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عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا

It is very likely that your Lord will place you at Praised Station [17:79]

ANSWER:

One who is promised the Praised Station (*Maqām Mahmūd*)

COMMENTARY

The Praised Station

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has been promised (*Maqām Mahmūd*: The Praised Station) in this verse and this station is, out of all prophets, particular to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. As to its explanation, there are different sayings. But, the most sound of them is what appears in authentic Ahādīth in the words of the Holy Prophet ﷺ himself. This Station is the station of the Grand Intercession (*al-shafā'ah al-kubrā*). This will come to pass on the plains of Resurrection (al-Hashr) when all children of 'Ādam will be there requesting every prophet and messenger of Allah to intercede with Him on their behalf. All prophets 'alayhim salām will offer their excuse. Only the Holy Prophet ﷺ shall be blessed with the honorable station of interceding on behalf of the entire progeny of 'Ādam. Hadīth reports carry lengthy relevant details that appear in Tafsīr Ibn Kathīr and Mazharī at this point.

The intercession made by prophets and the righteous will be accepted

Out of the Islamic sects, the Khawārij and the Mu'tazilah deny the intercession of prophets. They say that a major sin will not be forgiven through intercession by anyone. But, ahādīth coming in uninterrupted succession prove that the intercession for sinners will be accepted from prophets 'alayhim salām, even from the righteous of the community. There will be many whose sins will be forgiven through intercession.

Based on a report from Sayyidnā 'Uthmān *radī'allāhu 'anhu* it appears in Ibn Mājah and al-Baihaqī that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: On the day of Qiyāmah, the blessed prophets will be the first to intercede on behalf of sinners, then the 'Ulama' and then the Shuhada'. According to Dailamī reporting from Sayyidnā Ibn 'Umar *radī'allāhu 'anhu*, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said that the 'Ālim will be told that he could intercede on behalf of his disciples, even if their number matches the number of stars.

And Abū Dāwūd and Ibn Hibbān carry a narration of Sayyidnā Abū al-Dardā' *radī'allāhu 'anhu*, with its chains ascending to the Holy Prophet ﷺ who said: The intercession made by a Shahīd will be accepted in favor of seventy people from his family.

The Musnad of Ahmad, al-Tabaranī and al-Baihaqī authentically report Sayyidnā Abū Umāmah



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radi'allāhu 'anhu narrating that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: On the intercession of one person from my ummah many people, more than the entire number of the people of the tribes of Rabī'ah and Mudar, will be admitted to Jannah

A question and its answer

The question is when the Holy Prophet ﷺ will himself intercede - and no believer will remain in Hell because of it - why and how will the 'Ulamā' and the righteous intercede? The answer appears in Tafsīr Mazharī: perhaps, the 'Ulamā and the righteous of the community will present their intercession in favor of whomsoever they wish before the Holy Prophet ﷺ who will then intercede with Allāh Ta'ālā.

An important note

In a Hadīth, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: (My intercession shall be for people who had committed major sins). This seems to tell us that those involved with major sins will be forgiven particularly through the intercession of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Any angel or any individual from the Muslim community will not be able to intercede in the case of those who have committed major sins. Instead of that, the intercession made by the righteous of the Muslim community will be for those who were involved with minor sins.

And Allāh Ta'ālā knows best.

