

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا 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*

The Soul of the Believers

It is reported that Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Shaybah Khadari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was among those people who had laid siege to the city of Constantinople. One day, he called the people and when many people had gathered, he had a cloth over his face and he said to them, "Those who know me, should also know that I am Abu Shaybah Khadari and I am a companion of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. I heard these words directly from the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - who stated that, 'That person who sincerely testifies to the Divine Oneness of Allah Almighty, he will enter Jannah. Therefore, perform good deeds and do not merely live by having only reliance.'" After mentioning this Hadith Shareef, he passed away on the same spot. (Al Usaabah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once a Janazah was placed in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and he declared, "This is someone who is at peace or he is someone who

will give peace to others.” The blessed companions asked him to explain these words and he replied, “A true believer (when he passes away), he achieves peace from the troubles and tribulations of the world and goes towards the Divine Mercy of Allah Almighty. A faajir (or sinful person) is that person through whose death, other people, the town itself, the trees and even the animals attain peace (and comfort). (In other words, there is now no one to cause harm and trouble to them). (Sahih Bukhari Shareef, Sahih Muslim Shareef)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hurayah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “When a Muslim passes away, the Angels of mercy appear with a pure white silk cloth and say to his soul, ‘Leave the body in this state that Allah Almighty is Pleased with you. For you is the Mercy of Allah Almighty, His Divine Favours, the best of provision and Allah Almighty’s Wrath is certainly not upon you.’ The soul then leaves the body with the sweetest of fragrance and the Angels carry it from hand to hand until they reach the doors of the heaven.

“The Angels at that place mention to them, ‘How pleasing is the fragrance which is coming with you from the earth’. It is then placed with the souls of other believers in the “Illiyeen” or at the door of Jannah or below the Divine Arsh where the souls of all the believers are placed according to their rank and status.

“The other souls are also pleased with the arrival of this soul as you people are pleased with that person who suddenly appears in front of you after disappearing. As a person is welcomed by his family after a journey, in like manner, the souls of the other believers are also pleased and overjoyed at the arrival of this soul. These souls then question the arriving soul about a certain person and about what he is doing at this time.

“In other words, they take the name of the people they knew in the world and inquire about these people from the new soul. However, the other souls also admit that this soul should be given a chance because it is still recovering from the sadness of the world (and when it is fully in peace, then they will ask these questions). Thereafter, after the soul has recovered, it begins to reveal the state of each person (who is still in the world). It also reveals that a certain person was very evil and had he not appeared in front of you? The other souls then reveal that this person has been taken towards the Fire of hell.

“When a disbeliever dies, the Angels who deliver punishment appear in front of him with a sack cloth. They then command his soul, ‘O soul! Leave the body of (this disbeliever).’ This soul then leaves his body with the foulest stench and the Angels take it towards the doors of the heaven. The Angels there then declare, ‘What a foul stench is this and this soul is then taken to the souls of the other disbelievers.’” (Nisaa’i Shareef)