

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ saying, "The first to be judged on the Day of Resurrection will be a man who had died as a martyr. He will be brought forward. Allah ﷻ will remind him of the favours He had bestowed upon him and the man will acknowledge them. Then He will ask him; What did you do to express gratitude for it? The man will reply: I fought for Your Cause till I was martyred. Allah ﷻ will say; You have lied. You fought so that people might call you courageous; and they have done so. Command will then be issued about him and he will be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell. Next, a man who had acquired and imparted knowledge and read the Qur'an will be brought forward, Allah ﷻ will remind him of the favours He had bestowed upon him and the man will acknowledge them. Then He will ask him; What did you do to express gratitude for it? The man will reply; I acquired knowledge and taught it, and read the Qur'an for Your sake. Allah ﷻ will say to him; You have lied. You acquired knowledge so that people might call you a learned (man), and you read the Qur'an so that they might call you a reciter and they have done so. Command will then be issued about him, and he will be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell. Next, a man whom Allah ﷻ had made affluent and to whom Allah ﷻ had given plenty of wealth, will be brought forward, Allah ﷻ will remind him of the favours He had bestowed upon him and the man will acknowledge them. He will ask him; what did you do to express gratitude for it? The man will reply: I did not neglect any of the ways You liked wealth to be spend liberally for Your sake. Allah ﷻ will say to him; You

have lied. You did it so that people might call you generous, and they have done so. Command will then be issued about him and he will be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell." (Muslim)

Allah ﷻ will first bring the show-offs to account for their pretentious. No virtue will be accepted without Ikhlas (sincerity), no matter how great it may be. A pretender who does good deeds for mere show will be consigned to Hell rather than being rewarded with Jannah (Paradise).

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "A person who acquires knowledge which is (normally) acquired to gain the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ, (for the sole reason) to secure worldly comforts will not even smell the fragrance of Jannah on the Day of Resurrection (i.e. will not enter Jannah)." (Abu Dawud)

We request you to make du'a for the Ummah as much as possible as we all need guidance. We Pray Allah ﷻ increases our patience, taqwa, truthfulness and pure intentions. And we also Pray that Allah ﷻ blesses us with many opportunities to increase our knowledge in everything that is beneficial to us.

O Allah ﷻ! Guard our actions. O Allah ﷻ! Forgive us our sins against You and ease the hearts of those we have harmed so that they too will forgive us. "Aameen"

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## Pride and Arrogance

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Mas'ud ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise." (Muslim)

**It is mentioned in the Qur'an that Allah ﷻ does not love the arrogant people:**

﴿لَا جَرَمَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسِرُّونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ﴾

"Undoubtedly Allah doth know what they conceal and what they reveal: verily He loveth not the arrogant." (Qur'an, 16: 23)

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Hazrat Ibn Umar ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said, "While a man was walking, dragging his dress with pride, he was caused to be swallowed by the earth and will go on sinking in it till the Day of Resurrection."

(Bukhari)

﴿وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ بِالْإِثْمِ  
ثُمَّ فَحَسِبُهُ جَهَنَّمَ ط وَ لَبِئْسَ الْبِهَادُ ﴿١٥﴾﴾

When it is said to him "Fear Allah" he is led by arrogance to (more) crime. Enough for him is Hell; an evil bed indeed (to lie on)!

(Qur'an, 2: 206)

﴿وَلَا تُصَعِّرْ خَدَّكَ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿١٨﴾﴾

"And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men nor walk in insolence through the earth; for Allah loveth not any arrogant boaster.

(Qur'an, 31: 18)

﴿فَادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ط فَلَبِئْسَ مَثْوَى الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾﴾

"So enter the gates of Hell to dwell therein. Thus evil indeed is the abode of the arrogant." (Qur'an, 16: 29)

Hazrat Thawban ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said; "If anyone dies free from pride, unfaithfulness regarding spoil and debt, he will enter Paradise." (Tirmidhi, Ibn Maajaah)

Hazrat 'Iyad bin Himar ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Verily, Allah ﷻ has revealed to me that you should adopt humility. So that no one may wrong another and no one may be disdainful and haughty towards another."

(Muslim)

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-'As ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said; "The proud will be resurrected like specks on the Day of Resurrection in the form of men, covered all round with ignominy. They will be driven to a prison in Jahannum called Bawlas with the hottest fire rising over them, and will be given to drink the liquid of the inhabitants of Hell, which is tinat al-khabal. (Tirmidhi)

Anyone whom Allah ﷻ has granted wealth or authority, beauty or splendour, should take it as Allah's Gift. He should take to adopt humility and humbleness and express his gratitude for it to Allah ﷻ. He should benefit people with the gifts bestowed upon him by Allah ﷻ and not make them a means of pride and oppression.

## Show-off

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَبْطُلُوا صَدَقَتَكُمْ  
بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى كَالَّذِي يُنْفِقُ مَالَهُ رِئَاءَ  
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"O believers! Do not make your charity worthless by reminders of your generosity or by injury to the recipients feelings, like those who spend their wealth to be seen by people." (Qur'an, 2: 264)

Hazrat Anas bin Malik ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Do not harbour grudge against one another, nor jealousy, nor enmity; and do not show your backs to one another; and become as fellow brothers and slaves of Allah ﷻ. It is not lawful for a Muslim to avoid speaking with his brother beyond three days." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Hazrat Jundub ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "He who lets the people hear of his good deeds intentionally, to win their praise, Allah ﷻ will let the people know his real intention (on the Day of Resurrection), and he who does good things in public to show off and win the praise of the people, Allah ﷻ will disclose his real intention (and humiliate him)." (Bukhari)