

Good words uttered before dying person and his family

Imaam Al-Nawawee's Riyad-us-Saliheen Chapter 152

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

917. Umm Salamah (May Allaah be pleased with her): The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "**When you visit a sick or a dying person, you should utter good words because the angels say 'Ameen' at what you say.**" She added: When Aboo Salamah (May Allaah be pleased with him) died, I came to the Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) and said: "O Messenger of Allaah, Aboo Salamah has died." He (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) directed me to supplicate thus:

اللهم اغفر لي وله، واعقبني منه عقبة حسنة

"**Allaahummaghfir li wa lahu, wa a'qibni minhu 'uqba hasanatan**

[O Allaah, forgive me and him, and bestow upon me a better future (give me a better substitute)]."

So I supplicated as he directed, and Allaah gave me a man who was better for me than Aboo Salamah (i.e., the Prophet Muhammad (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam)). (The Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) married Umm Salamah afterwards.)¹

921. Umm Salamah (May Allaah be pleased with her) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) saying, "**When a person suffers from a calamity and utters: 'Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'oon. Allaahumma ujurni fi musibati, wakhlu' li khairan minha (We belong to Allaah and to Him we shall return. O Allaah! Compensate me in my affliction, recompense my loss and give me something better in exchange for it), then Allaah surely compensates him with reward and better substitute.**" Umm Salamah (May Allaah be pleased with her) said: When Aboo Salamah (May Allaah be pleased with him) died, I repeated the same supplication as the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) had commanded me (to do). So Allaah bestowed upon me a better substitute than him (I was married to Muhammad, the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam)).²

922. Aboo Musa Al-Ash'aree (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "**When a man's child dies, Allaah, the Exalted, asks His angels, 'Have you taken out the life of the child of My slave?' and they reply in the affirmative. He (The Most High) then asks, 'Have you taken the fruit of his heart?' and they reply in the affirmative. Thereupon He asks, 'What did my slave say?' They say: 'He praised You and said: Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi**

¹ Muslim

² Muslim

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raji'oon (We belong to Allaah and to Him we shall return).’ Allaah says: `Build a house for my slave in Jannah and name it Baitul-Hamd (the House of Praise).”³

923. Aboo Hurairah (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said: "**Allaah, the Exalted, says: `I have no reward except Jannah for a believing slave of Mine who shows patience and anticipates My reward when I take away his favourite one from the inhabitants of the world.**"⁴

924. Usamah bin Zaid (May Allaah be pleased with them) reported: A daughter of the Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) sent a message to him that her son was at his last breath, and requested him to come to her. The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) sent back the informer saying: "**To Allaah belongs what He takes and what He gives, and everything has a limited period (in this world). So ask her to endure patiently, and expect the reward of Allaah.**"⁵

³ At-Tirmidhee

⁴ Al-Bukhaaree

⁵ Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim