

RESURRECTION

1. It should be noted that when one dies, that is only the end of his earthly life but there will be a general day when all creatures will die except the face of Allah. This is the Day of Resurrection.
2. Whereas death is the first return journey to Allah, resurrection is the second. It is the day when all souls will be assembled before Allah for judgement.
3. The Prophet PBUH described some of the signs of the last day by maintaining that on that day knowledge will suffer full extinction. Zina, alcoholism, ignorance and obscenity will alarmingly be on increase.
4. It is spoken of differently in the holy Qur'an. For example it is called the day of great rising, the hour, the last day and future life.
5. Most of these names refer to either awakening or destruction or rising to new life. In all, they relate to the removal of the old order and establishment of the new one.
6. The exact day when resurrection will take place is not known by anybody except Allah.
Allah says in **Q (7:187)**; *“They ask you about the final hour; when it will be its appointed time. Say ‘none knows except my Lord. He alone will reveal it at its appointed time.’”*
7. The prophet is quoted to have said that on the Day of Resurrection all people will rise from their graves naked as they were first created and upon hearing this, Aisha (RA) asked, *“Messenger of Allah, will men and women be together (like that) looking at each other?”* Allah's messenger replied;
‘Aisha, the circumstance will be more severe than for them to be concerned with looking at one another.’
8. That day will be so dreadful and stressful that men and women will not care to look at one another. In fact, it will be a day on which no mother will even care to ask about her child, no son will care to ask about his father.
9. When the horn is blown, there will be no more relationships between them nor will they ask about one another.
10. It is the day when a person will run away from his brother, from his mother and father, from his wife and children. Every one of them that day will have enough worry of his own.
11. The shock of the final hour is a terrible thing. For example, a nursing mother will be distracted from whom she was nursing, every pregnant woman will abort her pregnancy, and you will see the people appearing as if intoxicated but they are not intoxicated. Rather, the punishment of Allah is what is severe. Allah says in **Q (99:1-6)**;

“When the earth is shaken to its utmost shaking. And the earth throws up its burdens (loads) from within. And man cries ‘what is the matter with it’. On that it

will declare its tidings (reports). Because your Lord will have given it inspiration. On that day men will proceed in companies sorted out, to be shown the deeds that they had done”

12. It is a day on which man’s records of deeds will be distributed while assembling in the plain of Arafat. A believer will be given his record in his right hand and a disbeliever in his left from behind his back. Allah in **Q (83:4-6) states;**

“Do they not think that they will be called to account? On a mighty Day, a Day when all mankind will stand before the Lord of the Worlds?”

13. As for the one given his record in his right hand, he will proclaim with joy and relief to his companions but as for the one given his record in his left hand, he will wish with sorrow and anguish never to have been given their records.
14. On that day the scales will be placed and the deeds of an individual will be weighed, both good and bad. So whichever man did whether big or small will be seen.
15. The day of resurrection will last fifty thousand years and people will remain standing, suffering such pain and hardship until they will be unable to bear it.

The prophet said; *“...until Allah passes judgment between His slaves on a day the length of which will be fifty thousand years”*

16. They will look for someone who can intercede with their Lord to begin judgment. They will then go to Prophet Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Moses, and each of them will refuse to ask Allah to begin judgment. They will then go to Jesus to ask him but he will reply, “I am not the one for that. Go to Muhammad for whom Allah has forgiven all his sins.”
17. As Allah judges between His servants, He will isolate His believing worshipper and speak privately and directly to him with no need for someone else to interpret their private talk.
18. Allah will draw a believer close, placing him under His care and screening him. Allah will ask him, *“Do you remember this sin and that sin?”* The person will answer, *“Yes, my Lord.”* After he is made to confess all his sins and he sincerely believes he is ruined, Allah will say, *“I concealed them for you in life and I forgive you for them today.”*
19. Also on that day, another favor to look forward to is the pool given to Muhammad PBUH. Its water is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey while its scent smells better than perfume. Only believers will drink from it.
20. As for its size, the prophet said; “My pool is as wide as a month’s journey and all of its sides are the same and its mugs are like the stars in the sky. No one will drink from it except the true believers in Allah and His messenger, those who follow the Sunna of Muhammad. Whoever drinks from it will never again be thirsty”

21. Two streams from Paradise drain into it. These two streams are from **al-Kauthar**, a huge river in Paradise given to the prophet PBUH. The first group of people allowed to drink from it will be the poor among those early Muslims who migrated to Medina.
22. Another event to occur on that day is that the sun will be brought near close to creation so much that it will be a “mile” from them.
23. Because of this people will be in their sweat in accordance with their deeds. For some, it will rise to their ankles, some to their knees, some to their waists, and for some of them, the sweat will reach their mouths.
24. However, there are some people Allah will shade on that day, the day when there will be no shade but Allah’s. Some people will be under the shade of their own charity.
25. The Prophet PBUH mentions seven groups of people who will be under Allah’s shade: *a just ruler; a youth who grew up in the worship of Allah; a man whose heart is attached to the mosque; people who love each other for Allah’s sake, meeting for His sake and parting for His sake; a man who is called by a woman of beauty and position for adultery, but he says: “(No) I fear Allah;” a man who gives in charity and hides it so much so that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives; and a man who remembered Allah in private so much that his eyes shed tears.*
26. On that day, the bridge will be placed over Hell, and this bridge is sharper than a sword and thinner than a hair. People will pass over the bridge according to their deeds in this life. Some as fast as the blink of an eye, some like lightning yet others will crawl across and others at speeds between those.
27. At the edges of the bridge will be hooks hanging which will seize whomever they are ordered to seize. Some will be scratched but saved while others will fall in the fire.