

THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS BUT A FLOWER

Shaykh Uthaymeen رحمه الله تعالى said in his explanation of Riyadis Saliheen:

Allah the Exalted said:

وَلَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِنْهُمْ زَهْرَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ﴿١٣١﴾

And strain not your eyes in longing for the things We have given for enjoyment to various groups of them (it is only) the flower of the life of this world.
(Soorah Tāhā 20:131)

This means don't look towards the people who possess this worldly life and the pleasures they enjoy such as vehicles, clothes, homes and other than that.

All of that is the flower of this world. And the final destination of the flower is that it will **wilt, dry up** and **disappear**. The flower is the fastest leaf on the tree to wilt and disappear.

For this reason He said 'زهرة-flower'. A flower is good in its splendor, beauty and fragrance – if it has a fragrance. But it wilts away rapidly. This worldly life is just like this, a flower that wilts away quickly.

We ask Allah to grant us our portion in the next life.

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