



The first question of Fatwa no. 2235

Q1: Will the soul of an indebted dead person, who could not repay their debt before their death, remain in pledge and suspended?

A: It was reported by Ahmad, Al-Tirmidhy, and Ibn Majah on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, ("The soul of a (dead) believer remains suspended by their debt until it is repaid for them.") This applies to those who leave money behind that can repay their debt. As for those who did not have money to repay their debt, we hope that this Hadith does not apply to them, as Allah (may He be Praised and Exalted) says (what means): (Allāh burdens not a person beyond his scope.) and: (And if the debtor is in a hard time (has no money), then grant him time till it is easy for him to repay.) This Hadith does not include those who have the good intention to repay a debt, but die without being able to repay it, as it was related by Al-Bukhari (may Allah be merciful with him) on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, ("Anyone who takes money from people wanting to repay it, Allah will repay it for them, and anyone who takes it to waste it, Allah will waste them.")

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