

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى 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*

---

## The Janazah of someone who has Debts

---

Hadrat Sayyiduna Salamah bin Akwah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “We were sitting with Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and in this time a Janazah appeared and the people asked him to perform the Janazah Salaah. He then asked, ‘Has he got any debts?’ We replied that no (the person did not leave any debts). Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then performed the Janazah Salaah.

“Another Janaza also arrived and again Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - was asked by people to perform the Janazah Salaah and again Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - asked, “Does he have any debts?” The people replied that yes, (he has outstanding debts). He then asked whether the person had left anything and the people answered that he had left three

Dinaars. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then performed this person's Janazah.

“A third Janazah arrived and people asked Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - to perform the Janazah Salaah. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then asked whether he had left anything and the people replied that no, he did not leave anything. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then asked whether he had any debts and the people replied that he had a debt of three Dinaars. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then said, “You people may perform the Janazah of your companion.”

“However, at that moment, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentioned, ‘O Prophet of Allah! Please perform his Janazah Salaah, I am responsible for his debt.’ Thereafter, Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - performed the Janazah. (Sahih Bukhari Shareef, Nisaa'i Shareef, Imam Ahmed, Ibn Maja, Daarimi)

If a person has debts and his immediate family also do not have the means to fulfil this debt, then the 'Ulama have been given the choice to either perform or not to perform the Janazah. If however, someone stands guarantor, then his Janazah can be performed.

In the “Fathul Qadeer”, it is recorded that whenever Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - met Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - after that incident, he used to ask him, “O Abu Qatadah! What happened to the three Dinaars which you had promised?” Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, “O Prophet of Allah! I have paid them.” Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - replied, “You have now cooled the skin of the deceased.”

In the “Daar Qutni”, it is reported from Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that whenever a Janazah was placed in front of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - he also had a question or two about the actions of the individual. However, when it came to debt, he always used to ask if the person

had an outstanding debt and he did not perform the Janazah. If there was no debt on the person, he used to perform the Janazah.

One day, a Janazah was placed in front of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and prior to reading the Takbeer, he asked whether the person had any debt. He was informed that the person had a debt of two Dinaars. He stopped from continuing with the Janazah until Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentioned, 'O Prophet of Allah, the two Dinaars is my responsibility. I will repay it and this deceased person is free of this.'

Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then performed the Janazah and then said later on, "O Ali! May Allah reward you and free you from your debts (in other words, may Allah bless you with Jannah.)"

We also come to know that if a person is in debt and someone takes the responsibility of paying this off, this is certainly a great reason for the person attaining Jannah. (Fathul Bari)