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# A Dedication

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلْتَنَاهُمْ  
مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ ﴿٢١﴾






“Those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith – We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person, for what he earned, is retained.” (*al-Tūr*, 52:21)

To my parents: I make *du‘ā* for you in every *sajdah* and ask Allah to enter me into *Jannah* through the Gate of Parents.









## Honorifics Key

### For the Divine

| Symbol  | Arabic                 | Translation                |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى | Hallowed and exalted be He |
|  | تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى   | Blessed and exalted be He  |
|  | جَلٌّ وَعَلَا          | Majestic and exalted be He |
|  | عَزَّ وَجَلَّ          | Mighty and majestic be He  |
|  | جَلٌّ جَلَاهُ          | Awesome be His majesty     |

### Prayers of *Salām*

| Symbol  | Arabic                            | Translation                              |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
|  | صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ | Allah confer blessing and peace upon him |
|  | عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ  | Upon him be blessing and peace           |
|  | عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ               | Upon him be peace                        |
|  | عَلَيْهَا السَّلَامُ              | Upon her be peace                        |
|  | عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ            | Upon them (dual) be peace                |
|  | عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ             | Upon them be peace                       |

## Prayers of *Riḍā*

| Symbol                 | Arabic                 | Translation                       |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ    | رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ    | Allah be pleased with him         |
| رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا   | رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا   | Allah be pleased with her         |
| رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا | رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا | Allah be pleased with them (dual) |
| رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ  | رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ  | Allah be pleased with them        |
| رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُنَّ | رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُنَّ | Allah be pleased with them (fem)  |

## Prayers of *Raḥmah*

| Symbol            | Arabic            | Translation                     |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| رَحِمَهُ اللهُ    | رَحِمَهُ اللهُ    | Allah have mercy on him         |
| رَحِمَهَا اللهُ   | رَحِمَهَا اللهُ   | Allah have mercy on her         |
| رَحِمَهُمَا اللهُ | رَحِمَهُمَا اللهُ | Allah have mercy on them (dual) |
| رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ  | رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ  | Allah have mercy on them        |
| رَحِمَهُنَّ اللهُ | رَحِمَهُنَّ اللهُ | Allah have mercy on them (fem)  |

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## Foreword

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ  
وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ وَاوَاهُ  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. May His blessings and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), as well as his family, his companions, and all his followers.

I had a look at the work of our dear brother Sh. Ali Ahmed which he titled “The 8 Gates of *Jannah*”, and I found it to be a beautiful collection of *āyāt*, *aḥādīth*, and *āthār* relating to the Gates of *Jannah*. The book acts as a useful resource for those seeking information on the topic. It can also be used by community imams for their sermons and families for their circles of remembrance.

The book does not offer commentary (*sharḥ*) on the quoted passages. It aims to relate the content in clear English for readers to immediately benefit from the guidance and wisdom held within it. Perhaps explanations of the narrations quoted is something to consider for future renditions.

May Allah place *barakah* in this work, and may He make us among those who will be allowed to enter *Jannah* from whichever gate they desire. *Āmīn*.

**Shaykh Dr. Haitham al-Haddad**



## Introduction

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ  
وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ

All praises are due to Allah, the Lord of the Universe, and may His blessings and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), his family, and his companions.

Every human being wants Paradise. Some haplessly seek it in this world at the expense of their Hereafter, while others seek only the Garden which Allah promised His obedient slaves. The Qur'an and the Sunnah teach us to wish and work for that which is eternal and everlasting:

بَلْ تُوْزِنُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ﴿١٦﴾ وَالْآخِرَةَ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى ﴿١٧﴾

“But you prefer the worldly life, while the Hereafter is better and more lasting.” (*al-A'lā*, 87:16-17)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْفِرْدَوْسِ نُزُلًا ﴿١٣٧﴾ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا لَا يَبْغُونَ عَنْهَا حِوَلًا ﴿١٣٨﴾

“Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds – they will have the Gardens of Paradise as a lodging, wherein they will abide eternally. They will not desire from it any transfer.” (*al-Kahf*, 18:107-108)

When it comes to *Jannah*, we **must** want it, desire it, begglingly ask Allah for it, and expend all efforts to reach it. As believers, we should have high hopes and lofty ambitions for *Jannah* – that Allah gives us the best and the highest part of it. We should be thinking and pondering about which gate of *Jannah* we want to enter through. When we have this mindset, the deeds (e.g., prayer and fasting) that are specific to that gate (e.g., the

Gate of Ṣalāh and al-Rayyān), will be performed out of love, with ease, and without any hesitation or burden.

For this reason, I have collected some of the prophetic narrations pertaining to the Eight Gates of *Jannah* in this book. After the pleasure of Allah, it is collated with multiple goals and intentions in mind: so that it may be read together as a family, that *maṣjid* imams may use it in their weekly lessons with their congregants, that it reorients and gives renewed focus to the youth, and for the reader to simply discover which gate of *Jannah* they aspire to enter through and consequently work towards. I have abstained from making my own commentary, as most of these reports are self-explanatory and straightforward. The book is not written as a rigorous, academic discussion of scholarly positions on the subject. Rather, its aim is to edify its readers and rejuvenate their zeal to seeking the everlasting bliss Allah has promised us.

Though the book is titled “The 8 Gates of *Jannah*”, readers will notice that there are 11 gates mentioned altogether. This is because scholars are in agreement over four out of the eight gates since there are four clearly mentioned together in a *ḥadīth*. However, scholars have differed over the names of the remaining four. There are other opinions on the remaining four gates in addition to what is mentioned in the book. For the purposes of brevity, and due to what I thought the majority of the *Ummah* is in need of, I capped it at 11 total. Studious readers are invited to research the other names of the Gates of *Jannah* not mentioned in this book.

I ask Allah through His beautiful names that He grants us all and our families the highest level of *Jannat al-Firdaws*, in the company of the prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs, and the righteous, and excellent are those as companions. *Āmīn!*

**Shaykh Dr. Ali Ahmed**