

Life in the Grave

Torments, punishments, comfort
and ease are realities in the grave.

They will be hit so hard that everything near them (except *jinn* and human beings) will hear their screams. [Bukhari & Muslim]

They will be in dark and narrow graves with their bodies so tightly pressed that they could feel their ribs being crushed.

Their evil deeds will take the form of a mean and ugly attendant in their graves.

The punishment is a continuous torment for some. The Qur'an mentions the example of the evil Pharaohs who will be brought to the Fire "*morning and evening.*" [40:46]

"If one does not find salvation in barzakh, then what follows is very hard." [Tirmizi]

The disbelievers and evildoers will beg to Allah not to establish the Day of Judgment so that they can be spared the permanent Punishment in the Hell-fire.

The Day is "sure to come when every soul will be given what it has earned and there shall be no injustice." [3:25]

Seeking refuge from *'the torment of the grave'* begins with being on right guidance in this life.

"If anyone desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him; and in the Hereafter, he will be among the ranks of the losers." [3:85]

Those who are on correct guidance constantly turn to Allah in *sincere repentance* [66:8] to earn their places in Paradise by His Mercy.

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With The Name of Allah,
The Intensely Merciful, The Eternally Merciful

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"The grave is either one of the gardens of Paradise or one of the pits of Hell." [Tirmizi]

Death is the beginning of the first stage of the Hereafter. This stage is known as *barzakh* which means a 'barrier' between the world the dead had left behind and the Day of Resurrection. [The Qur'an 23:100]

Whether buried or not, every soul dwells in its body in *barzakh*. Though the experiences in the 'grave' in this realm are real, they should not be taken literally as they occur in the world of the unseen.

When placed in the grave, everyone will experience the 'squeezing' of the grave. It can be like either a welcome hug or a painful punishment.

A Companion of the Prophet (peace be upon him), *Sa'd ibn Muadh* (may Allah be pleased with him), was squeezed briefly before the grave became wider for him. (Tirmizi)

"And the agony of death comes with the Truth." [50:19] The disbelievers and the evildoers will realize at death about the Punishment in the Fire that awaits them.

Thus their first request at death is: *"O Lord, send me back so that I may do good deeds in the things that I neglected."* [23:99-100]

This will be rejected: *"No! It is only a word he is saying."* [23:100] It is also too late for them to repent as the door of repentance is closed before death.

They will struggle to stop the removal of their souls. They will be in great pain as their blood vessels and nerves are ripped apart when their souls are forcibly removed.

Their souls will be denied entry to the heavens, and their names will be recorded in the Register of Hell [*Sijjeen*]. [83:7-8]

The dead do not become ghosts. Neither do they 'possess' the bodies of the living nor haunt houses and buildings. These are the doings of deviated *jinn* (spirit beings).

Spirit mediums and clairvoyants work with deviated *jinn* to fool people into believing that they spoke to the dead!

The souls of the righteous persons exit from their bodies in a gentle, quick and satisfied way, and will be taken to the heavens.

Their names will be recorded in the Register of Paradise (*Illiyun*) before they are returned to their bodies in their graves. [83:18]

Life in the grave begins with questioning by two Angels. They will be asked questions about their Lord, religion and Messenger.

The righteous ones will be rewarded with spacious graves for their correct answers. Their good deeds will become personified and be pleasant company for them.

They will see their place in Paradise from their graves and will beg to Allah to bring the Day of Judgment soon so that they can dwell in Paradise permanently.

The disbelievers and the evildoers will not be able to give proper answers to the questions by the two Angels.