

Bedridden king of the world

Translator's note: Before you complain about your situation or allow negative people to draw you into self-pity...read this.

Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Abi Maryam said: There was a man in Mopsuestia who had lost the lower half of his body. Nothing remained of him except his soul in part of his body. He was lying on a bed with a hole cut in the bed for him to urinate. A man entered upon him and said: "How is your morning O Abu Muhammad?" He responded: "King of the world; focusing exclusively on Allah the Blessed and Exalted, I don't have a need from Him except that He takes my soul upon Islam."

(Patience and the reward for it by ibn Abi Dunya 129)

Shaykh Abdur Razzaq al-Badr: There was youth in Algeria who was paralyzed only able to move his head. He had been in this condition for more than 17 years. I visited him in his home. I said to him: "How is your condition?" He responded: "I swear by Allah, indeed I am basking in the favors of Allah, and I don't believe there is anyone on the face of the earth more fortunate than me."

Subhana-Allah, he views there is no one more fortunate than him and he is basking in the favors of Allah yet he is unable to move his body. How many people with healthy bodies don't feel like this or even close to it?!

He passed away, may Allah have mercy upon him, forgive him, and house him in the highest level of Paradise.

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