

Building Masjids over the graves of the Aawliyyaa'

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Question: Is it permissible to build Masjids (mosques) on the graves of Aawliyyaa' (pious people)? Second, is it permissible to offer Salaah (Prayer) in such Masjids, although there are other Masjids in the same town that contain no graves?

Answer: It is impermissible to build Masjids over the graves of the righteous servants of Allaah.

It is also impermissible to offer Salaah in such Masjids, because the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ said, "May Allaah curse the Jews and the Christians, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship."² The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) also said, "Beware! Those who came before you used to take the graves of their Prophets and righteous people as places of worship. Do not take graves as places of worship; I forbid you to do that."³ Muslim also reported that Jabir ibn 'Abdullah (رضي الله عنه)⁴ said, The Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) forbade plastering of graves, sitting on them, or building over them.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² Agreed upon its authenticity by both Imaam Bukhaaree and Imaam Muslim

³ Related by Muslim in his Saheeh (Book of Authentic Hadeeth).

⁴ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

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