
Last Day 35 – Will all Muslims be allowed to drink from the Hawd?

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QUESTION: Will all the people who claimed to be Muslims in this life be allowed to drink from the Hawd (great lake)?

ANSWER:

People may be surprised to know that the answer here is no.

In a well known hadeeth, Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) said that there will be some people who claimed to be Muslim who will be turned away from the Hawd when they try to drink from it.

Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) will say:

“O my Lord, they are my companions, my companions!”

And in another version of this hadeeth:

“O my Lord, he (this person) is from my nation!”

And it will be said to Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him):

You do not know what they (tried to) introduce into the religion after you!

One of the great scholars of the past called Imam al Qurtubee said about this:

“Whoever apostatises from the religion of Allaah or innovates into it something which Allaah is not pleased with and which (Allaah) did not give permission for – then he will be from the people who are turned away from the Hawd.

And those who will be turned away the most will those who opposed the united body of Muslims who were upon the Truth – (sects such as) the Khawaarij, the Raafidee (Shee’ah) and the Mu’tazilah with their different subgroups. All of these are people who have tried to change the religion.”

This hadeeth highlights the dispraise and criticism that Islam has for innovations in the religion. For as we discussed previously, Muslims believe that Islam is complete and in no need of alteration.

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The Qur'aan states:

On this day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.

[Surah al Maa'idah (the 5th chapter) verse 3]

And Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) said:

“Whoever tries to introduce something into this affair of ours which is not actually from it will have it rejected.”

So Islam is complete and in no need of any “improvements”. And the person who tries to make changes to the religion has been threatened with various punishments including those mentioned here: being turned away from the Hawd as well as receiving no reward for the deeds which they did which had no basis in the Sharee'ah.