

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَالَمِينَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَنْ يُصْلِلُ عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Seek Protection from Punishment

Ummum Mo'mineen, Sayyidah Ayesha - *may Allah be pleased with her* - mentions that one day a Jew approached her to ask a few questions. After she had helped this person, the person made Du'a that she be protected from the punishment of the grave. When she inquired about this from Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, he also (explained to her) by asking protection from the punishment of the grave. (In other words, he was making it clear that punishment in the grave is a reality. At the same time, this also proves that this incident may have taken place in the early part of Islam when such issues were not discussed very much). (Sahih Bukhari Shareef)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Jaber - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - had prohibited four actions. They are:

1. To built a solid structure around the grave. In other words, the deceased must be placed against the sand and not against a wall.
2. To sit on a grave.
3. To build a structure directly above the grave.
4. To write something on the grave. (Tirmidhi Shareef).

Hadrat Sayyidah Ayesha - *may Allah be pleased with her* - has mentioned that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - used to always seek protection against four things in his Salaah. They were:

1. From the punishment in the grave.
2. From the fitnah of Dajjal.
3. From the fitnah in life and death.
4. From sin and debt. (Sahih Bukhari Shareef)

Allama Abdullah Mohammed Al Qurtabi in the “Al Jamia Al Ahkaan Al Qur'an” records from Imam Amar bin Dinaar who mentions that there was a person in Madina Shareef who had lost his sister. However, after he had placed his sister in her grave, he realised that he had left his wallet in the grave. When he returned and opened the grave, he saw that the entire grave was full of flames. He then went to his mother and asked about the actions of his sister. His mother told him that his sister used to make Qada of her Salaah and secondly, whenever a neighbour went home, she used to place her ears near the door to listen what they were speaking about and listened to their secrets. This person then informed his mother of what he had seen in his sister's grave. He also said that she was receiving this punishment because of her actions. (Qurtabi)