

Using “Muhammad” when referring to Messenger of Allaah

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

With regards to using the name “Muhammad” when referring to the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)² states:

And his (ibn Mas’ood’s (رضي الله عنه)³) statement:

Whoever wishes to look at the wasiyyah (emphasised command) of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)....

Meaning: the Messenger of Allaah Muhammad ibn ‘Abdillaah al Haashimee al Qarashee (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

And this expression from ibn Mas’ood (رضي الله عنه) shows the permissibility of the like of it, such as for example:

Muhammad, the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said....

and:

The wasiyyah of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)....

And this does not contradict His statement, He the Most High:

Do not make the du’aa (calling) of the Messenger amongst yourselves like your calling one of another...⁴

- because the du’aa of the Messenger here means munaadah (calling out to him). So do not say when calling out, “O Muhammad!” Rather say, “O Messenger of Allaah!”

¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

⁴ سورة النور - Soorah an-Noor [24:63]

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As for informing (about something) then it is more encompassing than the issue of seeking (something from a person), so it is permissible for you to say, “I am a follower of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ),” or “O Allaah, send Salaat upon Muhammad” or the like of that.

(Al qawl ul mufeed (1/44) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ))