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## **ACCEPTANCE OF DUA**

It is mentioned in the Hadith that a dua which apparently appears not be accepted becomes a treasure in the Aakhirat. One should therefore always make dua. It is thawaab gained gratis. It is said in the Hadith: "Make dua while firmly believing in its acceptance."

## **HIS APPREHENDING ATHAAB**

When a community qualifies for Athaab (Punishment), the decree of Allah Ta'ala overtakes and overwhelms them.

Supplicating and lamenting when the Punishment has settled on people, will be of no avail. The universal (aam) punishment overtakes a community only when the people have traversed and transgressed all bounds of villainy and immorality. In this regard, the Qur'aan Majeed states:

"We have not treated them unjustly. But they were unjust to themselves. Their gods (and their worldly powers, wealth, etc.) whom they called (and relied on) did not benefit them in the least when the command of your Rabb arrived. They increased them only in (greater) destruction.

Thus, in this manner is the apprehension of your Rabb when He apprehends an unjust community. Verily, His apprehension is painful and severe.

Verily in this (punishment) is a sign (a lesson) for the one who fears the punishment of the Akhirah.” (Surah Hood, 102, 103)

## **Q&A.**

### **Q. Is it permissible to put the Mushaf on the carpet on the floor?**

**A.** It is not permissible to put the Mushaf of the Qur’aan Majeed on the floor or carpet. It has to be placed on a shelf or a stand or a bench made for it. The largescale current disrespect for the Qur’aan Majeed, especially in the Haramain Shareefain is the heritage of the deviate Salafis.

### **Q. Who is Khidhr? Is he alive?**

**A.** Hadhrat Khidhr (Alayhis salaam) is shrouded in mystery. The popular majority view of the Ulama is that he is still alive. The minority view is that although he has died, he appears in human form executing duties imposed on him by Allah Ta’ala. Numerous Auliya in all ages have personally met him. On the basis of the popular view, he is a couple of thousand years old. There is some explanation regarding Khidhr (Alayhis salaam) in the last Ruku’ of the 15<sup>th</sup> Juz and the beginning pages of the 16<sup>th</sup> Juz.

### **Q. After childbirth should a woman abstain from Salaat for 40 days?**

**A.** As soon as nifaas (post natal bleeding) stops, the woman should take ghusl (bath) and perform Salaat. She does not have to wait 40 days. Forty days are the maximum for the nifaas period.

### **Q. Is punishment in the grave for only kuffaar?**

**A.** Punishment in the grave is for kuffaar as well as for evil Muslims.

### Q. Is it permissible for the heirs of a deceased to pay his outstanding Zakaat?

A. If the deceased had not made a wasiyyat (bequest) to this effect, then it is not permissible to pay his Zakaat from his estate without the willing consent of all the adult heirs. If all the heirs consent, then the payment will be from their shares, not from the shares of minors.

