

THE CONDITION OF THE LOVERS OF ALLAH IN THEIR GRAVES

At the time of death, the lovers of Allah ﷺ are showered with the blessings of Allah ﷻ, experiencing extraordinary and wondrous states in their graves.

*They entered their graves with the dye of love for Allah,
Into darkness like the night, they took along their lamps.*

Several incidents in this regard are given below:



The angels asked *Shaykh* Yahya bin Mu'adh Razi (rah) in his grave, "What have you brought?" He replied, "Verily, great is the statement of my master, the blessed Prophet ﷺ:

الدنيا سجن المؤمن

The world is a prison for the believer.

Tell me, what can a prisoner bring from a prison?” The angels left upon hearing this reply, and his grave was made into a garden.



A person saw Bayazid Bustami (rah) in a dream and asked him, “What transpired in your grave?” *Hadrat* Bustami replied, “The angels came and asked, ‘O old man, what have you brought?’ I replied, ‘When someone arrives at the door of a king it is not asked what he has brought, but rather what he has come to receive.’” The angels became happy upon hearing this reply.



After passing away Rabia al-Basriyyah (rah) appeared in a person’s dream. This person asked her (rah) what happened after she passed away. She said, “The angels came and began to ask, ‘Who is your Lord [*Man Rabbuki*]?’ I told them to go to Allah ﷻ and say on my behalf, ‘O Allah, Your creation is so vast yet You did not forget one old woman. I have no one but You, how could I forget You?’”



The angels asked *Shaykh* Junaid Baghdadi (rah) in his grave, “Who is your Lord?” He replied, “My Lord is He who commanded the angels to prostrate before Prophet Adam ﷺ.” The angels were stunned by this reply and went away.



After passing away, *Hadrat Shaykh* Abdul Qadir Jilani (rah) appeared in a person’s dream and was asked, “What happened after passing away?” He said, “The angels asked me, ‘Who is your Lord?’ I replied, ‘It is surprising that you have descended from

the *Sidrah al-Muntaha*²⁸ and have not forgotten Allah ﷻ. Should it be that I, who have descended only four feet, should forget everything?’ Thereafter the gates of Allah’s ﷻ mercy were opened and my grave was transformed into a garden.”



It is narrated in a hadith that when a believer is buried, Allah ﷻ tells the angels, “Here is a servant of mine, who having come from the material world [*dunya*], is tired. Tell him:

نم كنومة العروس

Sleep the sleep of a newlywed bride.

Here the scholars of hadith have noted a subtle point. The narration does not state, “Tell him: ‘Sleep peacefully,’” but rather, “Tell him: ‘Sleep the sleep of a newlywed bride.’” When a bride sleeps, none other than her beloved awakens her. Similarly, the believer sleeping in his grave will also be awakened by none other than his True Beloved ﷻ on the Day of Judgment. When a bride awakens, she sees the smiling face of her husband. And, when a sincere *‘ashiq* awakens on the Day of Judgment, he will behold Allah ﷻ smiling upon him.

²⁸ *Sidrah al-Muntaha* is a place located in the Seventh Heaven.