

The divisions of the people of Hellfire are:

- The kuffar
- The munafiqeen

The kuffar and the munafiqeen are friends of the shaitan so they will all go to Hellfire. The kuffar are the outer enemy and the munafiqeen are the internal enemies. The kuffar are fighting the believer's from the outside. The munafiqeen are demolishing the structure of the believers from within. They both want to slow down the believer's but Allah swt is giving victory to the believer's.

Justice

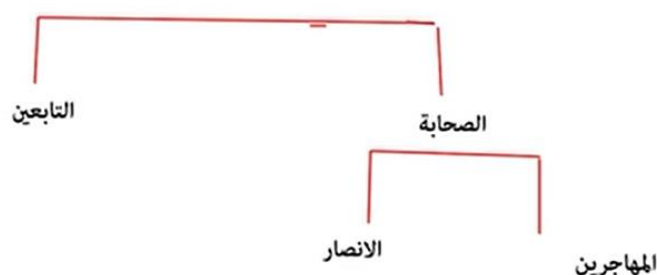
We want to be among the winners, to be among those who sacrifice for Allah swt, among those who give victory to the religion of Allah swt to make it foremost. Every time you read Surat Al Hashr there is something different which you can apply to your life; so don't make it a matter of confusion or dispute. Allah swt is the One who makes these divisions not for equality, but for justice.

Allah swt is the one Who made the believer's the winners when they had to fight the disbelievers in the battle. Allah swt is Al Aziz Al Hakim so you need to do tasbeeh, this is Allah swt divisions and you will get the victory. You will not get the victory by arguing or disputing. Any kind of conflict takes you backwards, but the stability takes you forward.

59:8 For the poor emigrants who were expelled from their homes and their properties, seeking bounty from Allah and [His] approval and supporting Allah and His Messenger, [there is also a share]. Those are the truthful.

59:9 And [also for] those who were settled in al-Madinah and [adopted] the faith before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful.

59:10 And [there is a share for] those who came after them, saying, "Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."



The Characteristic and Recompense for the three groups

بَعْدَهُمْ Those after them – this is us.	Al Ansar	الْمُهَاجِرِينَ Emigrants
يَقُولُونَ 'they say'. What do they say? A du'a for the struggle of the Muhajireen and the Ansar. They are seeking forgiveness for themselves and those before them.	وَالْإِيمَنَ they struggled because they accepted the emigrants – they needed to have taqwa.	لِلْفُقَرَاءِ They are poor – they 'struggled' because they were 'poor' (outer) and driven out
سَبَقُونَا preceded us. The people of Sunnah and Unity.	يُحِبُّونَ love (those who emigrated to them)	أُخْرِجُوا They got out
When there are lots of people together you need a lot of forgiveness otherwise the people will be divided. They totally depend on Allah swt and they have not been given a title.		فَضْلًا (seeking) bounty (from Allah)
The unity comes when the believer's invoke Allah swt for one another and have love for one another.	الْمُقْلِحُونَ the successful ones	الصَّادِقُونَ (are) the truthful

May Allah swt make us 'foremost' in everything. We can be any of one of these three or all three at the same time. At the minimum we should be of the third group.

Allah swt also describes them as admitting to their errors and seeking forgiveness for them. They also seek forgiveness for each other and strive to remove all traces of rage and hatred from their hearts towards their believing brothers and sisters. They have love for each other by:

- Loving for one's brother and sister what one loves for oneself
- Sincere towards each other

These are the rights the believer's have on each other.

Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."



This is the perfection of Allah swt mercy and His vast compassion and generosity towards them by granting them success to fulfil the rights of Allah swt and the rights of His slaves.

These 3 groups are the three parts of the Ummah and they all deserve the 'fai' because they use it for the benefit of Islam.

Al Muhajireen

Allah swt is the Bestower, As Salaam, the King. This will make our hearts pure – everyone is good. Allah swt is the King, He is Al Aziz Al Hakim. Belongs to Allah swt all the Beautiful Names and Attributes. Allah swt huwa al Wahab, He gives blessing and favours to whomever He wills. Allah swt huwa Al Nasir, He gives victory to whomever He wills, and He swt makes the victory easy. Allah swt is Al Mumin, giving you so much support.

When you believe in Allah swt and all his beautiful Names and Attributes, for sure everything will fall into place. You have confusion when you are far from Allah swt, but when you know who is Allah swt you only have one sound, not the sounds of the people; why they said that, why they did this.

Allah swt controls everything so there is no complaint, no blame, no arguing. Allah swt makes things in the best way. Allah swt goes first to the one giving victory to the religion of Allah swt and Nabi saws, and these are the Muhajireen.

We love the Muhajireen because they made the biggest sacrifice and they gave up their places / homes. The migrated giving up their places of comfort.

59:8 For the poor emigrants



poor can be with money, poor from something tangible, poor with anything we don't have or anything we need. Even if we are rich, we are all poor in front of Allah swt because we are in need of Allah swt for everything in front of our eyes.

The first description of the Muhajireen is to tell you the wisdom behind the 'booty' (fai) mentioned in the previous ayah. They deserved the 'fai'. To leave something is a different struggle to when something comes to you. They left everything in Makkah which is a huge challenge.

who were expelled from their homes and their properties,



were expelled – they were expelled because of pressure from the disbeliever's. The pressure from the disbeliever's forces them to leave. This is very common in the workplace – pressure to do something you don't want to do.

seeking bounty from Allah and [His] approval

People sometimes misuse this concept of the Muhajireen and make themselves a burden on others. They don't work and expect others to provide for them. Some people just migrate from one place to another making themselves a burden for others.

But the real Muhajireen have dignity, they have self-respect so they want to work and they used to work to support themselves. They know Allah swt will open for them opportunities. The Muhajireen are seeking the Pleasure of Allah swt and the Favour's from Allah swt.

يَبْتَغُونَ

seeking – The Muhajireen are really desiring and wanting, they are having the will and determination in wanting the Favour's from Allah swt. The 'fai' (booty) will go to them.

وَرِضْوَانًا

and pleasure – the second thing the Muhajireen wants is the Pleasure of their Lord. They are not thinking of themselves but wanting Allah swt to be pleased with them with their 'hijra'. These are the category of the people that Allah swt mentioned.

and supporting Allah and His Messenger, [there is also a share].

وَيَنْصُرُونَ

they give victory to Allah swt and His Messenger by following the commands, by continuing on the path of Allah swt despite their circumstances. Be patient and you will get the victory. Obey Allah swt and the Messenger and you will get the victory.

Those are the truthful.

What they say and their actions are in line in supporting Allah swt. They are being true to themselves in their belief and in their actions unlike those who claim to have the faith but don't act honestly, they are not truthful themselves.