

Death

Part 2

As you may recall that a few weeks ago I began to cover the topic of death, we learnt the definition of death as mentioned by Sheikh that death is when the soul is separated from one place to another and explained by some ullaama a believer's death is a transference from a world of hardship to that of peace and luxury. We also learned how death came about, as a narration of Hazrat Basri (RD) that when Allah created Hazrat Adam and his family the angels expressed concern that the world would not be large enough to accommodate all of them. But Allah assured the angels by declaring that I shall create death, on hearing this, the angels disturbed and remarked that death would create fear and remove the pleasures of life. On hearing this Allah replied I shall create hope and ambition. Therefore it is very important that we live in this world keeping in mind that this life is short and temporary.

Therefore we should try and make the necessary preparation for the hereafter. There is no time to waste as mentioned in one Hadith of the prophet (S) Reported by Abdul Ibn Umar " He took hold of his shoulder and said be in this world as if you are a stranger or a traveller." Unfortunately we have reacted such a condition that we see people depart from this world day by day yet we do not take heed from this warning but yet we remain ignorant to our final abode.

Now if we remembered death frequently we would make the necessary preparations. As mentioned in Tirmidhi, the prophet (S) states "remember frequently the destroyer of pleasures," meaning death.

Now when one makes preparation for the world hereafter or one hand he makes preparation for himself, example he lives his life following the commands of Allah, fasting, salaah etc.

Now on the other hand before we leave this world we should also help our future generation by leaving behind that work which will benefit and make it easy for the next generation to proceed with the deen.

Now what is this work? My dear readers this work is that before he leaves this world he takes part in establishing Masjids, Madaris etc, takes part in helping the future generation to enhance their Islamic awareness. Therefore you will see that men should not confine himself to his own worship but think of others. Other wise my dear respected readers it is no point saying that unfortunately we are falling into the wrong hands. They are beginning to adopt the ways of the Kuffar. They are falling into the hands of those people who are not correct in their belief and on the other hand we are not ready to do anything practically to prevent those things from happening.

So therefore by establishing these madaris etc. We are leaving behind a more secure spiritual future for our children.

So as I was saying my dear readers we should think of death frequently. There is no doubt that there is a cure every disease, if anyone is affected by a disease then it might be cured through medicine, his life may prolong for an extent. But one day this same person will experience something with no cure at all, that is death. Allah states in the Qur'an: -

“Wherever you may be death will overtake you even if you are in fortresses built up strong and high.”

Now there is a bind between the body and the soul. This can be explained by portraying the attraction between two magnets, it is hard to pull them apart; likewise the attraction to the soul to the material body is more due to the love of the more materialistic world. In other words the more the magnetic field in both the magnets the greater the attraction will be similarly the more the love to the worldly life the greater the pain of pulling apart the soul from the body will be.

Imam Ghazi explains that the soul is removed from the body in stages. It is first taken out from the feet followed by the shin and then the thighs, after which the chest is affected and at that moment the power of speech is lost. The severity of death varies from person to person.

A believer feels the pain similar to the hair which is taken out by the finger. Whereas the disbelievers feel so much pain that it is impossible to describe. The severity of death of has been mentioned in numerous A'Hadith. Hazrat Anas Bin Malik has reported that the prophet (S) mentioned that the grasp of malikal mowt is more severe than 1000 cuts of a sword.

And finally Hazrat Ibrahim (Allaysallam) asked the angel of death to show him in which form he visits an evil person. The angel of death replied you would not be able to tolerate the sight. Hazrat Ibrahim (allaysallam) insisted, the angel of death told him to turn around while he transformed himself, after which he told Hazrat Ibrahim (allaysallam) to look upon, seeing him he fell unconsciousness due to horrid sight. Thereafter Hazrat Ibrahim (allaysallam) remarked that just looking at him was enough punishment for the evil doer.

It is a pity that we are so engrossed in our worldly affairs, that we forget the main purpose of our creation.