

Supplicating to Allaah by virtue of the status of the Messenger, the Sahaabah, or others

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Question: During Ramadan, some worshippers follow each two Rak`ahs (units of Prayer) during Taraaweeh (special supererogatory night Prayer in Ramadan) with a Du`aa' (supplication) to Allaah through one of the Sahaabah (Companions of the Prophet). For example, they say, "By the honour of the venerable Sahaabee (Companion) so-and-so, we ask Allaah to accept our Salaah (Prayer) and Sawm (Fast)." I have advised them, but it was in vain. I now perform the (Taraaweeh) Salaah by myself in a corner of the Masjid (mosque). Should I perform Salaah with them or do it by myself as I am doing? Please give me a Fatwa on this and may Allaah reward you with the best reward.

Answer: Making Du`aa' to Allaah through the honour or life of the Messenger of Allaah, one of the Sahaabah, or others is not permissible, because acts of `Ibaadah (worship) are Tawqifeeya (bound by a religious text and not amenable to personal opinion). Allaah did not permit that to be done. What He did permit was for His Servants to supplicate to Him (Glorified be He) with His Names, Attributes, acknowledgement of His Oneness, belief in Him, and righteous deeds, but not through the honour or life of anyone. It is therefore obligatory for every Mukallaf (person meeting the conditions to be held legally accountable for their actions) to restrict themselves to what Allaah (Exalted be He) ordained. Accordingly, they should realise that supplicating to Allaah through the honour, life, or rank of anyone is Bid`ah (innovation in religion). It is authentically reported from the Messenger of Allaah (عليه السلام)¹ that he said, **Anyone who does something in this matter of ours (the religion) that is not from it, it will be rejected.**² He (peace be upon him) also said, **Anyone who does something that we have not ordered (in worship) it will be rejected.**³

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

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¹ (عليه السلام) ('alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him

² Authenticity agreed upon by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim.

³ Related by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh [Book of Authentic Hadeeth].