

Last Day 37 – Interceding for others on the Day of Judgement

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QUESTION: Who will be allowed to intercede for others on that Day?

ANSWER:

Muslims believe that the final Prophet, Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) will be given the right to intercede on that Day for certain Muslims.

Amongst those he will intercede for are:

An intercession for the Judgement of the Creation to be completed when the standing of the people becomes very prolonged and the Sun comes close to the people.

An intercession for the people who are destined to go to Paradise to actually enter Paradise.

An intercession for the people of Paradise that Allaah raise their station and level in Paradise.

An intercession for the people of Tawheed who have entered Hell (due to sins they committed in this life) to be taken out of it.

Other righteous beings and people will also be allowed to intercede for others; these righteous beings include the angels and the prophets.

QUESTION: Will any people of shirk be interceded for?

ANSWER:

We mentioned in **Last Day 36** that the people of shirk will not be interceded for. There is one exception to this.

The uncle of the Prophet Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) – a man called Aboo Taalib – will be the only person of shirk who will be interceded for. This is on account of the great help and support he gave to his nephew, despite his not accepting Islam.

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Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) was keen for his paternal uncle to be guided before the latter died; but when Aboo Taalib died upon shirk, the Prophet (may perfect peace and security be upon him) said:

I will certainly seek forgiveness for you as long as I am not forbidden from doing so.

However, Allaah did forbid him from seeking forgiveness for his uncle:

It is not right for the Prophet nor for the believers that they should seek forgiveness for the mushrikeen (people of shirk), even if they be close relatives.

[Soorah at Tawbah (the 9th chapter) aayah 113]

Because of his support of Islam, Aboo Taalib will be interceded for by his nephew but it will be intercession only for his punishment in Hell to be lightened and it will not be for him to be taken out of the Hellfire.