



## Your father will suffer no more agony after this day

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: When the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) suffered the agony of death, Fātimah (may Allah be pleased with her) said: "O father, what a severe agony!" The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Your father will suffer no more agony after this day." When he passed away, she said: "Father, Allah has called you back and you have responded to His call. Father, the Garden of Firdaus (the highest level of Paradise) is your abode. Father, we announce your death to Jibrīl." When he was buried, she said: "Did you feel comfortable to put dust over the Messenger of Allah!"

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

This Hadīth highlights the patience that the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) exhibited during his last moments alive. When his illness became severe, he would sometimes pass out due to the severity of the pain he was suffering. The pain was so severe that he was elevated in the levels of Paradise due to his patience. When his pain became intense, Fātimah (may Allah be pleased with her) called out: "O father, what a severe agony." This is because she was a woman and women cannot exercise patience. The Messenger (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Your father will suffer no more agony after this day." This is because he was moving from this world to his Higher Companion. The Messenger (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) used to say in his last moments: "Oh Allah, the Highest Companion! Oh Allah, the Highest Companion!" And he would look at the ceiling of the house. When the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) passed away, Fātimah began to mourn him and her mourning was allowed as it did not contain any sign of being displeased with the decree of Allah. When she said: "He answered the call of his Lord", she meant that he responded to the call of Allah, Who has dominion over everything and in whose hands is the destiny of every human being. He died like any other believer dies and his soul ascended all the way, until it rests between Allah's Hands, above the seventh heaven. When she said: "and the Garden of Firdaus is his abode," she meant that her father would be in the highest level of Paradise, because he was the best of the believers. The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) used to say: "Beseech Allah to grant me Al-Wasīlah, which is a high rank in Paradise, fitting for only one of Allah's slaves. And I hope that I will be that man." There is no doubt that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) will reside in the highest part of Paradise, Firdaus, and above its roof is the throne of Allah, the Exalted. She then said: "We announce your death to Jibrīl," as Jibrīl was the one who brought down the revelation and would no longer carry it due to the passing of the Messenger. Then, when the Messenger was carried to the graveyard and buried, Fātimah said to the Companions: "Did you feel comfortable to

put dust over Allah's Messenger!" She asked this question due to her severe anguish resulting from the death of her father and her knowledge that the hearts of the Companions were full of love for him. Allah, the Exalted, is the Just Judge and to Him is our return. He said in His Book: {Indeed, you are to die, and indeed, they are to die.} [Sūrat Az-Zumar: 30]

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