

Last Day 34 – The Hawd

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QUESTION: What is the Hawd (Lake) that Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) will have on that Day? Will people drink from it?

ANSWER:

Islam teaches that Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) will have a great lake on the Day of Judgement which some people will be allowed to drink from.

The texts in Islam describe this Hawd in some detail and so we will discuss some of its characteristics in this article.

Among its attributes are:

- 1) It will be made available to the Muslims before the people cross the Siraat (the Bridge which we discussed in **Last Day 33**). At that time, the people will be in great need of a drink due to the difficulties of that time such as the Sun coming close to the people – as we mentioned in **Last Day 29** of this series.
- 2) The Hawd will be filled with pure water with two water channels flowing into it from al Kawthar , a river in Paradise which is mentioned in Soorah al Kawthar (the 108th chapter of the Qur'aan).
- 3) Its colour will be like the whiteness of milk and its taste will be sweeter than honey.
- 4) Such are its tremendous benefits that whoever takes one drink from this Hawd will never feel thirsty again.
- 5) The drinking vessels which the people use to drink the water from the Hawd are the like the stars of the heavens, in terms of their light and radiance and also in terms of their great number.
- 6) It is very large because its length is that of a month and its width is that of a month. This distance refers to a month's journey by camel.
- 7) It is already in existence - since Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) said whilst delivering a sermon to his Companions one day:

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And by Allaah, I am now looking at my Hawd.

And the fact that we cannot perceive where the Hawd is does not stop Muslims believing in it - as we have mentioned in past articles – since Islam teaches that there are a great many things that humans cannot perceive which do in fact exist.