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«Every soul will taste death. And only on Resurrection Day will you be given your full compensation. Whoever is removed from the Fire and admitted to Jannah has surely attained success. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.»

[Āl 'Imrān 3:185]

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