"What (a great thing) you have lost..."

Al-Bayhaqi narrated in Shu'ab al-Iman with his sanad going back to Qasim bin 'Uthman al-Joo'i who said: "I saw a man circumambulating the Ka'bah, so I got closer to him. I found him not saying more than these words: "O Allah, you have fulfilled the needs of the needy and my need hasn't been fulfilled yet." So I said to him: "What's the matter with you that you don't say except these words?" He replied: "I shall inform you."

"We were seven companions from different lands who attacked the enemy in their land, but were were captured. We were then isolated by the enemy for our necks to be struck. I looked up to the heavens and I saw seven open gates in front of each gate was a young woman from the hoorul 'ayn. One of us was brought forward for his neck to be struck, when his neck was struck I saw one hoor with a handkerchief descend towards him, this continued until six were beheaded, each time a hoor would descend, until I remained, one hoor & one gate. When I was brought forward for my neck to be struck one of the men requested that I be gifted to him, so I was gifted to him! So I heard the remaining hoor say: "What (a great thing) you have lost, O deprived one!" and the gate closed.

And, I am grieved of what I have lost O my brother."

Qasim ibn Uthman said: "In my view he's the best among them, because he saw what they did not and he was left to work with yearning (for the Hoor).

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Sh. Abu Yahya al-Libi (rahimahullah) said: "When were in prison, one of our imprisoned brothers who was an austere worshiper told me of an incident, which my ears have heard and my heart has perceived. He told me that the Americans picked him up on a cold & rainy day while in Kabul. They took him to a very small room made of cement; suddenly they started pouring cold water all over him and started to kick him. Then one of their wretched ones started to choke him to the extent where he was about to die, so he became unconscious. While he was in that state he saw two women in the utmost state of beauty descending swiftly from the heaven towards him, however one of the Americans hit him, whereby he became conscious again and got cut off from what he was seeing, only to find himself between his chokers from among the wild donkeys (Americans). We ask Allah to free him & all other Muslim prisoners"

[Taken from Sh. Abu Yahya’s book “al-Arba’oon fee Fadl ash-Shahadah, pg. 27-28]