

Last Day 16 – The Muslim’s soul after death

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QUESTION: What happens when the Muslim’s soul after it has been taken up to the Heavens immediately after death?

ANSWER:

Continuing with the same hadeeth that was discussed in the previous article (*Last Day 15 – What happens to the soul at the time of death?*):

Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) said:

So he (the Muslim soul) will be returned to the earth and his soul will be returned to his body, and he will hear the striking of the feet of his companions when they depart from him going away (from his grave).

Then two severe angels will come to him, and they will be very abrupt with him, they will make him sit up and they will say to him:

Who is your Lord?

So he will say:

My Lord is Allaah.

They will say to him:

What is your religion?

So he will say:

My religion is Islam.

So they will say to him:

What was this man who was sent amongst you?

He will say:

He is Allaah’s Messenger (may perfect peace and security be upon him).

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So they will say to him:

How did you know?

So he will say:

I read the Book of Allaah, and I believed in it, and I affirmed it.

So he will be abrupt with him, and say: Who is your Lord? What is your religion? Who is your Prophet?

And this will be the last trial that the believer will face.

So that is about what Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic said:

‘Allah will make those who are believers firm, with the firm saying in the life of this world.’

So he will say: My Lord is Allaah, my Religion is Islam and my Prophet is Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him).

Then a caller will call from the heavens:

‘My Servant has spoken the Truth, so give him a bed from Paradise, and give him clothing from Paradise and open for him a door towards Paradise.’

So its gentle breeze and fragrance will come to him, and his grave will be expanded for him as far as the eye can see. And then there will come to him (in one narration there will be shown to him) a man with a handsome face, with fine clothing, with a beautiful scent, and he will say:

Receive good news of that which is pleasing for you! Receive good news of pleasure from Allaah and of gardens containing everlasting delight! This is your day which you were promised.

So he will reply to him:

And you – may Allaah give you good tidings – who are you? Your face is the face of one who comes with good.

So he will say:

I am your righteous deeds. For by Allaah, I have not known you except to be quick upon obedience to Allaah, slow to disobey him, so may Allaah reward you with good.

And then a gate will be opened for him from Paradise and a gate from the Fire, and he will say:

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This would have been your place, had you been disobedient to Allaah but Allaah has exchanged this for you instead of it.

And when he sees what is in Paradise, he will say:

O My Lord, hasten the establishment of the Hour so that I can return to my family and what is for me!

So it will be said to him:

Be calm.