

Memorise and practice a new hadeeth every week!



قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

يَتَّبِعُ الْمَيِّتَ ثَلَاثَةٌ فَيَرْجِعُ اثْنَانِ وَيَبْقَى وَاحِدٌ يَتَّبِعُهُ أَهْلُهُ
وَمَالُهُ وَعَمَلُهُ فَيَرْجِعُ أَهْلُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَيَبْقَى عَمَلُهُ

Our Beloved Nabi ﷺ said, “Three things follow a deceased person. Two of them return and one remains. His family, his wealth, and his deeds follow him. His family and wealth return, but his deeds remain”

Sahih al-Bukhari

Explanation

Every person has to leave this world, and undertake the long, exhausting journey to the hereafter. Like with any journey we undertake in this world, the journey to the hereafter, requires us to have good travel companions and travel essentials.

In this hadeeth, our beloved Nabi ﷺ has very beautifully categorised our life into three simple categories and informed us of how far each of these categories will come with us in our journey to the hereafter.

Category one – Our family

Category two – Our wealth

Category three – Our good and bad actions

Category one and two (our family and wealth), which consume the largest part of our time will unfortunately only accompany us up to the grave.

It is only the third category (our good and bad actions) which will accompany us all the way.

Surely, a clever person after reading this hadeeth will choose to prioritise the third category and prepare as many good actions as possible to make his journey of the afterlife as easy and comfortable as possible.

What we learn from this hadeeth:

- 1) Our family and wealth will not be able to come with us to the hereafter, we should therefore spend as much time as possible doing good actions. After all it is the only thing that will come with us.
- 2) Our bad deeds will accompany us into the hereafter too. So, our aim should be to have only good deeds with us and not bad deeds.
- 3) From another hadeeth we learn that after we pass away, all our actions stop except for three:
 - A) A pious child who makes du'a for us
 - B) Any knowledge left behind from which people benefit
 - C) Any sadaqah we took out and that continues to be used.
- 4) Remember, that our wealth and savings are in reality, not ours. They really belong to our inheritors. All that is ours, is what we have used (e.g food and clothes) or sent forward by spending it in good charitable causes.