

Following funeral and matters relating to illness and death

Imaam Al-Nawawee's Riyad-us-Saliheen Chapter 144

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

894. Al-Bara' bin `Azib (May Allaah be pleased with them) reported: Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) has ordered us to visit the sick, to follow the funeral (of a dead believer), respond to the sneezer (i.e., by saying to him: Yarhamuk-Allaah after he says: Al-hamdu lillaah), to help those who vow to fulfil it, to help the oppressed, to accept the invitation extended by the inviter; and to promote greetings (i.e., saying As-Salamu `Alaikum).¹

895. Aboo Hurairah (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "**Every Muslim has five rights over another Muslim** (i.e., he has to perform five duties for another Muslim): **to return the greetings, to visit the sick, to accompany funeral processions, to accept an invitation, to respond to the sneezer** [i.e., to say: `Yarhamuk-Allaah (may Allaah bestow His Mercy on you),' **when the sneezer praises Allaah**]."²

896. Aboo Hurairah (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "**Verily, Allaah, the Exalted, and Glorious will say on the Day of Resurrection: `O son of Aadam, I was ill but you did not visit Me.' He would say: `O my Rubb, how could I visit you and You are the Rubb of the worlds?' Thereupon He would say: `Did you not know that such and such a slave of Mine was ill but you did not visit him? Did you not realise that if you had visited him (you would have known that I was aware of your visit to him, for which I would reward you) you would have found Me with him? O son of Aadam, I asked food from you but you did not feed Me.' He would submit: `My Rubb, how could I feed You and You are the Rubb of the worlds?' He would say: `Did you not know that such and such a slave of Mine asked you for food but you did not feed him? Did you not realise that if you had fed him, you would certainly have found (its reward) with Me? O son of Aadam, I asked water from you but you did not give it to Me.' He would say: `My Rubb, how could I give You (water) and You are the Rubb of the worlds?' Thereupon He would say: `Such and such a slave of Mine asked you for water to drink but you did not give it to him. Did you not realise that if you had given him to drink you would have found (its reward) with Me?'"³**

¹ Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim

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897. Aboo Moosa (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, “*Visit the sick, feed the hungry, and (arrange for the) release of the captive.*”⁴

898. Thauban (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, “*He who visits his brother in Faith, will remain engaged in picking the fresh fruits from the garden of Jannah till he returns.*”⁵

899. `Alee bin Aboo Taalib (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) saying, “*When a Muslim visits a sick Muslim at dawn, seventy thousand angels keep on praying for him till dusk. If he visits him in the evening, seventy thousand angels keep on praying for him till the morning; and he will have (his share of) reaped fruits in Jannah.*”⁶

900. Anas (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: A young Jewish boy who was in the service of the Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) fell ill. The Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) went to visit him. He sat down by his head and said to him, “*Embrace Islaam.*” The little boy looked at his father who was sitting beside him. He said: “Obey Abul-Qasim (i.e., the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam)).” So he embraced Islaam and the Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) stepped out saying, “*Praise be to Allaah Who has saved him from Hell-fire.*”⁷

⁴ Al-Bukhaaree

⁵ Muslim

⁶ At-Tirmidhee

⁷ Al-Bukhaaree