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- Just as parents are comforted in knowing their children are doing good, we should find comfort in knowing how our loved ones are being received.
- The Prophet SAW described in hadith the journey of the soul once it departs. He SAW said:

إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ الْمُؤْمِنَ إِذَا كَانَ فِي انْقِطَاعِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَإِقْبَالَ مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ، نَزَلَ إِلَيْهِ مَلَائِكَةٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ بِيضُ الْوُجُوهِ، كَأَنَّ وُجُوهُهُمْ الشَّمْسُ، مَعَهُمْ كَفَنٌ مِنْ أَكْفَانِ الْجَنَّةِ،

When a believing slave is reaching the end of his term in the life of this world and the beginning of his term in the Hereafter, a group of angels, whose faces are white and as radiant as the sun, will descend onto him from heaven.

وَحَنُوطٌ مِنْ حَنُوطِ الْجَنَّةِ، حَتَّى يَجْلِسُوا مِنْهُ مَدَّ الْبَصَرِ، ثُمَّ يَجِيءُ مَلَكُ الْمَوْتِ حَتَّى يَجْلِسَ عِنْدَ رَأْسِهِ، فَيَقُولُ: أَيَّتَهَا النَّفْسُ الطَّيِّبَةُ أَخْرُجِي إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٍ

They will carry with them white shroud from Paradise, and fragrance for enshrouding from Paradise. They will sit as far from him as the sight goes. Then, the angel of death, will come until he sits right next to his head, saying, "O, good and pure soul! Depart (your body) to Allah's forgiveness and pleasure."

قَالَ: فَتَخْرُجُ تَسِيلٌ، كَمَا تَسِيلُ الْقَطْرَةُ مِنْ فِي السَّقَاءِ، فَيَأْخُذُهَا،

So the soul flows (out of its body), just as the drop flows out from the tip of the jug, and the angel of death captures it.

فَإِذَا أَخَذَهَا لَمْ يَدْعُوهَا فِي يَدِهِ طَرْفَةً عَيْنٍ حَتَّى يَأْخُذُوهَا فَيَجْعَلُوهَا فِي ذَلِكَ الْكَفَنِ وَفِي ذَلِكَ الْحَنُوطِ، وَيَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا كَأَطْيَبِ نَفْحَةٍ مِسْكِ وَوَجِدَتْ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْأَرْضِ، فَيَصْعَدُونَ بِهَا فَلَا يَمُرُّونَ بِهَا،

When he captures the soul, they (the group of angels) will not leave it with him for more than an instance, and they will seize it and wrap it in that shroud, and in that fragrance. A most pleasant musk scent ever found on the earth, will flow out of the soul, and the angels will ascend it (to heaven).

يَعْنِي عَلَى مَلَأٍ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، إِلَّا قَالُوا: مَا هَذِهِ الرُّوحُ الطَّيِّبَةُ؟

They will not pass by, but they will say, "Whose is this Tayyib (good) soul?"

فَيَقُولُونَ: فَلَانُ بْنُ فَلَانٍ بِأَحْسَنِ أَسْمَائِهِ الَّتِي كَانُوا يُسَمُّونَهُ بِهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا

They (the angels who are ascending the soul) will reply, "Such person, the son of such and such person," -- calling him by the best names that he used to be called in the world.

حَتَّى يَنْتَهُوا بِهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا فَيَسْتَفْتِحُونَ لَهُ، فَيُفْتَحُ لَهُ فَيُشَيِّعُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ سَمَاءٍ مُقَرَّبُوهَا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الَّتِي تَلِيهَا، حَتَّى يُنْتَهَى بِهَا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ السَّابِعَةِ،

They will reach the lower heaven and will ask that its door be opened for him, and it will be opened for them. The best residents of every heaven will then see him to the next heaven, until he is brought to the seventh heaven.

فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ: اكْتُبُوا كِتَابَ عِبْدِي فِي عَلِيِّينَ وَأَعِيدُوهُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ، فَإِنِّي مِنْهَا خَلَقْتُهُمْ وَفِيهَا أَعِيدُهُمْ، وَمِنْهَا أَخْرَجْتُهُمْ تَارَةً أُخْرَى،

Allah, the Exalted and Ever High, will say, "List my servants record in `Illiyin and send him back to earth, for I have created them from it, and into it I shall return them, and from it I shall bring them out once again."

قَالَ: فَتَعَادُ رُوحُهُ فِي جَسَدِهِ، فَيَأْتِيهِ مَلَكَانِ فَيُجْلِسَانِهِ فَيَقُولَانِ لَهُ: مَنْ رَبُّكَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: رَبِّي اللَّهُ، فَيَقُولَانِ لَهُ: مَا دِينُكَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: دِينِي الْإِسْلَامُ،

The soul will be joined with its body, and two angels will come to him, sit him up and ask him, "Who is your Lord?" He will say, "Allah is my Lord." They will ask him, "What is your religion?" He will say, "My religion is Islam."

فَيَقُولَانِ لَهُ: مَا هَذَا الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي بُعِثَ فِيكُمْ؟ فَيَقُولُ: هُوَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ،
فَيَقُولَانِ لَهُ: وَمَا عِلْمُكَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: قَرَأْتُ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ فَأَمَنْتُ بِهِ وَصَدَّقْتُ

They will say to him, "What do you say about this man (Prophet Muhammad) who was sent to you?" He will say, "He is the Messenger of Allah." They will ask him, "And what proof do you have about it?" He will say, "I read the Book of Allah (the Qur'an), and had faith and belief in him."

فَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ: أَنْ صَدَقَ عَبْدِي فَأَفْرِشُوهُ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ، وَأَلْبِسُوهُ
مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ، وَافْتَحُوا لَهُ بَابًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ

Then, a caller (Allah) will herald from heaven, "My servant has said the truth. Therefore, furnish him from Paradise, and let him wear from (the clothes of) Paradise, and open a door for him to Paradise."

قَالَ: فَيَأْتِيهِ مِنْ رَوْحِهَا وَطِيْبِهَا وَيُفْسِحُ لَهُ فِي قَبْرِهِ مَدَّ بَصَرِهِ

So he is given from Paradise's tranquility and good scent, and his grave will be expanded for him as far as his sight can reach.

وَيَأْتِيهِ رَجُلٌ حَسَنُ الْوَجْهِ، حَسَنُ الثِّيَابِ، طَيِّبُ الرَّيْحِ، فَيَقُولُ: أَبَشِّرُ بِالَّذِي
يَسْرُكَ، هَذَا يَوْمُكَ الَّذِي كُنْتَ تُوعَدُ،

Then, a man, with a handsome face and handsome clothes and whose scent is pleasant, will come to him, saying, "Receive the glad tidings with that which pleases you. This is the Day which you were promised."

فَيَقُولُ لَهُ: مَنْ أَنْتَ فَوَجْهَكَ الْوَجْهُ الَّذِي يَأْتِي بِالْخَيْرِ؟ فَيَقُولُ: أَنَا عَمَلُكَ
الصَّالِحِ، فَيَقُولُ: رَبِّ أَقِمِ السَّاعَةَ رَبِّ أَقِمِ السَّاعَةَ، حَتَّى أَرْجِعَ إِلَى أَهْلِي
وَمَالِي.

He will ask him, "Who are you; for yours is the face that carries the good news" He will reply, "I am your good works." He will say, "O Lord! Hurry up with the commencement of the Hour, hurry up with the commencement of the Hour, so I can return to my family and my wealth."

- In our realm this may seem to be only a few seconds but time is not like this in the Akhira.
- The hadith mentions the soul leaving as water leaves a jug - water has connotations of comfort and ease.

- The angels will comfort the dying person by saying:

نَحْنُ أَوْلِيَاؤُكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهِي أَنْفُسُكُمْ
وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَدْعُونَ

"We are your protectors in this life and in the Hereafter: therein shall you have all that your souls shall desire; therein shall you have all that you ask for (Surah Fussilar, Ayah 31)

- The angels will comfort the passing person telling them not to worry and that they'll be by their side.
- The angels will call upon the person as they were called upon on this earth i.e 'the generous one' hence the importance of giving good nicknames.
- The highest rank in Jannah is عليين
- When the Prophet ﷺ was passing away he had the choice of staying in this world or returning to Allah and he chose to go back. In the time close to his passing he would frequently recite from Surah Al-Nisaa and especially a portion of an ayah:

مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ

'of the prophets (who teach), the sincere (lovers of Truth), the witnesses (who testify), and the Righteous (who do good)' (Surah Al-Nisa, Ayah 69)

- When Bilal RA was passing away, his family members were exclaiming what a sad day this is. Bilal RA said rather what a good day this is as he would be reunited with the Prophet ﷺ.
- The day Uthmaan RA passed away he was fasting. Whilst taking a nap the Prophet ﷺ came to him in a dream and said to him, 'Oh Uthman, would you like to break your fast with us?' And he said 'of course Rasulullah' and as per the hadith he passed away that day and opened his fast with the Prophet ﷺ.
- The more we know the Prophet ﷺ, the easier it will be for us to answer the question regarding him in the grave.
- The martyrs will be flying in Jannah and will have a place under the throne of Allah.

- The Prophet ﷺ mentioned in hadith:

• من أحب لقاء الله أحب لقاءه ومن كره لقاء الله كره لقاءه

Whosoever longs to meet Allah, Allah longs to meet him and whosoever hates to meet Allah, Allah hates to meet him.

- Ibrahim AS once asked the angel of death to show his form when he comes to a believer and he showed his form as a man in white who was beautiful and smelt of musk.
- The people, once the soul has left this world, will tell the angels to look after the individual as he's come from a difficult place. Similarly, the people will rush to ask this individual regarding their loved ones on earth and the angels will tell them to give him time to get comfortable as he's just come from a tough place.
- The Prophet ﷺ said the one who said the kalimah will enter Jannah. He was asked three times, "Even the one who has committed major sins?" and he replied yes.
- The deceased is aware of who is giving him his ghusl as well as who lowers him into his grave.
- Uthmaan bin Affaan RA on the mention of Jannah and Jahannam would not cry but when going past the graveyard his tears would flow.
- To the believer, the grave will meet him with "مرحبا مرحبا", "welcome, welcome" and it will embrace the believer like a mother.
- The Prophet ﷺ said:

القبر روضة من رياض الجنة أو حفرة من حفر النار

The grave will be a garden from the gardens of Jannah or a pit from the pits of Jahannam.