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The Day of Resurrection

The Blowing of the Trumpet

- When the Final Day arrives, the trumpet (sur) will be blown. Allah tells us:

وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَإِذَا هُمْ مِنَ الْأَجْدَاثِ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَنْسِلُونَ

The Trumpet will be blown 'a second time', then—behold!—they will rush from the graves to their Lord. (36:51)

- The trumpet will be blown twice. After the second time, resurrection begins. However, some of the scholars said that the trumpet will be blown three times.
- The trumpet separates the world from the akhirah. Thereupon, we will enter a completely new realm.
- On that Day, when the first trumpet is sounded, it will send shock waves and there will be no soul remaining except Allah.
- Allah will order for the trumpet to be blown a second time. When the second trumpet is sounded, the resurrection will come to pass and people will come forth from their graves.
- The blowing of the trumpet will be executed by Israfil. He is tasked with this responsibility and is awaiting the command of Allah, as mentioned in several hadith.
 - Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

"فكأن ذلك ثقل على أصحاب رسول الله ، صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال لهم: "قولوا: حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل"

How can I feel at ease when the Angel of the Trumpet, (Israfil) has put his lips" perceived as if (ﷺ) to the Trumpet and is waiting for the order to blow it". He told them to seek comfort through (ﷺ) this had shocked his Companions, so he reciting: 'Hasbunallah wa ni'mal-Wakil [Allah (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)]". (At-Tirmidhi)

- The Prophet (ﷺ) also described: "The gaze of the one who will blow the Trumpet has been fixed since he was entrusted with it, looking towards the throne, ready (to blow it), in case he will be commanded to do so before he blinks, as if his eyes are two shining stars." (Al-Albani)
- The trumpet will be blown on a Friday, based on these reports.
 - Abu Hurairah reported the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) as saying:

" خَيْرُ يَوْمٍ طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فِيهِ خُلِقَ آدَمُ وَفِيهِ أُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ وَفِيهِ أُخْرِجَ مِنْهَا وَلَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ إِلَّا فِي يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ " .

The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created. on it he was made to enter Paradise, on it he was expelled from it. And the last hour will take place on no day other than Friday. (Sahih Muslim)

- It was narrated that Shaddad bin Aws said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

" إِنْ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَيَّامِكُمْ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فِيهِ خُلِقَ آدَمُ وَفِيهِ النَّفْحَةُ وَفِيهِ الصَّعْقَةُ فَأَكْثَرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ فِيهِ فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ " . فَقَالَ رَجُلٌ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ كَيْفَ تُعَرِّضُ صَلَاتَنَا عَلَيْكَ وَقَدْ أَرَمْتَ - يَعْنِي بَلِيَّتْ - . فَقَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ تَأْكُلَ أَجْسَادَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ " .

'The best of your days is Friday. On it Adam was created, on it the Trumpet will be blown, on it all creatures will swoon. So send a great deal of peace and blessings upon me on that day, for your peace and blessings will be presented to me.' A man said: 'O Messenger of Allah, how will our peace and blessings be shown to you when you will have disintegrated?' He said: 'Allah has forbidden the earth to consume the bodies of the Prophets.'" (Sunan Ibn Majah)

- While human beings and jinn are neglectful of the Final Day, all the animals are expecting and fearing it.
 - Abu Hurairah reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

مَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ إِلَّا وَهِيَ مُسِيخَةٌ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ مِنْ حِينَ تُصْبِحُ حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ شَفَقًا مِنْ السَّاعَةِ إِلَّا الْإِنْسَ وَالْإِنْسَ

“There is no creature but that it is alert on Friday when it awakens until the sun sets, anxious of the Hour, except for humans and jinn.” (Sunan Abi Dawud)

- We have to prepare for these decisive moments by hastening to do righteous deeds and keeping away from evil deeds, as we will never know which Friday the Hour will fall upon.

Our Resurrection

- The terms for resurrection in Arabic:
 - بَعَثَ - Means to send, to bring to life, to awaken, to raise
 - نُشِّرُ - Means to spread, to revive, to resurrect
- On the Day of Resurrection, everyone will swoon in terror and everything will happen swiftly that multiple people engaging in different things will drop dead.
- Allah will then raise the dead from their graves, and He will cause the souls to return to each one of their bodies.
- Many struggle to come to terms with the concept of resurrection; it became a main contention with the Quraysh.
- There is an abundance of signs in nature for us to reflect upon. Yet, most fail to take notice of them.
- In Surah Al-A'raf, Allah refers to resurrection by using the analogy of the earth coming back to life after it has died. He said:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُرْسِلُ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ حَتَّى إِذَا أَقْلَّتْ سَحَابًا ثِقَالًا سُقِنَهُ لِبَلَدٍ مَّيِّتٍ فَأَنْزَلْنَا بِهِ الْمَاءَ فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ كَذَلِكَ نُخْرِجُ الْمَوْتَى لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

He is the One Who sends the winds ushering in His mercy. When they bear heavy clouds, We drive them to a lifeless land and then cause rain to fall, producing every type of fruit. Similarly, We will bring the dead to life, so perhaps you will be mindful.

(7:57)

- In Surah Yasin, Allah said:

وَأَيُّ لَّهُمْ الْأَرْضُ الْمَيِّتَةُ أَحْيَيْنَاهَا وَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهَا حَبًّا فَمِنْهُ يَأْكُلُونَ

There is a sign for them in the dead earth: We give it life, producing grain from it for them to eat. (36:33)

- Allah originated creation. He is capable of allowing crops to grow from the earth and revives the earth after it is lifeless, then He has the ability to bring forth creation in the Hereafter.

- All the bodies in the earth will come out of the earth just as the seed sprouts from the earth. Everyone will be resurrected exactly as they were created before.
- According to the hadith of Abu Razin: I said, "O Messenger of Allah, how will Allah bring the dead back to life? What is the sign of that in His creation?" He said:

يَا أَبَا رَزِينٍ أَمَا مَرَرْتَ بِوَادِي قَوْمِكَ مُمَجَلًّا ثُمَّ مَرَرْتَ بِهِ يَهْتَرُ خَصِرًا

"O Abu Razin, do you not pass through the valley of your people (and see it) arid and barren, then you pass through it (and see it) stirred (to life) and green." I said, "Yes."

He said:

فَكَذَلِكَ يُحْيِي اللَّهُ الْمَوْتَى

Thus will Allah bring the dead back to life.

- While every part of the human being will disintegrate in the earth, they will be reconstructed through their tailbone. The earth consumes every person's body except for the bodies of the Prophets.

- Abu Hurairah narrated the Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"بين النفختين أربعون" قالوا: يا أبا هريرة أربعون يوماً؟ قال: أبيت، قالوا: أربعون سنة؟ قال: أبيت، قالوا: أربعون شهراً؟ قال: أبيت "ويبقى كل شيء من الإنسان إلا عجب ذنبه، فيه يركب الخلق، ثم ينزل الله من السماء ماء، فينبتون كما ينبت البقل"

"Between the two Blowing of the Trumpet there will be an interval of forty." The people said, "O Abu Hurairah! Do you mean forty days?" He said, "I cannot say anything." They said, "Do you mean forty years?" He said, "I cannot say anything." They said, "Do you mean forty months?" He said, "I cannot say anything. The Prophet added: 'Everything of the human body will perish except the last coccyx bone (end part of the spinal cord), and from that bone Allah will reconstruct the whole body.

Then Allah will send down water from the sky and people will grow like green vegetables'." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

- Every human will be raised on the Final Day based on what they died upon.
- Jabir reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

يُبْعَثُ كُلُّ عَبْدٍ عَلَى مَا مَاتَ عَلَيْهِ

"Every servant will be resurrected upon the way that they died." (Sahih Muslim)

- This means that if a person dies as a Muslim, they will be resurrected upon their iman. Whereas if a person died as a hypocrite, they will be resurrected in a state of hypocrisy.
- Our actions upon death will impact the condition of our resurrection. This means that if a person dies upon a sin, they will be resurrected in damnation.
 - The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

من مات سكران فإنه يعاين ملك الموت سكران ويعاين منكرا ونكيرا سكرانا، و يبعث يوم القيمة سكران إلي خندق في وسط جحيم يسمى السكران

Whoever dies intoxicated, the Angel of Death, and Munkar and Nakir will view them as being intoxicated. They will also be resurrected in a trench in the middle of Jahannam on the Day of Judgment intoxicated.

- Similarly, those who engage in goodness, they will be resurrected in bliss (i.e. the martyrs).
 - The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

أن المؤذنين والمبلين يخرجون من قبورهم يوم القيمة، يؤذن، ويلبي الملبى

Those who call the adhan and those who recite the talbiyah (excessively) will leave their graves on the Day of Judgment while giving the adhan and saying the talbiyah (al-Qurtubi)

- Abu Hurairah reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

تضمن الله لمن خرج في سبيله لا يخرجه إلا جهاد في سبيلي، وإيمان بي وتصديق برسلي فهو علي ضامن أن أدخله الجنة، أو أرجعه إلى منزله الذي خرج منه بما نال من أجر، أو غنيمة، والذي نفس محمد بيده ما من كلم يكلم في سبيل الله إلا جاء يوم القيامة كهيئته يوم كلم، لونه لون دم، وريحه ريح مسك

“Allah guarantees that he who goes out to fight in His way believing in Him and affirming the truth of His Messenger, will either be admitted to Jannah or will be brought back to his home (safely) from where he has set out, with whatever reward or share of booty he may have gained. By Him in Whose Hand Muhammad's soul is, if a person is wounded in the way of Allah, he will come on the Day of Resurrection with his wound in the same condition as it was on the day when he received it; its color will be the color of blood but its smell will be the smell of musk.” (Muslim)

- Our ending dictates our life in the akhirah. Hence, if we want to be raised in the best state which is pleasing to Allah, we have to ensure that we are constantly engaging in the best deeds in this world.

Upon Resurrection

- In Surah Fussilat, Allah said:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ

Surely those who say, “Our Lord is Allah,” and then remain steadfast, the angels descend upon them, ‘saying,’ “Do not fear, nor grieve. Rather, rejoice in the good news of Paradise, which you have been promised. (41:30)

- Based on this verse, the scholars said that the angels will comfort and console the believers upon resurrection.
- Some scholars however say that this happens at the time of death, while others opine it will be during the resurrection.
- Our good deeds and bad deeds will have an effect upon our resurrection.
- According to an athar from Amr ibn Qays, when the believer exits their grave, their good deeds will come to greet them in a beautiful form with a pleasant odor. As for the disbeliever, their bad deeds will come to greet them in a horrendous form with a putrid smell.
- We will be resurrected with our deeds and they will accompany us in the akhirah.
- The believer will travel with their righteous deeds accompanying them like an honored delegation, while the disbeliever will travel bearing the burdens of their sins on their backs.
- Our good deeds will take care of us, while our bad deeds will testify against us; for the believers, if they fail to repent, as well as for the disbelievers.