

Last Day 23 – Hadeeths to prove punishment in the grave

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QUESTION: Are there also proofs from the hadeeths to show that a person may be punished in his or her grave?

ANSWER:

There are indeed many proofs from the statements of Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) which confirm that people may be punished in their graves whilst 'waiting' for the Day of Judgement to occur.

These hadeeths, as with so many other issues in Islam, bring detail to what is mentioned in a general manner in the Qur'aan.

For the sake of not making this a lengthy article, we will suffice ourselves with just two hadeeths about the punishment in the grave.

The first is the statement of Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) who said in a statement reported by one of the great scholars of hadeeth called Imaam Muslim:

'Seek refuge with Allaah from four(things):

From the Punishment of the Hellfire and from the Punishment of the Grave and from the trials of life and death and from the trial of the Dajjal (Antichrist).'

And the second proof is that on one occasion, a Jewish lady from Madinah came to Aaishah, one of the most knowledgeable of the Companions of Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) and said to her, "Indeed the dead people (may be) punished in their graves."

So Aaishah did not believe her when she said this. But when later, Muhammad came to Aaishah, she asked him about what this Jewish lady had said:

He replied:

'She told the truth; indeed they are punished with a punishment which all the animals hear.'

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And Aaishah said that she always saw Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) seeking refuge during the prayer from the punishment in the grave after that.

This second hadeeth was reported by the two most famous collectors of hadeeths, who were called al Bukhaaree and Muslim.