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

Allaah Ta'ala said:

وَمَا جَعَلْنَا لِبَشَرٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ الْخُلْدَ أَفَإِن مَّتَّ فَهُمْ الْخُلْدُونَ

[And We granted not to any human being immortality before you (O Muhammad), then if you die, would they live forever?]¹

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin said:

'The Noble Ayaah indicates that the passage of a human is to pass away, and that Allaah did not make it such that anyone could live for eternity before the Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, so eternity is not for the Prophet or for anyone else to remain. But rather everyone is moving towards passing away as Allaah Ta'ala said:

كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ۖ وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهَ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ۚ ٢٧

[Whatever is on it (the earth) will perish. And the Face of your Lord full of Majesty and Honour will abide forever.]²

Some of the people of knowledge said: 'The Mushrikoon used to reject his -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam – Prophet hood, and they would say: 'Muhammad is a poet we await for him some calamity after some time, and perhaps he will die just like such and such poet died from such and such tribe. So Allaah Ta'ala mentioned that indeed Prophets before you died, and Allaah has power over His religion with victory and protection, this is how the Deen and Sharee'ah of the Prophet is protected.'

¹ [Soorah Ambeeyaa: 34]

² [Soorah ar-Rahmaan: 26-27]

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With this Ayaah, it indicates that al-Khidr has indeed died, whether he was a Walee (friend of Allaah Azza wa Jal), or a Prophet, or Messenger, because he was a human being, and he was present at the time of Moosa –alayhim as-Salaam. And Allaah Azza wa Jal had indeed said:

وَمَا جَعَلْنَا لِبَشَرٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ الْخُلْدَ

[And We granted not to any human being immortality before you (O Muhammad)]

[From 'Min Kanooz Qur'aan' by Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin p.118]