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Topic: Death and Life

The Reason of Fear from Death

1. Interpreting Death as Annihilation

If we believe death to be the **beginning of a new and eternal life**, we will not have that fear; rather, we congratulate those who, with dignity and nobility, move towards it.

2. Evil Deeds

Some people fear death due to their bad deeds. They are like **prisoners** who fear the day they will be freed because they know that they will be **executed** then.

Two Different Points of View

Some people **fear death**, denying the hereafter and taking it as a farewell to everything they have or because of their bad deeds but some people **welcome death** as a bridge from this limited and dark world to a vast world full of light.

Imam 'Ali, peace be upon him, says, "I swear that 'Ali, the son of Abu Talib , **looks forward to death** with greater desire than a baby looks forward to its mother's breast."

Belief in the Resurrection Gives Meaning to Life

Without faith in another perfect world, this world may seem absurd but if we believe that this world is like **a field which has to be planted and harvested in the afterlife**, it will not appear to be futile.

Faith in the Resurrection is an Important Factor in Training

Powerful waves of the *sense of responsibility grows* in the spirit of the human being which prevents the human being from committing sin, deviation, oppression and aggression.

The Holy Quran says when the scroll of deeds is shown to sinners, they cry out, *"Ah! Woe to us! What a book is this! It leaves out nothing small or great but takes account thereof!"* (18/49)