

The Day of Resurrection (part 2 of 3): Resurrection

Description: The Resurrection, the Intercession the Distribution of Records, and the Scales of Justice.

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Just lately, the news was filled with stories of the war criminal *Slobodan Milošević* and how he 'prematurely' died without being served justice. Even if he were convicted of his crimes by the Hague, what just punishment could possibly be served? On the same notion, how many have been able to bribe a judge or an entire justice system? It's just too often that we hear of a judge or attorney being arrested on corruption charges.

The Justice system of the Hereafter is flawless and absolutely just. No judgment can be overturned by a jury nor can it be influenced by any individual!

The Resurrection

The great Companion, Ibn Abbas, may God be pleased with him, said that the Prophet, may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him, said:

"You will be summoned on the Day of Resurrection bare-footed, naked and uncircumcised."

He then read the words of God:

"As We began the first creation, We will repeat it. [That is] a promise binding upon Us. Indeed, We will do it." (Quran 21:104)

"The first person to be dressed on that day will be Prophet Abraham." (*Saheeh Al-Bukhari*)

Aishah, the Mother of the Believers, exclaimed: "Men and women both! Won't they all look at each other?" The Prophet said:

"The situation they are in is so grim that they would have no time for this!" (*Saheeh Muslim*)

As humankind awaits the decree of Almighty God, they would be standing under the sun, which would be brought close to them. Al-Miqdad b. al-Aswad, one of the Companions, said: 'I heard the Messenger of God saying:

"The sun will be a distance of a mile from the creation on the Day of Resurrection. People will sink in their perspiration according to their deeds. Some would sink in their perspiration till their ankles, while others would sink in it to their thighs and waists; yet others, would sink in it till their mouths!" (*Saheeh Muslim*)

If anyone of us, today, was to sweat on a sunny day, they wouldn't be able to wait to hit the showers... the Day of Resurrection will be 50 000 years long. The Prophet said:

"That day will be 50 000 years long, after which a person will be admitted into Paradise or cast into Hell." (*Abu Dawood*)

Peoples' hearts will be pounding, not knowing what would become of them. God describes to us the horrors of that day. He says:

"On the Day you see it every nursing mother will be distracted from that [child] she was nursing, and every pregnant woman will abort her pregnancy, and you will see the people [appearing] intoxicated while they are not intoxicated; but the punishment of Allah is severe." (Quran 22:2)

Even the believers who believed in truth will be severely worried. God says:

"And they who give what they give while their hearts are fearful because they will be returning to their Lord." (Quran 23:60)

Aishah, may God be pleased with her, said: "Are they those who drink liquor, and steal?" The Prophet answered:

"No, Aishah, they are the ones who fast, pray and give out in charity, but are fearful that their deeds would not be accepted from them." (*Saheeh Muslim*)

The Intercession

As humankind waits, some would exclaim, 'Let us ask somebody to intercede for us with our Lord!' The people would then go to Adam and say:

'You are the father of all the people, and Allah created you with His Own Hands, and ordered the Angels to prostrate to you, and taught you the names of all things; so please intercede for us with your Lord, so that He may relieve us from this place of ours.'

He would say: 'I am not fit for this (i.e. intercession for you).'

Adam would remember his sin and feel ashamed thereof. He would then say, 'Go to Noah, for he was the first Messenger, God sent to the inhabitants of the Earth.'

He would say: 'I am not fit for this undertaking!'

He will remember his appeal to his Lord to do what he had no knowledge of, then he will feel ashamed thereof and would say,

'Go to the *Khalil ur-Rahman* (i.e. Abraham, the One whom God chose for His love).'

They will go to him and he will say, 'I am not fit for this undertaking. Go to Moses, the slave to whom God spoke (directly) and gave him the Torah.'

So they will go to him and he will say, 'I am not fit for this undertaking,' and he will mention (his) killing a person who was not a killer, and so he will feel ashamed thereof before his Lord, and he will say, 'Go to Jesus, God's Slave, His Messenger and God's Word and a Spirit coming from Him.'

Jesus will say, 'I am not fit for this undertaking, go to Muhammad the Slave of God whose past and future sins were forgiven by God.'

Prophet Muhammad then said: 'They will come to me and I will proceed till I will ask my Lord's Permission and I will be given permission. When I see my Lord, I will fall down in Prostration and He will let me remain in that state as long as He wishes and then I will be addressed.' [Muhammad!] Raise your head. Ask, and your request will be granted; say, and your saying will be listened to; intercede, and your intercession will be accepted.'

I will raise my head and praise God with a saying (i.e. invocation) He will teach me, and then I will intercede. He will fix a limit for me [to intercede for] whom I will admit into the Paradise. Then I will come back again to God, and when I see my Lord, the same thing will happen to me. And then I will intercede and God will fix a limit for me to intercede whom I will let into the Heavenly Abode, then I will come back for the third time; and then I will come back for the fourth time, and will say, 'None remains in Hell but those whom the Quran has imprisoned [in Hell] and who have been destined to an eternal stay in Hell.'" (*Saheeh Al-Bukhari*)

The Distribution of Records

After the agonizing wait and the Prophet's intercession, people's records of deeds will be handed out. God says:

"Then as for he who is given his record in his right hand, he will be judged with an easy account and return to his people in happiness. But as for he who is given his record behind his back, he will cry out for destruction and [enter to] burn in a Blaze." (Quran 84:7-12)

This is further clarified by God in the following verses:

"So as for he who is given his record in his right hand, he will say, 'Here, read my record! Indeed, I was certain that I would be meeting my account.' So he will be in a pleasant life - In an elevated Garden, its [fruit] to be picked hanging near. [They will be told], 'Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you put forth in the days past.' But as for he who is given his record in his left hand, he will say, 'Oh, I wish I had not been given my record And had not known what is my account. I wish it [i.e., my death] had been the decisive one. My wealth has not availed me. Gone from me is my authority.' [God will say], 'Seize him and shackle him. Then into Hellfire drive him. Then into a chain whose length is seventy cubits insert him.' Indeed, he did not used to believe in God, the Most Great, nor did he encourage the feeding of the poor. So there is not for him here this Day any devoted friend. Nor any food except from the discharge of wounds; none will eat it except the sinners." (Quran 69:19-37)

The Scales of Justice

Everyone's deeds will be weighed in actual scale and if the good outweighs the evil, they will be successful but if the opposite happens they will be among the losers.

God says: "And We place the scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection, so no soul will be treated unjustly at all. And if there is [even] the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it forth. And sufficient are We as accountant."

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