The third question of Fatwa No. 4230

Q: Is it permissible to intend to undertake a journey to visit the graves of prophets and righteous people

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as the grave of our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and others? Is this visit Islamically permitted or not?

A3: It is not permissible to to undertake journeys to visit the graves of the prophets, righteous people and others. Doing so is a Bid'ah. The evidence for this is the saying of the Prophet (peace be upon him): ("Do not undertake journey but to three mosques: al-Masjid al-Haram, this Masjid of mine, and al-Masjid al-Aqsa (the mosque in Jerusalem).") The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (He who does any act for which there is no sanction from our behalf, it is to be rejected.) Visiting graves without undertaking journeys to visit them is a Sunnah. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ("Visit the graves for they remind you of the hereafter.") This Hadith was reported by Muslim in his Sahih.

May Allah grant us success! Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet and his family and Companions!

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