

# Halaqa Session – September 24, 2011

## Our last journey... The Grave

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**Every soul will taste of death. And you will be paid on the Day of Resurrection only that which you have fairly earned. Who so is removed from the Fire and is made to enter Paradise, he indeed is triumphant. The life of this world is but comfort of illusion. (Al Imran, 3:185)**

Death is fixed for all of us. It is not something that we can escape from nor should we try to escape it. It is a gift from Allah that He promises us death so that we don't have to live forever in a world where we must constantly face a roller coaster of emotions or the hardships of life. Subhanallah!

Who wants to live forever and not meet Allah or our Prophets (pbut)? Who wants to live forever in an aging body that stops to function properly? Who wants to live forever and not taste the sweet bliss of Heaven? If we can live our life with good intentions and try to do good deeds and stay away from the sinful, then death is a way for us to meet our beautiful and merciful Lord that much sooner and to taste the joys of Heaven!

## The Believer's Journey

### The moment of death...

- **Angels of Mercy will come down from heaven as far as the eye can see.**  
When the believing slave is about to depart this world and enter the Hereafter, there come down to him from heaven, **angels with white faces like the sun, and they sit around him, to his left and to his right, as far as the eye can see.**
- **They will carry a shroud from the heavens with sweet fragrance and soft.**  
They bring with them **shrouds from Paradise and perfumes from Paradise.**
- **The Angel of Death (Izrael –aws) will come and tell the believer's soul to come out easily and then quickly place it in the shroud.**  
Then the Angel of Death comes and sits by his head, and he says, **'O good soul, come forth to forgiveness from Allah and His pleasure.'** Then the soul comes out easily like a drop of water from the mouth of a water skin. The soul is taken out and put it in the shroud with the perfume, and there comes from it a fragrance like the finest musk on the face of the earth.
- **The soul will be taken with honor and respect towards the heavens – all along the believer will be complemented and praised.**  
Then they ascend and they do not pass by any group of angels but they say, **'Who is this good soul?'** and it is said, **'It is So and so the son of So and so, calling him by the best names by which he was known in this world,** until they reach the lowest heaven.
- **The gates will be opened one after the other until the seventh heaven where Allah will confirm the believer's good works and have them recorded in the Illiyen – then the soul will be gently laid to rest again in the earth.**  
They ask for it to be opened to them and it is opened, and (the soul) is welcomed with love and honor and then accompanied to the next heaven by those who are closest to Allah, until they reach the seventh heaven. Then **Allah says: 'Record the book of My slave in 'Illiyen in the seventh heaven, and return him to the earth, for from it I created them, to it I will return them and from it I will bring them forth once again.'**

And what will explain to you what Illiyeen is; illiyeen is **a register fully inscribed to which bear witness those nearest to Allah** (Al Mutaffifin, 83:18)

So his soul is returned carefully and with love back to his body. And as he returns, he will hear the footsteps of his friends who buried him as they leave him – and there will be fear in his heart of the unknown.

## **The Disbeliever's/Hypocrite's Journey**

### **The moment of death...**

- **Angels of Punishment will come down from heaven as far as the eye can see –they will be dark and evil to look up.**

When the disbelieving slave is about to depart this world and enter the Hereafter, **there come down to him from heaven angels with black faces.**

- **They will carry a shroud from hell with the stench of the foulest dead body and rough!**

They will bring a sackcloth- a coarse woolen fabric, made from fire- and they sit around him as far as the eye can see.



Figure 1. The evil that the sinners may face.

- **The Angel of Death (Izraeel –aws) will come with hatred and tell the disbeliever's soul to come out but the soul will not want to come out – so it will be ripped out!! The the soul will be put into that foul shroud.**

Then the Angel of Death comes and sits by his head, and he says, 'O evil soul, come forth to the wrath of Allah and His anger.' Then **his soul disperses inside his body trying to hide from the angel but to no success – his soul will be ripped out from within him- cutting the veins and nerves as it comes out**, like a skewer passing through wet wool! The soul is immediately put in that sackcloth, and there comes from it a stench like the foulest stench of a dead body on the face of the earth.

- **The soul will be taken with disgrace towards the heavens – all along the disbeliever will be cursed and spoken of in bad ways.**

Then they ascend and they do not pass by any group of angels but they say, '**Who is this evil soul?**' and they say, 'It is So and so the son of So and so, calling him by the worst names by which he was known in this world, until they reach the lowest heaven.

- **The gates will be NOT be opened even at the lowest door to heaven – it will be denied the pleasures of Heaven!**

They ask for it to be opened to them and it is NOT opened." There is no gate in the heaven but its inhabitants supplicate that the wicked soul shall not be ascended to their side!

**"for them the gates of heaven will not be opened, and they will not enter Paradise until the camel goes through the eye of the needle"** [al-A'raaf 7:40]

- **Allah will confirm the disbeliever's bad works and have them recorded in the Sijjeen – then the soul will be hurtled into the body, without care or caution!**

Then **Allah says, 'Record the book of My slave in Sijjeen, in the lowest earth, and return him to the earth, for from it I created them, to it I will return them and from it I will bring them forth once again.'** So his soul is cast down – hurled back into his body until the Day of Judgment.

**"and whoever assigns partners to Allah, it is as if he had fallen from the sky, and the birds had snatched him, or the wind had thrown him to a far off place"** [al-Hajj 22:31]

As the soul reenters their body and is lowered into the ground and the soil is put on them, they can hear the footsteps of the buriers leaving them. They want to call them back but this can't happen. The next step to their deathly life begins...

## The TEST Begins!



Figure 2. Munkar and Nakir – made of dark burning flames !

- **Munkar and Nakir will come**

Then two angels will come down who will terrify the soul! They will come tearing and hurtling through the skies towards the soul. Their faces are so scary that they instill so much terror in the soul's heart that it wishes it could escape. They are made from fire and their bodies are completely black - melding with the darkness surrounding the soul and yet the soul sees them coming. Their eyes, green or black or blue or red, large and bulging out like the wide bulging eyes of the Jinns, stare straight at the soul as they descend towards it. Their hair is scary and long, reaching to their toes and their teeth are sharp and very long so that they can tear up the ground to reach the soul. They scream; they shake and rattle the body till it looks upon them in total fear and terror!

<http://sufi786.wordpress.com/2007/02/05/the-jinn-or-ginii-part-two-the-final-part/>

- They make the soul sit up and with great strength and deep resonating voices, they will question the soul.

Maan Rabbuka!? 'Who is your Lord?'

Maa Deenuka!? 'What is your religion?'

Maa Kunta Taquul Fee Haazar Rajul!? 'Who is this man who was sent among you?'

Huwa Rasullullah sallallahu alaihi wassalam? Who is Rasullahah?

Why did you believe?

## The Believer's Response

'Who is your Lord?' and the soul says, 'Rabbi-Allah – My Lord is Allah.' They say, 'What is your religion?' and the soul says, 'Deen al Islam - My religion is Islam.' They say, 'Who is this man who was sent among you?' and the soul says,

'Huwa Rasullallah, sallallahu alaihi wassalam - He is the Messenger of Allah ﷺ' They say, 'Who made you aware of this?' and the soul says, 'I read the Book of Allah and I believed in it, and considered it to be true'.

**Dua to recite often: Rad'eetu billahi rabbi Wa bi Islami deeni Wa bi Muhammadin (saws) nabi-yeen.**

I am happy with Allah as my Lord, with Islam as my religion and Muhammad (pbuh) as my Prophet!) [Tirmidhi, Vol 2, pg 174)

Then Allah will call from Heaven: **My servant has spoken the truth, so spread a bed for him from Paradise, clothe him from Paradise, and open a door for him into Paradise.** Then some of the **air and perfume of Paradise will come to the soul**, and **a space will be made for it as far as the eye can see.**

## The Disbeliever's Response

Then **two angels, Munkar and Nakeer, will come rushing down, terrifying to look upon and more terrifying to the beholder – they will make the soul sit up** and they will say to him, **'Who is your Lord?'** The soul says, **'Oh, oh, I don't know.'** The soul says, **'What is your religion?'** The soul says, **'Oh, oh, I don't know.'** Then **Allah will call from Heaven: He has lied,** so spread a bed for him from Hell, clothe him from Hell, and open for him a door into Hell!

### **The angel of Deeds.. For the Believer**

Then there will come to the soul a man with a handsome face and handsome clothes, and a good fragrance, who says, **'Receive the glad tidings that will bring you joy this day.'** The soul will say, 'Who are you? Your face is a face which brings glad tidings.' He says, **'I am your righteous deeds.** [by Allah, I did not know of you but that you were quick to the obedience of Allah and slow to His disobedience, so may Allah reward you good]' Upon hearing this the soul will say, **'O Lord, hasten the Hour so that I may return to my family and my wealth.'** And then **the soul will be told "peace"** and it will rest in peace till the Day of Judgment – in comfort and at ease.

### **The angel of Deeds.. For the Disbeliever**

Then there will come to him a man with an ugly face and ugly clothes, and a foul stench, who says, **'Receive the bad news, this is the day that you were promised.'** The soul will say, 'Who are you? Your face is a face which forebodes evil.' He says, **'I am your evil deeds.'**

### **The Barzakh**

This place that we live in before the Day of Judgment actually arrives is called the Barzakh.

The Arabic term means "barrier" – a barrier between this life and the Day of Judgement.

It is a place of rest for the believer and a place of severe anguish for the disbeliever.

In this place, the soul is conscious of all that is around it – it can hear anyone coming to the grave but cannot communicate with them in the worldly sense.

<http://www.as-sidq.org/barzakh.html>

### **The Believer**

And for all the good deeds that the Believer did and for his belief in the oneness of Allah and his efforts to please his Lord, the Believer is blessed with all of Allah's promises and more!

**The Righteous will be in Bliss, On thrones, they shall gaze; You will recognize in their faces the brightness of bliss; They are given to drink of a pure wine, sealed-Whose seal is musk-And mixed with water of Tasnim, A spring, from (the waters) whereof drink those Nearest to Allah. (Al Mutaffafin, 83)**

The souls of believers are kept at different places.

- where they were buried
- by the well of Zam Zam;
- between the earth and the sky
- some that live in the first heaven (under the arsh) all the way to the seventh heaven (aala illiyeen – the highest point).

It is at these places that they rest until they are brought back on the Day of Judgment.

### **The Disbeliever**

And for the Disbeliever's disbelief and hatred of our Prophet (pbuh) and his disregard for Allah and His commands the disbeliever is punished for eternity with things that are unbearable and unimaginable – this is their promise from Allah!

- The disbelievers and sinners are kept in their **graves or where they were cremated**;
- some are in the **first layer of the earth**
- others **are buried deeper and even deeper into the earth**
- there are those who are **buried deeper than the bottom most layer of the earth (Sajeen- the lowest point)**.
- **Imprisoned in the well of barhoot** - a barren arid desert, is the place where dirty and evil souls are put to torture

**Where ever the soul is, it is still connected to the body and so whatever the body endures, the soul will also feel.**

### **In the Barzhak - The Believer**

For the believer, the Barzhaq is a **place of comfort**.

- They **meet with each other** and **will carry conversation** in the way Allah will allow them to.
- They **greet new souls** better than they would have in real life and **inquire about their loved ones**.
- A **window to Paradise will be opened** for them so that the fragrance and winds of Paradise can reach them.

### **In the Barzhak - The Disbeliever**

For the Disbeliever, the Barzhaq is a **place of agony and humiliation**.

- They **cannot speak to new entrants**.
- **One who is blind and dumb will be put in charge of the disbeliever's soul/body**.
- **This being will carry a large metal like sledge hammer that it will use to crush the disbeliever's bones to dust.**  
One who is blind and dumb will be placed in charge of him, having a sledge-hammer, made of iron or some heavy metal such that if a mountain were struck with it, it would become dust. He will beat the body of the disbeliever with it and his cries of pain and agony will be heard by everything between the east and the west except by men and jinn, and he will become dust – then Allah will make the evil body whole again and the keeper will again beat him with the hammer until he is again turned to dust – and this will continue till the Day of Judgment!
- **The door to hell will be opened and the disbeliever will feel its heat.**  
And a door of hell will be opened unto him within his grave and will spread out for him **sheets of hell fire** - some of **hell's heat and pestilential wind will come** to the soul, and **his grave will be compressed**, so that his ribs will be crushed together- his limbs caught up one amongst the other.

The disbeliever's grave will be full of frightful **snakes and scorpions** and his **sins will also take the shapes of dreadful dog and wolf to torment him**.

**The soul will plead, 'O Lord, do not let the Hour come, do not let the Hour come.'** But to no avail – The Day of Judgment has already begun for him.

Narrated by Abu Dawood, 4753; Ahmad, 18063, Ibn Majah according to Bukhari and Muslim– on what will happen when the soul is taken out to begin its journey in the next life. The descriptions vary but as for the questioning by Munkar and Nakeer, that WILL happen to all of us – there is no doubt on that one fact.

**And in whatever your deeds you earned, you will rest in that way till the Day of Judgment.**

## **Caveat: The sinner can be saved... and the punishment removed by Allah out of His Mercy and Benevolence.**

- Prayers from the living
- Good deeds that add up or come to the forefront – a child that prays for their adult relatives/friends

## **Who will not be asked questions in the grave?**

The following people will not be questioned in the grave:

- The Prophets (nor will the grave tighten around them)
- Muslims who die on a Friday or in Ramadan while fasting

## **Who's body is not eaten by the soil?**

- Prophets (pbut)
- Martyrs
- Friends of Allah (Awliya)
- A hafiz of the Quran who also acts upon what he has learned
- Someone who has never committed a sin
- Those who pray darud shareef at all times

## **What is Hell?**

Video: [Jahannam \(Hell\) in Islam - The torment of the hereafter](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYKaAQcQJFs&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

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And what will make you realize what hell is? It leaves naught nor does it spare aught! **Burning and blackening the skins; It shrivels the man; It scorches the mortal!** Over it are **Nineteen**. And **We have not made the wardens of the fire others than angels**, and We have not made **their number but as a trial for those who disbelieve** ( Al-Muddathir, 74:27-31)

A man with a repulsive appearance - the most repulsive appearance you can imagine does not do justice to this man's repulsiveness! Beside him there is a fire that he kindles, running around it – most likely making sure that the fire does not get any less – **He is Malik, the gatekeeper of Hell that the disbeliever and the sinner must face one day!**

Video (if we have time): Description of hell: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUbjw683Aio&feature=related>

- The **heat of the Hell fire is only 1/70<sup>th</sup> of the fire of this world!** Imagine how the fires in this world give us 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns and now imagine that 70x greater!!
- The fire **will burn and torture** us!
- There will be **pus from the washing of wounds and sweat and boiling waters for drink.**
- There will be **bitter and thorny foods that will boil and burn the stomachs.** They will eat from the **zaqqum tree** which will cause great suffering!
- The **garments will made of fire and boiling oil will be poured over heads and they cannot escape because they will be tied down by chains 70 cubits long.**
- The **SMALLEST** punishment – a person will wear a pair of sandals and the brain will boil from it and they **will think it is the worst punishment but it is the LEAST** punishment!



Figure 3. The fires will melt the skin off – it will consume the bodies!



Figure 4. The wolves and serpents that will torment the sinner in the grave!



Figure 5. The Zaqum Fruit – Thorns! Bitter!



Figure 6. The burning oils will be poured on the sinner and it will burn and boil the skin - REPEATEDLY!



**Do we hear the dead and are they really punished?** The dead are really punished, to the extent that all the animals hear (the sound resulting from) their punishment. **Our Prophet ﷺ used to hear them as well.**

**IF man were to hear it, he would faint!!**

### **Punishment Written In the Quran: Those who will taste the burning fire!**

What are some of the things that we know that a believer as well as a disbeliever will be punished for?

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- The one who **commits shirk**.
- those (Jews) who say: "**Truly, Allah is poor and we are rich!**" -and their **killing of the Prophets** unjustly! (Al-Imran, 3:181)  
They dealt in lies, arrogance, disbelief, and hypocrisy!
- those **who unjustly eat up the property of orphans**, they eat up only fire into their bellies! (An-Nisa, 4:10)
- those **who disbelieved in Our Ayat** (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.)  
As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for other skins that they may taste the punishment.  
(An-Nisa, 4:56)
- those **who contradicts and opposes and averted their faces from Muhammad** (pbuh) and who reject the Book after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way!(An-Nisa, 4:55, 115); those **who exulted in the land unjustly and behaved insolently**  
the fetters and the chains shall be on their necks; they shall be dragged Into boiling water, then in the fire shall they be burned (Ghafir, 40:70-72)

- those who **desires the transitory enjoyment of this world**

We readily grant him what We will for whom We like. Then, afterwards, We have appointed for him Hell; he will burn therein disgraced and rejected (- far away from Allah's Mercy). (Al-Isra, 17:18)

- those **who bend their neck in pride** (far astray from the Path of Allah), and **lead (others) too (far) astray** from the Path of Allah.

For him there is disgrace in this worldly life, and the hellfire in the afterlife! Every time they seek to get away from there, from anguish, they will be driven back therein, and (it will be) said to them: "Taste the torment of burning!" (Al-Hajj, 22:9, 22) The Fire will burn their faces, and therein they will grin, with displaced lips (disfigured). (Al-Mumenoon, 23:104)

It is a flaming fire, Taking away (burning completely; Eager to roast) the head skin! (Al-Maarij, 70:16)

They shall enter a blazing Fire, and be made to taste its burning. (Al-Inshiqaq, 84:12)

**Arrogance** is also a crime that will be punishable. **Showing off. Pride.**

**The first 3 people to go to hell:**

Video: [The First 3 People In Hell Islam](#)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwbtVOLW4Fs&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwbtVOLW4Fs&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

- those **who put into trial the believing men and believing women (by torturing them and burning them), and then do not turn in repentance** (to Allah), (Al-Burooj, 85:10)

- those **who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath**; Those **who reject Faith**, and **die rejecting the faith** "Be ye apes, despised and rejected - on them is Allah's curse, and the curse of angels, and of all mankind; their penalty will not be lightened, nor will respite be theirs! (Bakarah – 2: 161-662)

## **Punishments Defined In Hadith: They will be punished till the Day of Judgment**

- The one who goes out of his house in the morning and **tells so many lies that it spreads all over the world**; he was a liar and he used to tell lies, and the people would report those lies on his authority till they spread all over the world.

A man lying flat on his back and another man standing over his head with an iron hook; The man standing would put the hook in one side of the man's mouth and tear off that side of his face to the back (of the neck) and similarly tear his nose from front to back and his eye from front to back. Then he turned to the other side of the man's face and did just as he had done with the other side. He hardly completed this side when the other side returned to its normal state. Then he returned to it to repeat what he had done before.

**We also need to be careful of spreading the "word of Islam" without proof or evidence.** There are many books out there that have fiqh or advice or "duas" on issues and they have no basis! Increasing our knowledge by reading Quran and the Hadith, we are better able to see for ourselves what is truth and what is not. And always ask Allah for good knowledge. **Rabbi zidni ilm.**

"Whoever tells a lie about me deliberately let him take his place in Hell." Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 10; Muslim, 4. **It makes no difference whether the lie is intended for good or for evil."**

- The one who **studies the Quran and then NEITHER recites it nor acts on its orders**, and sleeps, **neglecting the enjoined prayers.**

A man lying down, while another man was standing over his head, holding a big rock; The man standing was throwing the rock at the lying man's head, injuring (and crushing) it. The rock rolled away and the thrower followed it to get it back. By the time he reached the lying man, his head returned to the normal state. The thrower then did the same as he had done before.

**We hear the words of Allah every Ramadan and we make a promise to learn more – but do we?**

**We knew surah's as children that we have forgotten as adults –do we learn them again?**

**We wake up for our important meetings and a trip to IHop but do we wake up for Fajr? Do we stay up late for Isha? We cannot say that we do not know... Allah knows we know!**

- The ones who were **adulterers** (those men and women who commit illegal sexual intercourse.)

We passed by a hole like an oven; with a narrow top and wide bottom, and the fire was kindling underneath that hole. In that oven there was much noise and voices; There were naked men and women in the hole and a flame of fire was reaching to them from underneath. When it reached them, they cried loudly! Whenever the fire-flame went up, the people were lifted up to such an extent that they were about to get out of it but then the flame would go down, and whenever the fire got quieter like this, the people went down into it – losing hope of ever getting out.

**Do we not commit zina when our eyes or our minds linger too long on persons who are not our mahrams? Do we think of the time(s) we spend with a non-mahram without a third person to be our witness of good behavior rather than the shaytan?**

"Whenever a man is alone with a woman the Shaytan makes a third" - so be careful of all situations. It will help you in preventing suspicion and prevent the shaytan from putting thoughts into each other's heads. "Say to the believing women to lower their gaze;" (Surah Nur, v. 30)

- The ones who **deal in Riba.**

We reached a river of blood and in it was a man swimming, and on the bank there was a man who had collected many stones. The man in the river would swim near to the man by the river bank and opened his mouth; the man by the river bank threw a stone into his mouth whereupon the man in the river went swimming away only to return and the performance was repeated over and over again.

This is not just **mortgages**. This includes the **credit cards** or persons who provide **temporary loans**.

- The ones who **defraud others**, who when they take the measure from mankind demand it full, but when they have to give by measure or weight to men, give less than due. (Al Mutaffafin, 83:1-3)

- One of them **never saved himself from being soiled with his urine.**  
**Must always be clean!!** Even the believer has to be careful – use water better, wipe better, etc.
- The other used to go about with calumnies (to **make enmity between friends**).  
**Lying, backbiting, spreading rumors, creating rifts amongst friends, being unforgiving to each other so that we complain to others about each other.**

### **What else takes you to Hell?**

Punishments are not set up just for the Disbelievers. Punishments are also there for the Believer who sins, who turn away from Allah and His commandments, who don't ask for His mercy or His forgiveness with sincerity. But how sincere are we?

#### **How serious are we about saving ourselves from the punishment of the grave or the trials of the hereafter?**

What has brought you into hell? They shall say: We were not of those who prayed; And we used not to feed the poor; And we used to enter into vain discourse with those who entered into vain discourses. And we used to deny the Day of Judgment; Till death overtook us. (Al Mudathir – 74: 42-47)

- **No prayer** – salah, Dhikr, duas
- **No Zakat or sadaqah or feeding the “poor”** – no mercy on their brothers and sisters (Muslim and non Muslim) It doesn't say who the “poor” are so it encompasses everyone and everything!
- **Vain discourse** – arrogant talk; lies; backbiting; foolish talk;
  1. Not yielding the desired outcome; fruitless: *a vain attempt.*
  2. Lacking substance or worth: *vain talk.*
  3. Excessively proud of one's appearance or accomplishments; conceited.
  4. *Archaic* Foolish.

**Synonyms: empty, hollow, idle, nugatory, otiose, futile**

  5. Having no useful result.
  6. Trifling and frivolous; idle
  7. Of little or no importance; trifling.
  8. Having no force; invalid.

These adjectives mean lacking value or substance: *vain regrets; empty pleasures; hollow threats; idle dreams; nugatory commentaries; an otiose belief in alchemy.*

- **Denying the Day of Judgment** – no remorse in their actions; no judgment for bad behavior

Video: (if we have time) 70 Most deadly sins.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYP2JH8UzBE&feature=related>

## Hope for Paradise:

Video: [Jannah \(Paradise\) in Islam - A believers final abode](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5ty_NI0DdY&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

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Allah will admit into Paradise **those deserving of Paradise**, and He will admit whom He wishes out of His Mercy, and admit those condemned to Hell into the Fire (of Hell). He would then say: See, **he whom you find having as much faith in his heart as a grain of mustard, bring him out**. They will then be brought out burned and turned to charcoal, and would **be cast into the river of life**, and they would sprout as does a seed in the silt carried away by flood. Have you not seen that it comes out yellow (fresh) and intertwined?

Then when Allah had finished from the Judgments amongst his creations, **one man will be left between Hell and Paradise and he will be the last man from the people of Hell to enter paradise**. He will be facing Hell, and will say, '**O Allah! Turn my face from the fire as its wind has dried me and its steam has burnt me.**' Allah will ask him, "Will you ask for anything more in case this favor is granted to you?" He will say, "No by Your (Honor) Power!" And he will give to his Lord (Allah) what he will of the pledges and the covenants. Allah will then turn his face from the Fire. When he will face Paradise and will see its charm, he will remain quiet as long as Allah will. He then will say, '**O my Lord! Let me go to the gate of Paradise.**' Allah will ask him, 'Didn't you give pledges and make covenants (to the effect) that you would not ask for anything more than what you requested at first?' He will say, 'O my Lord! Do not make me the most wretched, amongst Your creatures.' Allah will say, 'If this request is granted, will you then ask for anything else?' He will say, 'No! By Your Power! I shall not ask for anything else.' Then he will give to his Lord what He will of the pledges and the covenants. Allah will then let him go to the gate of Paradise. On reaching then and seeing its life, charm, and pleasure, he will remain quiet as long as Allah wills and then will say, '**O my Lord ! Let me enter Paradise.**' Allah will say, May Allah be merciful unto you, O son of Adam! How treacherous you are! Haven't you made covenants and given pledges that you will not ask for anything more than what you have been given?' He will say, 'O my Lord! Do not make me the most wretched amongst Your creatures.' **So Allah will laugh and allow him to enter Paradise and will ask him to request as much as he likes. He will do so till all his desires have been fulfilled.** Then Allah will say, '**Request more of such and such things.**' **Allah will remind him and when all his desires and wishes; have been fulfilled, Allah will say "All this is granted to you and a similar amount besides."**

We came across **men in one of the heavens with one side of their bodies as handsome** as the handsomest person you have ever seen, **and the other side as ugly** as the ugliest person you have ever seen. My two companions ordered **those men to throw themselves into the river**. Behold, there was a river flowing across (the city), and its water was like milk in whiteness. **Those men went and threw themselves in it and then returned to us after the ugliness (of their bodies) had disappeared and they became in the best shape** - The men you saw half handsome and half ugly were **those persons who had mixed an act that was good with another that was bad, but Allah forgave them.**

Sinful believers will also face torment in grave because of their disobedience. However, they will be **absolved either by the supplications and intercession of their spiritual guides, Allah's saints or by the grace of Allah Almighty**. They will be saved with what they may have left behind – sadaqa jariyah. The good deeds of living people also can benefit the soul who has died - **with recitations of the Holy Quran, reciting Durood Shareef (invocation of Allah's blessings on the Holy Prophet), reciting the Kalimah and giving alms and offering good deeds on behalf of the soul** as mentioned in the Sunnah. And when you pass the gravesite of Muslims, **recite the Azan** and that will comfort the souls who wait in this state between death and resurrection.

**Prayers – Do your fard prayers. Do your sunnahs. Do extra nafls.**

**Fasting – Fast during Ramadan; Make up any missed fasts; do the 3 fasts each month.**

**Charity – Give to the poor; Do sadaqah Jariah every chance you get.**

**Quran – Read Quran, memorize verses, understand what Quran says.**

**Duas – Recite duas constantly.**

**Come back to Allah!! Repent!!! ASK for His Mercy, Forgiveness and His Favors!!**

## Recite the Quran

Verily the one who recites the Qur'an beautifully, smoothly, and precisely, he will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels. And as for the one who recites with difficulty, stammering or stumbling through its verses, then he will have TWICE that reward." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

The Qur'an is an intercessor, something given permission to intercede, and it is rightfully believed in. Whoever puts it in front of him, it will lead him to Paradise; whoever puts it behind him, it will steer him to the Hellfire." [An authentic hadith found in At-Tabaraanee, on the authority of 'Abdullaah ibn Mas'ood]

Such a person who recites the Quran and masters it by heart, will be with the noble righteous scribes (in Heaven). And such a person exerts himself to learn the Quran by heart, and recites it with great difficulty, will have a double reward." (book #60, Hadith #459)

There is no-one who is afflicted by distress and grief, and says: **O Allah, I am Your slave, son of Your slave, son of Your maidservant; my forelock is in Your hand, Your command over me is forever executed and Your decree over me is just. I ask You by every name belonging to You which You have named Yourself with, or revealed in Your Book, or You taught to any of Your creation, or You have preserved in the knowledge of the Unseen with You, that You make the Quran the life of my heart and the light of my breast, and a departure for my sorrow and a release for my anxiety,** but Allah will take away his distress and grief, and replace it with joy." This is one of the remedies prescribed in sharee'ah.

The original Dua in Arabic is: **'Allahumma inni 'abduka ibn 'abdika ibn amatija naasyati bi yadika, maada fiyya hukmuka, 'adlun fiyya qadaa'uka. As'aluka bi kulli ismin huwa laka sammayta bihi nafsaka aw anzaltahu fi kitaabika aw 'allamtahu ahadan min khalqika aw ista'tharta bihi fi 'ilm il-ghayb 'indaka an taj'al al-Qurana rabee' qalbi wa noor sadri wa jalaa' huzni wa dhihaab hammi**

## Sura Mulk

The Prophet  said, 'There is a surah in the Quran which is only thirty verses. It defends whoever recited it, until it puts him into paradise, Surah al Mulk(al-Tirmidhi, 2891, Ahmad, 7634; Abu Dawood, 1400; Ibn Maajah, 3786, Fath al Qadir 5/257, Sahihul Jamiea 1/680, Tabrani inAl-Awsat & Ibn Mardawaith)

## Duas:

**Allahumma inni audhubika min adhabin-naar wa fitnatin-naar, wa fitnatil-qabr wa adhabil-qabr.** - O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the torment of the Fire and from the tribulation of the Fire, and from the tribulation of the grave and the torment of the grave.

**Allahumma inni audhubika min...** - O Allah! I seek refuge with You from...  
(**Wa** = and)

Seek refuge in Allah from

- The punishment of the grave – **adhabil-qabr**
- The tribulations of the grave – **fitnatil-qabr**
- The torment of the fire – **adhabin-naar**
- The tribulations of the fire – **fitnatin-naar**
- The tribulations of the Dajjal – **sharri fitnatil-maseehid-Dajjal**
- Laziness – **al-kasli**
- Old Age – **al maghrami**
- Debts – **al matham**
- Sins and committing them - **al haram**
- The trials from wealth – **sharri fitnatil-ghina**
- The tribulations of poverty – **sharri fitnatil-faqair**
- The afflictions of life and death – **fitnatil mahya wa fitnatil mamati**
- Disbelief – **kufr**
- Knowledge that brings no good – **ilmil la yanfao**
- The heart that has no fear (of Allah) – **qalbil la yakhshao**
- The prayer that cannot be entertained – **dua-il la yasmao**
- The self that cannot be entertained – **nafsil la tashba-o**
- Helplessness
- Cowardice
- Our own evil desires! – **al nafs**

It was narrated from 'Aa'ishah that the Prophet ﷺ used to seek refuge in Allah for many things. (Bukhaari, 6014).

**Allahumma inni audhubika minal-kasli wal haram, wal maghrami, wal matham.** - O Allah! I seek refuge with You from laziness and old age, and from debts and sins.

**Allahumma inni audhubika min sharri fitnatil-ghina, wa sharri fitnatil-faqair, wa min sharri fitnatil-maseehid-Dajjal.** - O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the evil of the tribulation of wealth, and from the evil of the tribulation of poverty, and from the evil of the tribulation of the Dajjal.

**Allahumma inni audhubika min fitnatil mahya wa fitnatil mamati.** – O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the afflictions of life and death.

**Allahumma inni audhubika minal kufri** – O Allah! I seek refuge in You from disbelief.

**Allahumma inni audhubika min ilmil la yanfao wa qalbil la yakhshao wa dua-il la yasmao wa nafsil la tashba-o** - O Allah! I seek Thy refuge from the knowledge that brings no good, and from the heart that has no fear (of Allah) and from the prayer that cannot be entertained, and the self that cannot be satisfied.

The Prophet ﷺ used to say, "**O Allah! I seek refuge with You from helplessness, laziness, cowardice and feeble old age; I seek refuge with You from afflictions of life and death and seek refuge with You from the punishment in the grave and from committing sins, and the evil of the affliction of poverty.**"

The Apostle of Allah ﷺ said: The supplications to be used by one who is distressed are: "**O Allah! Thy mercy is what I hope for. Do not abandon me to myself for an instant, but put all my affairs in good order for me. There is no god but Thou.**"

**O' Allah put light into my grave; Provide me with space in my grave.**

**Allahummagh-sil khata-yaaya bi ma'al dhalji, wal baradi wa naqqi qalbi minal khataaya kama yunaqqal-thawb al-abyad minal dana, wa baa'id bayni wa bayna khata-yaaya kama ba-adta bayna al mashriqi wal maghrib.** - O Allah! Wash away my sins with the water of snow and hail, and cleanse my heart from sin as a white garment is cleansed from filth, and put a great distance between me and my sins, as great as the distance You have made between the East and the West.

**Recite often before Salam and at end of Salah, in sujud and ruk:**

**Rabbana ateenā fidunya hasanatan, wa fil akheerati hasanatan, wa qeena azaban-naar.** –Our Lord! Grant us good in this world and good in the hereafter, and save us from the chastisement of the fire!

**Allahummagh-firlee zambee kullahu, diqqahu wa jillahu, wa awwalahu wa akhirahu, wa `ala niyatahu wa sirrahu.** O' my Lord! Forgive me all my sins; the tiny of them and the great of them; the first of them and the last of them; the open of them and the secret of them. (Muslim 1.350)

**Dua: Allahumma inni asalukal afwa-wal aafiyata fid-dunya wal aakhirat.** - O Allah! I beseech You for forgiveness and for protection in this world and the world hereafter!

**Allahumma 'a` innee `ala zikrika washukrika, wa husni `ibadatika.** - O' my Lord! Help me in establishing your remembrance, thanking You, and worshipping You properly.

**Dua for the deceased:**

Making dua for the deceased: The Apostle of Allah  led us in prayer over bier of a Muslim and I heard him say: **"O Allah, so and so, son of so and so, is in Thy protection, so guard him from the trial in the grave and the punishment in Hell. Thou art faithful and worthy of praise. O Allah, forgive him and show him mercy. Thou art the forgiving and the merciful one."**

And Allah knows best.

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## **Punishment defined in Hadith**

The Prophet said, "But I had seen (a dream) last night that two men came to me, caught hold of my hands, and took me to the Sacred Land (Jerusalem). There, I saw a person sitting and another standing with an iron hook in his hand pushing it inside the mouth of the former till it reached the jaw-bone, and then tore off one side of his cheek, and then did the same with the other side; in the mean-time the first side of his cheek became normal again and then he repeated the same operation again. I said, 'What is this?' They told me to proceed on and we went on till we came to a man Lying flat on his back, and another man standing at his head carrying a stone or a piece of rock, and crushing the head of the Lying man, with that stone. Whenever he struck him, the stone rolled away. The man went to pick it up and by the time he returned to him, the crushed head had returned to its normal state and the man came back and struck him again (and so on). I said, 'Who is this?' They told me to proceed on; so we proceeded on and passed by a hole like an oven; with a narrow top and wide bottom, and the fire was kindling underneath that hole. Whenever the fire-flame went up, the people were lifted up to such an extent that they about to get out of it, and whenever the fire got quieter, the people went down into it, and there were naked men and women in it. I said, 'Who is this?' They told me to proceed on. So we proceeded on till we reached a river of blood and a man was in it, and another man was standing at its bank with stones in front of him, facing the man standing in the river. Whenever the man in the river wanted to come out, the other one threw a stone in his mouth and caused him to retreat to his original position; and so whenever he wanted to come out the other would throw a stone in his mouth, and he would retreat to his original position. I asked, 'What is this?' They told me to proceed on and we did so till we reached a well-flourished green garden having a huge tree and near its root was sitting an old man with some children. (I saw) Another man near the tree with fire in front of him and he was kindling it up. Then they (i.e. my two companions) made me climb up the tree and made me enter a house, better than which I have ever seen. In it were some old men and young men, women and children. Then they took me out of this house and made me climb up the tree and made me enter another house that was better and superior (to the first) containing old and young people. I said to them (i.e. my two companions), 'You have made me ramble all the night. Tell me all about that I have seen.' They said, 'Yes. As for the one whose cheek you saw being torn away, he was a liar and he used to tell lies, and the people would report those lies

on his authority till they spread all over the world. So, he will be punished like that till the Day of Resurrection. The one whose head you saw being crushed is the one whom Allah had given the knowledge of Quran (i.e. knowing it by heart) but he used to sleep at night (i.e. he did not recite it then) and did not use to act upon it (i.e. upon its orders etc.) by day; and so this punishment will go on till the Day of Resurrection. And those you saw in the hole (like oven) were adulterers (those men and women who commit illegal sexual intercourse). And those you saw in the river of blood were those dealing in Riba (usury). And the old man who was sitting at the base of the tree was Abraham and the little children around him were the offspring of the people. And the one who was kindling the fire was Malik, the gate-keeper of the Hell-fire. And the first house in which you have gone was the house of the common believers, and the second house was of the martyrs. I am Gabriel and this is Michael. Raise your head.' I raised my head and saw a thing like a cloud over me. They said, 'That is your place.' I said, 'Let me enter my place.' They said, 'You still have some life which you have not yet completed, and when you complete (that remaining portion of your life) you will then enter your place.'

#### Punishments from the Quran

Indeed, Allah has heard the statement of those (Jews) who say: "Truly, Allah is poor and we are rich!" We shall record what they have said and their killing of the Prophets unjustly, and We shall say: "Taste you the torment of the burning (Fire)." (Al-Imran, 3:181)

those who unjustly eat up the property of orphans, they eat up only fire into their bellies, and they will be burnt in the blazing Fire! (An-Nisa, 4:10)

And of them were (some) who averted their faces from him (Muhammad pbuh); and enough is Hell for burning (them) . (An-Nisa, 4:55)

Surely! Those who disbelieved in Our Ayat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), We shall burn them in Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for other skins that they may taste the punishment. (An-Nisa, 4:56)

Whoever contradicts and opposes the Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way, We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell. (An-Nisa, 4:115)

Whoever desires the quick-passing (transitory enjoyment of this world), We readily grant him what We will for whom We like. Then, afterwards, We have appointed for him Hell; he will burn therein disgraced and rejected (- far away from Allah's Mercy). (Al-Isra, 17:18)

Bending his neck in pride (far astray from the Path of Allah), and leading (others) too (far) astray from the Path of Allah. For him there is disgrace in this worldly life, and on the Day of Resurrection We shall make him taste the torment of burning (Fire). (Al-Hajj, 22:9)

Every time they seek to get away there from, from anguish, they will be driven back therein, and (it will be) said to them: "Taste the torment of burning!" (Al-Hajj, 22:22)

The Fire will burn their faces, and therein they will grin, with displaced lips (disfigured). (Al-Mumenoon, 23:104)

Those who reject the Book and that with which We have sent Our Messenger; but they shall soon come to know, When the fetters and the chains shall be on their necks; they shall be dragged Into boiling water, then in the fire shall they be burned ( , Ghafir, Chapter [#40](#), Verse [70-72](#)) .. because you exulted in the land unjustly and because you behaved insolently

By no means! Surely it is a flaming fire, Taking away (burning completely; Eager to roast) the head skin! (Al-Maarij, 70:16)

And he shall enter a blazing Fire, and be made to taste its burning. ( , Al-Inshiqaq, Chapter [#84](#), Verse [#12](#))

Verily, those who put into trial the believing men and believing women (by torturing them and burning them), and then do not turn in repentance (to Allah), then they will have the torment of Hell, and they will have the punishment of the burning Fire. ( Al-Burooj, 85:10)

And well ye knew those amongst you who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath: We said to them: "Be ye apes, despised and rejected. Those who reject Faith, and die rejecting,- on them is Allah's curse, and the curse of angels, and of all mankind; They will abide therein: Their penalty will not be lightened, nor will respite be their (lot). Bakarah - 2: 161-662

### Crossing the seerat

You will see Allah (your Lord) in the same way. On the Day of Resurrection, people will be gathered and He will order the people to follow what they used to worship. So some of them will follow the sun, some will follow the moon, and some will follow other deities; and only this nation (Muslims) will be left with its hypocrites.

Allah will come to them and say, 'I am Your Lord.' They will say, 'We shall stay in this place till our Lord comes to us and when our Lord will come, we will recognize Him. Then Allah will come to them again and say, 'I am your Lord.' They will say, 'You are our Lord.' Allah will call them, and As-Sirat (a bridge) will be laid across Hell and I (Muhammad) shall be the first amongst the Apostles to cross it with my followers. Nobody except the Apostles will then be able to speak and they will be saying then, 'O Allah! Save us. O Allah Save us.' There will be hooks like the thorns of Sa'dan in Hell. Have you seen the thorns of Sa'dan?" The people said, "Yes." He said, "These hooks will be like the thorns of Sa'dan but nobody except Allah knows their greatness in size and these will entangle the people according to their deeds; some of them will fall and stay in Hell forever; others will receive punishment (torn into small pieces) and will get out of Hell, till when Allah intends mercy on whomever He likes amongst the people of Hell, He will order the angels to take out of Hell those who worshipped none but Him alone. The angels will take them out by recognizing them from the traces of prostrations, for Allah has forbidden the (Hell) fire to eat away those traces. So they will come out of the Fire, it will eat away from the whole of the human body except the marks of the prostrations. At that time they will come out of the Fire as mere skeletons. The Water of Life will be poured on them and as a result they will grow like the seeds growing on the bank of flowing water.

### The Dajjal

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported Allah's Messenger ﷺ as saying: The Dajjal would come forth and a person from amongst the believers would go towards him and the armed men of the Dajjal would meet him and they would say to him: Where do you intend to go? He would say: I intend to go to this one who is coming forth. They would say to him: Don't you believe in our Lord? He would say: There is nothing hidden about our Lord. They would say: Kill him. Then some amongst them would say: Has your master (Dajjal) not forbidden you to kill anyone without (his consent)? And so they would take him to the Dajjal and when the

believer would see him, he would say: O people. he is the Dajjal about whom Allah's Messenger ﷺ has informed (us). The Dajjal would then order for breaking his head and utter (these words): Catch hold of him and break his head. He would be struck even on his back and on his stomach. Then the Dajjal would ask him: Don't you believe in me? He would say: You are a false Masih. He would then order him to be torn (into pieces) with a saw from the parting of his hair up to his legs. After that the Dajjal would walk between the two pieces. He would then say to him: Stand, and he would stand erect. He would then say to him: Don't you believe in me? And the person would say: It has only added to my insight concerning you (that you are really the Dajjal). He would then say: O people, he would not behave with anyone amongst people (in such a manner) after me. The Dajjal would try to catch hold of him so that he should kill him (again). The space between his neck and collar bone would be turned into copper and he would find no means to kill him. So he would catch hold of him by his hand and feet and throw him (into the air) and the people would think as if he had been thrown in the Hell-Fire whereas he would be thrown in Paradise. Thereupon

Allah's Messenger ﷺ said: He would be the most eminent amongst persons in regard to martyrdom in the eye of the Lord of the world. (Book #041, Hadith #7019)

The well of Barhoot:

As stated earlier, 'Wadi-us-Salam' (the Valley of Peace) is the abode of the fortunate souls who gather there and Barhoot, which is a barren arid desert, is the place where dirty and evil souls are put to torture. It is a specimen of Hell of Barzakh. The following tradition makes the matter clearer :

One day a man went to the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.s.) the last messenger of God, and, expressing his restlessness and anxiety, said, "I have seen a very strange thing." The Holy Prophet asked, "What is it?" He replied, "My wife became seriously ill. People told

me, 'If you bring water from a well situated in the Vale of Barhoot, her illness can be cured.' (Some skin diseases are cured by mineral waters). So I got ready and proceeded towards that valley with a skin to fill that water and also a cup for fetching it from the said well. There I saw a very frightening forest. Despite being afraid, I gathered courage and went on in search of that well (At last I found it). Suddenly I heard the clanking of a chain from above. That chain came down. I saw a man caught in that chain requesting me to give him some water as he was dying of thirst. When I raised my head to offer him a cup of water I saw that he was fastened to that hanging chain. Whenever I tried to give him water he was dragged up to the red-hot sun. Then I tried to fill my bag with water. That man was again lowered by the dangling chain suddenly and complained bitterly about his deadly thirst. I tried to hand over the cup to him but again he was pulled up right upto the sun. It happened for the third time too. At last I tied my water bag and could not give any water to him. I have become terribly frightened by observing all this and have come to your honour to ascertain the reason of all this." The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.s.) replied, "That unfortunate man is Qabil, son of Adam (a.s.). He had killed his brother Habil.

*Then his mind facilitated to him the slaying of his brother so he slew him; then he became one of the losers. (5:30)*

He will remain in this condition of torture till the day of Judgement and will finally fall in the painful punishment of Hell."

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