



**Belief in the Last Day**  
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We believe in the last day and that day is the day of Qiyaamah after which there will be no other day. It will be the day on which Allaah the Most High will raise people after they have died. Then either they will remain forever in Jannah (paradise) or they will reside forever in the house of sever punishment, Jahannam (hellfire).

**Belief in Life after Death, Records (Book) of Deeds and the Balance (Scales)**

We believe that we will be raised after we have died and that will happen when Allah will give life to all dead after the Angel Israfeel will blow the Horn the second time (on the day of Judgement by the command of Allaah). Allaah the Most High says:

**And the Trumpet will be blown, and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth will swoon away, except him whom Allaah wills. Then it will blown a second time and behold, they will be standing, looking on (waiting).** (Suratuz-Zumar 39:68)

Accordingly, on that day, all mankind will come out of their graves naked and uncircumcised, and will go towards the Lord of the worlds. Allaah says:

**As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it, (it is) a promise binding upon Us. Truly, We shall do it.** (Suratul-Anbiya 21:104)

And we completely believe in the Book of Deeds and that it will be handed to us either in our right hands or from behind in our left hands. Allaah says:

**Then, as for him who will be given his Record in his right hand, He surely will receive an easy reckoning, And will return to his family in joy! But whosoever is given his Record behind his back, He will invoke (his) destruction, And shall enter a blazing Fire, and made to taste its burning.** (Suratul-Inshiqaq 84: 8 -12)

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And Allaah says:

**And We have fastened every man's deeds to his neck, and on the Day of Resurrection, We shall bring out for him a book which he will find wide open. (It will be said to him): "Read your book. You yourself are sufficient as a reckoner against you this Day."** (Suratul-Isra 17:13-14)

And we believe in the Balance which will be established on the Last Day and no one will be wronged even the least. As Allaah the Most High says:

**So whosoever does good equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant), shall see it. And whosoever does evil equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant), shall see it.** (Suratuz-Zalzalah 99:7-8)

And He the Most High said:

**Then, those whose scales (of good deeds) are heavy, - these, they are the successful. And those whose scales (of good deeds) are light, they are those who lose their ownelves, in Hell will they abide. The Fire will burn their faces, and therein they will grin, with displaced lips (disfigured).** (Suratul-Mu'mininun 23:102 - 104)

And He said:

**Whoever brings a good deed shall have ten times the like thereof to his credit, and whoever brings an evil deed shall have only the recompense of the like thereof, and they will not be wronged.** (Suratul-An'am 6:160)

### **The Specific and the General Intercession**

We believe that the honor of the bigger intercession will only be with Muhammad, the Last Messenger of Allaah (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam), and accordingly he (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam) will, with the permission of Allaah, intercede with Allaah (on behalf of the people) so that Allah judges amongst his slaves. This will only happen when people will be in unbearable difficulty, and they will go to one after another to Adam, Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa, Isaa (alaihimusalaam) and finally they will come to Muhammad (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam) and with the permission of Allah he will intercede for them.

And similarly along with the Messenger (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam) we also believe that other Messengers and Prophets, the Angels and Believers will intercede with Allah (with His permission) for the believers so that they can be removed from the fire (who had entered it due to their sins).

We also believe that Allah with his infinite mercy will remove a multitude of believers from the fire without any intercession.

### **Belief in the Messengers Pond (Hawdh Kawthar)**

We also believe in the Pond of the Messenger (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam). Its water will be whiter than milk, sweeter than honey and more fragrant than musk. Its length will be equivalent to one months' journey. Its cups will be beautiful and splendid and numerous in number like the stars in the sky and the believers from the ummah of Muhammad (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam) will be able to drink from it. One who drinks from it even once will never be thirsty again.

### **Belief in the Bridge (of Siraat)**

We believe that there will be established a bridge (bridge of Siraat) over the Hell Fire. People will pass over it in accordance of their 'Amaal (deeds). The foremost among them will pass over it like lightening (very fast) then in order (people will pass) like wind and birds and some will pass in the speed of a fast runner. And the Prophet (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam) will stand on this bridge and pray to Allah, "Protect!! Protect!!" And when the deeds of people will weaken (and passing over the bridge will become tough) and in the end will come people who will be dragging themselves on their bellies. And on both sides of the bridge there will be chains and hooks hanging awaiting the command from Allah, and they will catch those for whom the command was given. Some people will survive (and pass the bridge) only with scratches and some will be thrown in the fire. And whatever news and ordeals have been mentioned about this day in the Book and Sunnah, we accept them. May Allah deliver us from the tribulations of this day and may He help us.

And we believe that the intercession of the Prophet (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam) for the people of paradise so that they can enter it is the truth and is specific only to him (sallalaahu alaihi wassallam).

### **Belief in Jannah (Heaven) and Jahannam (Hellfire)**

We have complete belief in Heaven and the Hellfire. Heaven is a dwelling place of blessings and mercy that has been prepared by Allaah for the Believers and the God-Fearing. It contains such blessings that no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no heart has ever comprehended. Allaah says:

**No person knows what is kept hidden for them of joy as a reward for what they used to do. (Suratus-Sajdah 32:17)**

Hellfire is a dwelling place of punishments that Allah has created for the disbelievers and the oppressors. It contains such severe torment and chastisement that none can ever imagine. Allaah says:

**Verily, We have prepared for the Zalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.), a Fire whose walls will be surrounding them. And if they ask for help they will be granted water like boiling oil, that will scald their faces. Terrible the drink, and an evil Resting Place!** (Suratul-Kahf 18:29)

The Heaven and Hellfire still exist and will never be destroyed. Allaah says:

**And whosoever believes in Allâh and performs righteous good deeds, He will admit him into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise), to dwell therein forever. Allâh has indeed granted for him an excellent provision.** (Suratut-Talaq 65:11)

And He the Most High said:

**Verily, Allâh has cursed the disbelievers, and has prepared for them a flaming Fire (Hell). Wherein they will abide for ever, and they will find neither a Walî (a protector) nor a helper. On the Day when their faces will be turned over in the Fire, they will say: "Oh, would that we had obeyed Allâh and obeyed the Messenger (Muhammad)." (Suratul-Ahzab 33:64 - 66)**

### **Jannah for the Believers and Jahannam for the Disbelievers**

We acknowledge that those for whom the Qur'an and Sunnah testify that they will be from the dwellers of heaven, by name or description, then indeed they will be from amongst them.

Accordingly by name those for whom it has been testified that they are the people of Heaven are Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthmaan, Ali and some other companions (radiallaahu anhum) of the Prophet (sallallaahu Alaihi Wassllaam). These are the ones who were given the good news of Jannah by the Prophet (sallallaahu Alaihi Wassllam) by name and we also testify Jannah for them. And as far as description we testify Jannah for all Mu'minun (those who have truly believed) and Muttaqun (those who have true taqwa (fear of Allaah)).

And accordingly we acknowledge the Hellfire for those who have been attributed to it by name or description in the Qur'an and Sunnah. And hence by name we testify that Abu Lahab and Amr bin Lahi al Khazaa'ee and others (who have been named by the Prophet as dwellers of Hellfire) to be the dwellers of Hellfire. And by description we testify Hellfire for all Disbelievers and those who commit major Shirk and the Munaafiqun (true Hypocrites).

**Belief in the Reward and Punishment in the Grave**

We believe it to be true that there will occur a trial in the grave. (i.e. the questioning of the dead by Munkar and Nakeer (angels)). They will ask the person who has died about his Lord, his religion and his Prophet. Allaah says:

**Allaah will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world (i.e. they will keep on worshipping Allaah Alone and none else), and in the Hereafter.** (Surah Ibrahim 14:27)

And accordingly a Muslim will say, "My Lord is Allaah and my religion is Islaam and my prophet is Muhammad (sallaahu Alaihi Wassallam)." But a disbeliever and a hypocrite will answer in these words, "We do not know anything, we heard people say something and we also said it."

We also believe that the believers will receive rewards in the grave. Allaah says:

**Those whose lives the angels take while they are in a pious state saying (to them): Salaamun 'Alaikum (peace be on you) enter you Paradise, because of (the good) which you used to do (in the world).**" (Suratun-Nahl 16:32)

Similarly we believe that the disbelievers and the transgressors will receive punishment in the grave. Allaah the Most high says,

**And who can be more unjust than he who invents a lie against Allaah, or says: "I have received inspiration," whereas he is not inspired in anything; and who says, "I will reveal the like of what Allaah has revealed." And if you could but see when the Zaalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.) are in the agonies of death, while the angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls! This day you shall be recompensed with the torment of degradation because of what you used to utter against Allaah other than the truth. And you used to reject His Ayaat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) with disrespect!"** (Suratul-An'am 6:93)

**Matters of the Ghaib (hidden) and its analogy with the observation of things in this World.**

It is mandatory on every individual who has believed in Allaah to have complete faith in these matters of Ghaib that have come proven from the Qur'an and the Sunnah and he should not create a situation of conflict by whatever he observes in this world, as many mash-hoor (famous) and m'arroof (well known) ahaadeeth have been related on this matter. Because it is not permissible to compare the

matters of the next life with the matters in this life as there is a big difference among them. Wallaahul Musta'an.