

It is not allowed to say a specific individual has been forgiven

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It is not allowed for anyone, apart from the Prophet, to say that a specific individual has been forgiven because of his Tawheed

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From al-Haartih ibn 'Ubaid: from Thaabit: from Anas, who said, "Allaah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ said to a man, 'O so and so! Did you do that?' He replied, 'No, by the One besides whom none has the right to be worshipped!'—and the Prophet (عليه السلام)² knew that he had [in fact] done it—so he said to him, 'Verily, Allaah has forgiven you your lie due to your attestation to, 'None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah.'"

Al-Albaanee said, "Al-Baihaqee said, '... what is intended is to show that even if a sin is great it does not mean that it necessitates the Fire as long as the [person's] 'Aqeedah is correct and he is someone for whom forgiveness has preceded [from Allaah]—and singling out a person in such a way [i.e., to say that a person has been forgiven as the Prophet did with that Companion] is not [allowed] for anyone [to do] after the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).'"³

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

² (عليه السلام) ('alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him

³ As-Saheehah, 3064.

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