

Preparing for death

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(Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 322.)

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Questioner: Is someone who dies suddenly regarded as a martyr or not?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ)¹: A martyr? Inshaa'allaah such a death will not be one of regret.

Questioner: What do you mean by a death of regret?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ): The situation differs from person to person. A sudden death with regards to someone who was ready to meet Allaah (عزوجل)² and who had carried out the rights that were obligatory on him, whether those are the rights of Allaah like praying and fasting, or the rights of Allaah's servants like zakaah, giving in charity and so on—if he had carried out all of these obligatory duties and didn't have any debt and then died suddenly then there is nothing on him [in terms of regret]. But if he was an open sinner, or a criminal or was someone who fell short and then died a sudden death, then that is a death of regret, because he didn't prepare for a death like that.

For this reason it is obligatory for a Muslim to always be prepared for that hour which could surprise him, and that is why he (صلى الله عليه وسلم)³ said, **“Whoever loves to meet Allaah, Allaah loves to meet him, and whoever hates to meet Allaah, Allaah hates to meet him.”**

Any other questions?

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

³ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him