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May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.



Glorified and Majestic (is He).



May Allah be pleased with him.



May Allah be pleased with her.



May Allah be pleased with them both.



May peace be upon him.



May peace be upon her.



May peace be upon them both.

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Introduction



There is an inevitable and undeniable truth that, one predetermined day, we will die and depart from this world. But this naturally leads to the existential question of what will occur in the next domain. Regarding the nature of the worldly and otherworldly realities, ‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib عليه السلام has stated:

ارْتَحَلَتِ الدُّنْيَا مُدْبِرَةً وَأَرْتَحَلَتِ الْآخِرَةُ مُقْبِلَةً، وَلِكُلِّ وَاحِدَةٍ مِنْهَا بَنُونَ،
فَكُونُوا مِنْ أَبْنَاءِ الْآخِرَةِ، وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنْ أَبْنَاءِ الدُّنْيَا،
فَإِنَّ الْيَوْمَ عَمَلٌ وَلَا حِسَابَ، وَغَدًا حِسَابٌ وَلَا عَمَلٍ.

“The life of this world is fast departing, while the life of the Hereafter is fast approaching, with every one of them having their own children. Thus, opt to be the children of the Hereafter, and not of this world. For in the present state there are deeds without any reckoning, but in the case of tomorrow there will be a reckoning without deeds.”

Even the most marginal amount of good done in the Earth will be accepted and rewarded by Allah ﷻ in the other world, provided it is done with a sincere heart. But in the Hereafter, having every ounce of gold in one’s possession will not confer on one the slightest benefit. From the moment one rises from one’s burial place and assumes one’s spot in the assembly of resurrected humans, all dynamics change.

In the otherworldly plane, one will be subject to a number of trials and tribulations: one's official records will be weighed in the *Mizān* (Scales) and one will be required to cross the *Ṣirāṭ* (Bridge-Over-Hell). In all these circumstances, the true saviour will be one's own virtuous deeds: they will physically appear and protect one from the heat of the Last Day by producing beneficial shade, illuminating one's path so that one may navigate through the pitch-black darkness that engulfs one, and even testify on one's behalf in the presence of the Lord of the worlds ﷻ. In sum, one's virtuous deeds will be the decisive factor in ensuring that one becomes an inhabitant of Paradise. Instead of constantly speculating and postulating when the Day of Judgement will occur, the Muslim should devote his energies to performing good deeds so that he may be assisted in the trials that he will face in the other world.

فَأَمَّا مَن تَقَلَّتْ
مَوَازِينُهُ فهُوَ فِي
عِلْشِنَةٍ خِضْبَةٍ



“So as for those whose scales are heavy with good deeds, they will be in a life of bliss.”

AL-QĀRI’AH, 6-7