

Seeking the Love of Random Strangers at The Expense of Allah’s Pleasure

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The smallest delight in Paradise is far greater than this entire world.

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“A place the size of a whip in Paradise is better than the world and everything in it.” (Sunan Ibn Mājah 4330)

The Pleasure of Allah is greater than all the created delights of Paradise.

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“When the inhabitants of Paradise enter Paradise, Allah the Exalted will say, ‘Do you like that I should give you something extra?’ They will respond, ‘Our Lord, what is better than what You have already given us?!’ Allah will say, ‘My Pleasure is greater.’” (Silsilah Şaḥīḥah collected by al-Albānī 1336)

Despite this, many people are more concerned with getting “hearts and likes” from random strangers—on Instagram or TikTok —than receiving the Pleasure of Allah!

This is evident when they post videos and pictures of actions which are displeasing to Allah, in hopes of receiving a “heart” from the people.

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“Whoever seeks the people's pleasure by way of Allah's wrath, Allah will entrust him to the people.”

(Jami` at-Tirmidhī 2414)

Many people are not even monetizing their “likes”, they only crave the attention, and temporary internet fame.

Sufyan at-Thawrī (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said:

“Beware of the love of fame, for indeed an individual will love fame more than gold and silver”.

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