

The one who commits suicide

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The Major sin – Twenty-Five

The One Who Commits Suicide which is from the Greatest of Sins

Allaah (تعالى)¹ says:

[And do not kill yourselves, indeed Allaah is Most Merciful to you.

And whoever commits that through aggression and injustice, We shall cast him into the Fire, and that is easy for Allaah. If you avoid the major sins which you are forbidden to do, We shall remit from you your (small) sins, and admit you to a Noble Entrance (i.e. Paradise).]

Allaah (تعالى) says:

[And those who invoke not any other ilâh (god) along with Allaah, nor kill such life as Allaah has forbidden.....]

191 – Narrated by Jundub ibn Abdullaah (رضي الله عنه)²:

That the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)³ said, “Amongst the nations before you was a man who had a wound, and growing impatient (with its pain), he took a knife and cut his hand with it and the blood did not stop until he died. Allaah said, ‘My Slave hurried to bring death upon himself so I have forbidden him (to enter) Paradise.’⁴

192 – Narrated Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) who said:

That the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

“Whoever kills himself with an iron weapon, will be carrying that weapon in his hand and stabbing his abdomen with it in the (Hell) Fire wherein he will abide eternally forever. and whoever drinks poison and

¹ (تعالى) Ta'aala (He, The Most High)

² (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

³ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁴ Agreed upon by Bukhaaree & Muslim

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kills himself with it, he will be carrying his poison in his hand and drinking it in the (Hell) Fire wherein he will abide eternally forever; ”⁵

193 – In an authentic hadeeth: A person was wounded, he hurried death and killed himself with the tip of his sword, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: **“He is from the people of the fire.”**

194 – It is narrated on the authority of Yahya bin Abee Katheer, on the authority of Abee Qilaaba, on the authority of Thabit bin al-Dahhak:

That the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said : **“Cursing a believer is like killing him, and whoever accuses a believer of *Kufr* then he is like his killer, and he who killed himself with something in this world then Allaah will punish him with that (very thing) on the Day of Resurrection.”⁶**

All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.

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⁶ Authentic hadeeth