

Don't request dua in exchange for charity

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Many times when a Muslim does a favour for another Muslim the one receiving the favour will thank them, so they will reply by saying, "Do not thank me just make dua for me." The Scholars have explained that this is not correct.

The following is a summary translation taken from the website of Shaykh Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹.

Shaykh Fawzaan (حفظه الله) said, (in his book '*Highlights of the religious verdicts of Shaykh-ul Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah in the creed*') that Shaykh-ul Islam Ibn Taymeeyah (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)² said: 'And from the manners of the one who gives to others or spends upon others is that they should not seek a favour based on what they have given, nor should they seek a reward from the creation based upon what they have given. And from the rewards is to request supplication (dua).

Allaah says about those He has commended: [**'we only feed you seeking the Face of Allaah; we do not want from you any reward or any thanks.'**]³

And supplication is a reward, as comes in the Hadeeth, '**whoever does a favour for you then return the favour to them; and if you are not able to find anything to return the favour with; then supplicate for them until you know that your supplication has equalled their favour.**'⁴

And 'Aaishah⁵ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا)⁶, when she would send out charity, she would say to the one delivering the charity for her, "Listen to the supplication that they make for us, so that you can make the same supplication for them that they made for us and therefore our reward can remain with Allaah."

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ سورة الإنسان – Soorah al-Insan [76:9]

⁴ Aboo Daawood

⁵ Umm-al-Mumineen 'Aaishah, the Mother of The Believers (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا)

⁶ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with her

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Some of the pious predecessors would say; if a beggar says to you: "may Allaah bless you," then say to them, "and may Allaah bless you as well."

Therefore, whoever does well to the creation, whether they are from the Prophets, or righteous people, or a king or a rich person; then this good must be done sincerely for the Face of Allaah – only seeking the Face of Allaah.

And they should not request from the creation any reward, or supplication or anything else; not from a Prophet nor from a righteous man because Allaah has commanded His slaves – all of them – to worship Him making the worship sincerely for Him alone.