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DEATH

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# Death

Death is frequently mentioned in the Qur'an to remind believers of the transitory nature of life and the eventual returning to Allah in the next life. Death is not an end, but rather as a transition to the eternal life of the Akhirah (hereafter).

## Definite and Decreed

The following are clear verses that expound death,

*“Every soul will taste death. And you will only receive your full reward on the Day of Judgment. Whoever is spared from the Fire and is admitted into Paradise will indeed triumph, whereas the life of this world is no more than the delusion of enjoyment.”*

*(Surah Al-Imran 3 – Verse 185)*

*“Every soul will taste death, then to Us you will all be returned.”*

*(Surah Al-Ankabut – Verse 57)*

The phrase, ‘Every soul shall taste death’ emphasises that no living being escapes death. Death will reach everyone, regardless of status, wealth, or safety.

The term ‘feel’ or ‘taste’ death means that every individual will feel the pain of death, because considering the manner in which body and soul are joined together, separation is painful. There are some saintly persons who regard death as a deliverance from the trials and tribulations of the worldly life and a means

of bringing them closer to their Supreme love, that is Allah. This pleasure does not negate the agony of death, because where the reward is high, a little pain is easily tolerated. (Ma'ariful Qur'an)

## **Time and Place Decreed**

The exact time and place of death of every soul is precisely determined and decreed by Allah Ta'ala alone. No intervention from creation can fast-track or delay this appointment.

The Qur'an says: *"Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you are in lofty towers."* (Surah An-Nisa 4 – Verse 78)

*"If Allah were to punish people (immediately) for their wrongdoing, He would not have left a single living being on earth. But He delays them for an appointed term. And when their time arrives, they cannot delay it for a moment, nor could they advance it."* (Surah An-Nabl – 61)

*"Indeed, Allah (alone) has the knowledge of the Hour. He sends down the rain and knows what is in the wombs. No soul knows what it will earn for tomorrow, and no soul knows in what land it will die. Surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware."* (Surah Luqman – Verse 34)

These are known as the five divine secrets of Almighty Allah, that no one from the creation will know or be able to grasp in its entirety.

## **Purpose of Death**

Death and life are created to test who is 'best in deed.' (Surah Al-Mulk 67 – Verse 2)

### **Worldly comforts and discomforts are a test**

*“Every soul will taste death. And We test you with good and evil as a trial, then to Us you will be returned.”*  
(Surah Ambiya 21 – Verse 35)

It means that man is tested both by good things and by bad things, includes unpleasant things such as illness, grief, pain, poverty, etc. while, good means desirable things, like good health, happiness, comfort and abundance. Man is subjected to these conditions in this world for test and the test is that he should show patience and endurance in the face of adversity and should offer thanks to Allah when his life is peaceful and comfortable. Wise men have said that, it is more difficult to be steadfast and consistent in offering thanks to Allah for His gifts than to persevere and show patience in difficult circumstances. Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنه is reported to have said:

“We were tested by discomforts and We bore it with patience, but when we were tested by pleasures, we could not observe patience (i.e. we could not offer gratitude to Allah as was due).”  
(Tafseer Rubul Ma'ani)

### **Death is the Gift of a believer**

Nabi ﷺ said: “Death is a gift for a Believer,” (Bayhaqi)

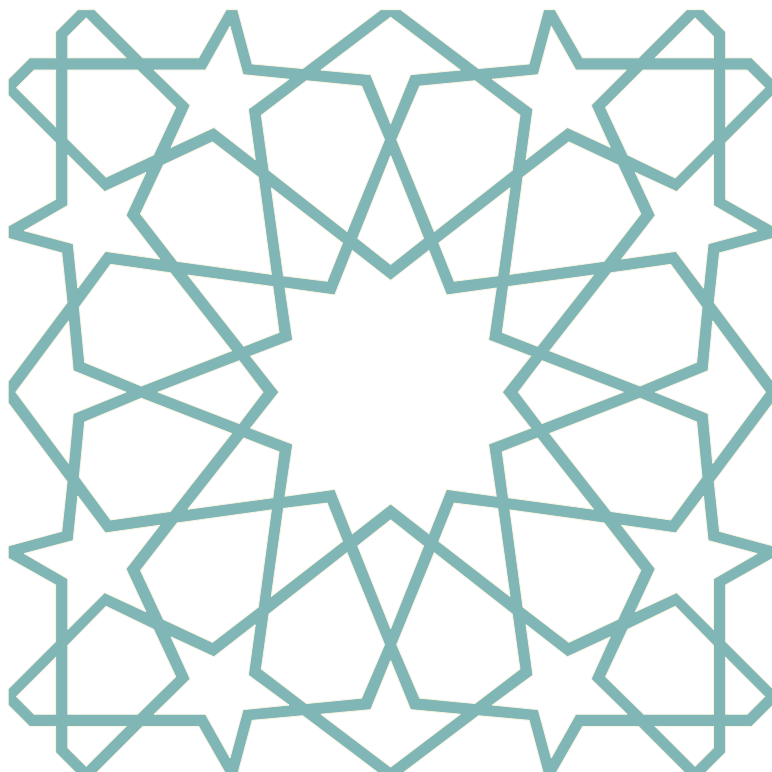
The hadith makes mention of death as a gift and an event that joins the lover with the beloved. It marks the end of worldly struggles, anxieties, and trials, serving as a peaceful transition to the mercy and rewards of Allah Ta'ala.

*“O soul that is at rest! Return to your Lord, well-pleased (with him), well-pleasing (Him), So enter among My servants, And enter into My garden.”*

*(Surah Al-Fajr 89 – Verses 27-30)*

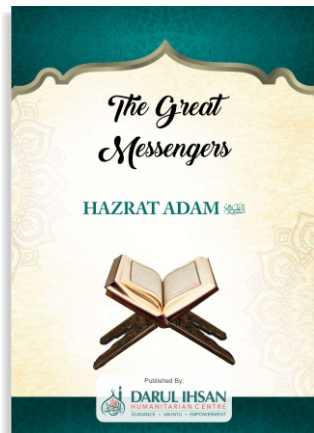
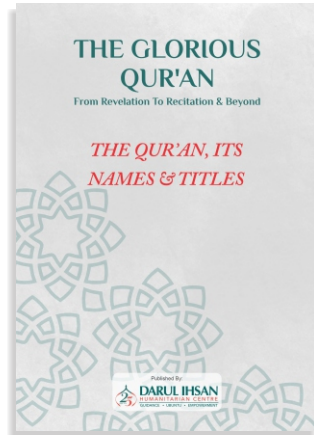
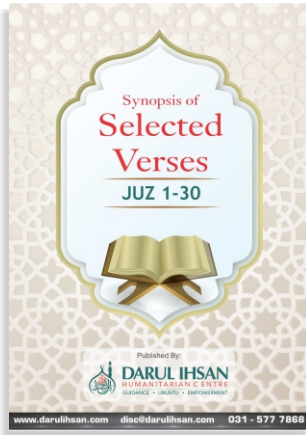
*The Qur'an urges mankind: "And die not except in a state of Islam."*

*(Surah Al-Imran 3 – Verse 102)*



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Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is a multi-purpose, humanitarian-services providing organisation. 'Ihsan' means compassion towards mankind and to act with excellence. The Centre was established in the year 2000 with the primary objective of serving humanity and alleviating poverty and hardship locally and abroad. Since its inception, it has developed and established many humanitarian projects and provides a variety of free services to the community.

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