



# Ihtidhar

## (Sakarāt al-mawt / Ghamarat al-mawt)

- ▶ 1. Removal/disconnection of the soul from the body.
  - ▶ Angel of death takes full delivery of the soul.
- ▶ 2. At this stage the soul starts to witness the realm of Barzakh which is the ***batin*** [concealed part] of the material world.
  - ▶ Note: if one purifies and allows himself to grow spiritually, he can witness that realm before death.
  - ▶ Story. (Beautiful person and the dog)
  - ▶ He witnesses his own station in the hereafter.
  - ▶ The time for forgiveness has come to an end. **WHY?**
  - ▶ The time to perform actions has come to an end. (You are who you are)



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- ▶ 3. Seeing the angel of death / Munkar and Nakir
  - ▶ A believer – sees them as beautiful
  - ▶ A disbeliever – sees them as extremely scary and ugly

# Barzakh

- Does Barzakh Exist?
- Surat al-Mu'minun verses 99 & 100

➤ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ

- When death comes to one of them, he says, 'My Lord! Take me back,

➤ لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحًا فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ ۚ كَلَّا ۚ إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ قَائِلُهَا ۚ وَمِن وَرَائِهِم بَرْزَخٌ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ

- that I may act righteously in what I have left behind.' 'By no means! These are mere words that he says.' And before them is a barrier until the day they will be resurrected.

# Grave or Barzakh?

- Hadith:

➤ قَالَ الصَّادِقُ ع **الْبَرْزَخُ الْقَبْرُ** وَ هُوَ التَّوَابُ وَ الْعِقَابُ بَيْنَ الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ

- Barzakh is a weaker manifestation of the hereafter

- Barzakh is a window to Qiyama

- Therefore the reward and punishment is a mild manifestation of Qiyama.

- Reminder!

- No Matter

- But Shape / colour / taste etc. exists – e.g. like a dream

- It is much more intense.



## Barzakh - the questioning in barzakh

- ▶ There is no material in the realm of barzakh
- ▶ Questions and answers are not through sound waves
- ▶ Just like in the dream
  - ▶ You speak to the other person, and he hears you.
  - ▶ And he/she responds, and you hear them.
  - ▶ While words have not been spoken

# Barzakh

Questioning in barzakh according to importance



# Barzakh

## Question – Intellect – Result

- It will be asked
  - What did you fill your heart with.
  - We gave you a sound heart so that you achieve your goal, in return what have you filled it with?

- Verse (Surah Ta-ha verse 124)

➤ وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى

- Turning away from remembrance of Allah swt – means intellect is not in charge
- Rather desire/anger is controlling the intellect – this results in constriction in life
- This constriction will move with them to barzakh
- In Qiyama the result is blindness
- Story of the dying person who would not say “Aliyun Waliyu Allah”



## Barzakh: Question – Akhlaq/Nafsani – Result

- ▶ Each and every trait will manifest itself – good or bad.
  - ▶ Remember in that realm there is multiplicity – no matter.
- ▶ The intensity of pleasure or difficulty is directly proportional to the traits endorsed on his nafs.
  - ▶ The deeper the penetration of the trait in the soul the greater the compression.
  - ▶ This is exactly what it means when they say that a door of Jannah or Jahanam is opened upon them.
  - ▶ Constriction of the grave is when a door of Jahanam has opened for them
- ▶ Story of Sa'ad ibn Ma'adh.



# Barzakh: Question – Actions – Result

