

# Where to after death?

After a person dies, Islam holds the view that one remains in the barrier world until the day of judgment. Once the trumpet of the Angel Israfil is blown, the day of judgment will commence. There we will be judged according to our actions, intentions, and the rights which people took from us, and which rights we took from others. Once Judgment has been passed people will either be sent to Heaven or Hell, in accordance with how they lived their lives on Earth.

## In summary

Death is by no means the end of our journey. It is an inevitable event in which we must all go through. Islam views it as a very important reminder for its adherents to take solace from and to strive to live better lives.

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# DEATH



# Death, dying and grief in Islam

In the Holy Quran, it states: “**Every soul shall taste death**” 3:185

The reality of death is one of the few truths that all people recognise. It is something every human will face at one point or another and is the inescapable destiny of all human beings.

Death according to Islam, is not to be seen as a negative phenomena. Rather it is just a natural phase that we must all experience.



## Islam and the Grave

In Islam, Muslims believe there to be a barrier world that exists between our current life on earth and the hereafter. We call this the barrier or Al-Barzak.

Whilst an individual is in Al-Barzak, here they will go through many different trials. Initially, each individual will be questioned by two Angels. The questions asked by them are as follows:

*Who is your Lord?  
What is your religion?  
Who is your prophet?*

There are many other events which occur whilst we are within the grave during this time.

If a person lived a righteous and pious life, benefiting others, they will have a resting place of comfort and ease. However, if a person has lived a life harmful to others, and displeasing to God, they will find their grave to be a resting place of torment and discomfort.

# View on death in Islam

Time to all human beings is a very precious thing. We are reminded to be mindful of our time since death can occur at any moment. This is why we should make the best use of our time before it is too late.

Additionally death serves as a powerful reminder of the temporary nature of this world. The frequent remembrance of death enables Muslims to disconnect from the materialistic desires of this world and focus on the life after death. Death is also an opportunity for a person to reflect and ponder on the purpose of life. While all life ends in death, it is not the end of the journey.

