
Visiting the grave of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) after every prayer

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The Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) ¹ was asked a question about whether a visitor to Madinah is allowed to go to the Prophet's grave (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ² after every prayer, so he said:

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): If what you mean is every time someone prays, then we say no; but it is permissible [for the visitor] to do that sometimes and likewise it is not permissible for the residents of Madinah to visit it constantly after every prayer as is the case nowadays, for in doing so they are taking his grave (عليه السلام) ³ as a place of festivity [‘Eed], and established ahadeeth ⁴ have been reported which prohibit taking his grave (عليه السلام) as a place of festivity.

But a person who does that sometimes whether he be a resident or a visitor to Madinah—then let him do it sometimes and not repeatedly.

Questioner: Wouldn't Ibn Umar do that?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Not all the time, he would, for example, upon returning from a journey, go to the Prophet's grave (عليه السلام) and give him salaam and to Aboo Bakr and his father, but as for him making that his habit as the innovators do—then far be it for him to do such a thing. ⁵

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ (عليه السلام) (alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him

⁴ Ahadeeth- plural of hadeeth

⁵ Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 97