

Does the Person Wilting the Isaale Thawaab earn any Rewards?

Q: Janaa'iz-32: A person recites a para or two of Qur'aan every day and wills half the reward to his deceased parents and the other half to all the deceased Muslim men and women. By having This intention of all the rewards going to others, does the person himself receive any rewards?

Answer: By doing good deeds with the intention of Isaale Thawaab (willing the rewards to be granted to another), the doer is also rewarded. It is for this reason that the Fuqahaa recommend that people carrying out Nafl acts will the rewards to all deceased Muslims because they will receive the rewards without any rewards being reduced for the doer.

In fact, the doer thereby receives even more rewards. Hadhrat Ali RADI. reports from Rasulullaah SAW. that the person who passes by any graves and recites Surah Ikhlaas eleven times with the intention of passing the rewards over to the deceased, he will be rewarded as many times as there are graves there.

Hadhrat Jaabir RADI. reports that Rasulullaah SAW. said, "The person who performs Hajj on behalf of his parents will have performed Hajj for them and will himself receive the rewards of performing Hajj ten times.

Such is the grace of Allaah. whose treasures know no bounds. Many eminent saints therefore believe that when rewards are willed for the deceased, the rewards are not distributed amongst them, but each one of them receives the complete reward of the deed.

Someone once asked Hadhrat Ibn Hajar Makki RAH., whether the reward of reciting Surah Faatiha is distributed amongst all the deceased or is the complete reward of the surah Faatiha granted to each one of them. He replied, "The Fatwa of a large group of scholars states that the complete reward is accorded to each one of them and this is the opinion that concurs with the abundant grace of Allaah."

Allaah Himself says, "I treat my bondsmen in accordance with his expectations of Me." And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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