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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is a vision of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹ in his general form, while the person is sleeping considered a glad tidings for the person who sees him or does it mean that he will be from the people of paradise?

Shaykh bin Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)²: If the person sees him in his form as was mentioned then it is good—Inshaa’allaah, but it does not necessitate salvation, or happiness, or Taqwa; because there is no doubt he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was seen during his lifetime by the disbelievers and the hypocrites and their seeing him will not benefit them on the Day of Judgment.

Aboo Jahl saw him and he died upon disbelief in Allaah when he was killed during the battle of Badr. Utbah bin Rabeeah and Shaybah bin Rabeeah saw him and they were both killed upon disbelief. His uncle Aboo Taalib saw him and he died upon disbelief. His uncle Aboo Lahab saw him and he died upon disbelief. Abdullah ibn Ubay, the leader of the hypocrites, saw him and he died upon disbelief.

Therefore seeing him in person while awake did not necessitate guidance or safety or happiness for those who saw him unless they believed in him, accepted him and followed him (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Therefore this applies even more to the person who sees him in a dream.

The person who sees him in a dream, if he is a believer and righteous; we hope good for him; if he sees him upon his true form. As for the person who sees him while not believing in his legislation and he does not follow that which he came with, then this vision will not benefit him rather it will be an argument against him, whether he saw him in person or while asleep. Just as those disbelievers saw him in person during his lifetime (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) but that did not give them success to believing in him thus they became from the wretched. We seek refuge in Allaah from that. In a like fashion, the person who sees him in a dream while not believing in him, and not following what he came with then this vision will not benefit him rather it will become an argument against him.

¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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