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# **Importance Of Islamic Burial**



In the Islamic tradition, death is viewed as a means of transition from this present worldly life into the afterlife. Muslims believe that one should prepare for this moment by living a life full of faith and servitude to God and performing acts of righteousness. By doing so, when the time of departure from this world comes, one should have a sense of hope for attaining Divine mercy, compassion and forgiveness while holding a good opinion of God. For Muslims who are near death or are dying, this state of hope is what is encouraged by those surrounding him/her along with the uttering of the testimony of faith: “There is no one worthy of worship except God and Muhammad is the Messenger of God.” When a person dies with this testimony on the tongue, firmly believing it in the heart, the result is that, by the Grace of God, one’s final abode will be Paradise.

Once death has occurred, defined Islamically as the separation of the soul from the body, Muslims hasten to perform the required rites of washing the body as a form of ritual and physical purification, shrouding, and praying over the body before interment in the person’s final place of resting. Treating the deceased with the utmost respect is required as there remains a connection of sorts between the body and soul of the individual, along with a level of consciousness that those around the body cannot sense. Thus, the rights are best to be performed as soon as possible as unnecessary delays can cause agitation to the spirit of the deceased. Ultimately, the body is then returned to the earth from whence it was created, while avoiding cremation which Islam prohibits. The Qur’an states: “From it (the earth) We created you, and into it We will return you, and from it We will bring you forth another time.” (Qur’an 20:55)

*Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un*  
We belong to Allah & To Him we return

When a person dies, then his good deeds stop except for three:

1. Sadaqa Jariah (continuous charity)
2. Beneficial knowledge
3. Righteous child who prays for him

– Sahih Muslim

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