

The dead will be Resurrected with clothes but gathered naked

Explained by Shaykh al-Albani

Question: The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

إِنَّ الْمَيِّتَ يُبْعَثُ فِي ثِيَابِهِ الَّتِي يَمُوتُ فِيهَا

Indeed, the deceased will be raised to life in the clothes in which he died. (Sunan Abi Dawud 3114).

Another Hadith states:

يُخَشَرُ النَّاسُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حُفَاءَ عُرَاءَ غُرْلًا

The people will be gathered on the Day of Resurrection barefooted, naked, and uncircumcised. (Sahih Muslim 2859)

How do we reconcile between these two Hadith?

Shaykh al-Albani: There is no contradiction between the two Hadith. His (ﷺ) statement: “The deceased will be raised to life in the clothes in which he died”; is information about the hour of resurrection. Thus, this is when he exits his grave. He will be resurrected in the clothes in which he died.

As for the gathering, it will be according to what is mentioned in the second Hadith— (the people will be gathered) barefooted, naked, and uncircumcised. Therefore, each Hadith is understood in its specific place.

There are other examples of this found in verses of the Quran that mention there will be no questioning during the gathering while other verses mention there will be questioning, such as the statement of the Exalted:

ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨﴾

Then, on that Day, you shall be questioned about the delight (you indulged in, in this world)! (At-Takāthur 102:8)

Therefore, that which is negated in some verses but affirmed in other verses, it is upon us that we do not contradict that which is affirmed by that which is negated. Rather we say, there will be a time when the people will be questioned and a time when they will not be questioned. This is how we reconcile the verses that appear to contradict.

Based upon this, the answer to the question is as you have heard. The resurrection with clothes on, does not contradict the gathering being without clothes. This is because this time will be long, extremely long. Therefore, the gathering will be as it appears in the Hadith, the people will be naked. As for the resurrection from the graves, then the people will be wearing the clothes in which they died in.

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