

Concerning the squeezing in the grave

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Questioner: He said in the Musnad ... the hadeeth of Hidayfah, who said, “We were with the Prophet of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ during a funeral. So when we got to the grave he sat down on his two shins and started to look at it, and then said, ‘The believer is squeezed in it one time such that his ‘hamaa’il’ are crushed, and the disbeliever is covered in Fire.’”

He said the hamaa’il are the veins of the testicles. What does, “... the veins of his testicles are crushed ...” mean?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ)²: It’s an expression to show the severity of the punishment.³

Questioner: Namely, the believer will be squeezed to such an extent?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): And his ribs will overlap, no one will escape it, not even Sa’d ibn Mu’aadh (رضي الله عنه)⁴ [did] as he, (صلى الله عليه وسلم), said in some authentic hadeeths.

Questioner: Namely, he will feel pain from this squeezing?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): ... without doubt. When the ribs overlap then this is severe pain, but it does not persist. One squeezing and then everything returns to its natural state, if he was a righteous person then [he will be in the state of a] righteous person, and if he was an evil person then [he will be the state of an] evil person, as we just explained that a window is opened up in the grave for the dead person.

Questioner: Namely, the squeezing, there is no escape from it?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): There is no escape from it.⁵

¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ The compiler of the book said, 'i.e., his ribs are crushed to such an extent that it affects his testicles.'

⁴ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

⁵ Mawsoo’atul-Allaamah, al-Imaam, Mujaddidil-Asr, Muhammad Naasirid-Deen al-Albaanee, of Shaykh Shady Noaman, vol. 9, pp. 159-160.