

The Ruling of the Dome Built upon the Grave  
of the  
Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam

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Part 10

Taking graves as masajid is the way of the Jews and the Christians

1- On the authority of Ayesha that Umm Salamaah mentioned to the Messenger - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – about a church she saw in Ethiopia. It was said that it was called Mareeya. She mentioned to him what she saw of the pictures inside it. The Messenger Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – said : ‘They are a people, that if a righteous worshipper or a righteous man dies among them then they build a place of worship on his grave, and then they paint these pictures in it, they are the most evil of creation with Allaah.’

Narrated by Bukharee (v.2 p.78) & (v.3 p.451), Muslim (v.5 p.11) and in it, Umm Habibah and Umm Salamah both mention the church, narrated by Ahmad (v.3 p.74) from the tarteeb of ‘al-Musnad’.

2- On the authority of Ayesha and Abdullah bin Abbas - radiAllaah anhu - who both said : in the last moments of his life, the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – would throw a thick piece of cloth on his face, and if it became difficult for him to breathe, he would uncover it, and say even though he was in that sick state: “May the curse of Allaah be upon the Jews and the Christians ; they took the graves of their prophets as places of worship.” Warn against what they did.’

Narrated by Bukharee (v.2 p.78), Muslim (v.5 p.12), Ahmad (v.3 p. 73) from the tarteeb of ‘al-Musnad’<sup>1</sup>

3- On the authority of Abu Huraira - radiAllaah anhu - that the Messenger of Allaah said: “May Allaah kill the Jews, they took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship.”

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Hafidah said in ‘al-Fath’ : It was as if he - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam - knew that he would pass away from that sickness, so fearing that his grave would be glorified, like those people who did so in the past, therefore he cursed the Jews and the Christians as an indication to rebuke the one who does what they did.

Narrated by Bukharee (v.2 p.79), Muslim (v.5 p.12) and he had an extra wording from the narration of Yazeed bin al-Assum: “and the Christians”, Abu Dawood (v.3 p.210) an-Nisaaee (v.4 p.78), Ahmad (v.8 p.152) from tarteeb of ‘al-Musnad’.

4- On the authority of Ayesha - radiAllaah anha - on the authority of the Prophet - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – said during his illness from which he died: “ “May Allaah kill the Jews they took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship.” She said: ‘and if it was not for that then his grave would have been raised, except that it was feared that it would have been taken as a place of prayer.’

Narrated by Bukharee (v.3 p.444), Muslim (v.5 p.12) & Ahmad (v.8 p.454) tarteeb of Sa’atee.

5- On the authority of Usama’ bin Zayid that the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – said during his illness from which he died: “Call my Companions to me.” So they entered upon him and he was covered with a narrow piece of clothing, and he said: “May Allaah curse the Jews! They took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship.”

Narrated by Abu Dawood at-Tayyalisee (v.2 p.113), Ahmad (v.5 p.203) and in it is an extra wording of ‘Christians’ by one of the two shaykhs of Imaam Ahmad, al-Haythamee said (v.2 p.27): narrated by Ahmad & Tabraanee in ‘al-Kabeer’ and its narrators are trustworthy.

6 - On the authority of Zayd bin Thaabit that the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – said: May Allaah curse the Jews! They took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship.

Narrated by Ahmad (v.5 p.184 & 186), and some of the narrators used the word 'curse' in place of 'kill/fight'.

Haythamee said in 'Mua'jam al-Zawaid' : the narrators are trustworthy.

7 - On the authority of Abu Ubaydah who said: The last of what the Prophet - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – said was:

Get rid of the Jews from the Ahl-ul-Hijjaz and Ahl-ul-Najraan from the Arabian Peninsula, and know that the evilest people are those who took their Prophet's graves as places of worship.

Narrated by Ahmad (v.1 p.195), Haythamee said in 'Mua'jam al-Zawaid' (v.5 p.325) : narrated by Ahmad & Tabraani with different chains, and narrators of two of the chains are thiqat and their insnaads are connected , and it was narrated by Abu Ya'ala, and Haythamee also said (v.2 p.28) :

narrated by al-Bazzar & its narrators are thiqaat and in it is : 'may Allaah curse the Jews....' to the end of the hadeeth.

8 - On the authority of Alee ibn Abee Taalib who said: The Prophet said to me while he was in his sickness from which he died from: 'Permit the people to come in .' so I permitted the people to come in.

He said: 'May Allaah curse the people who took the graves of their Prophets as places of prayer.' He said this three times during his sickness from which he died.

Haythamee said in 'mua'jam al-zawaid' (v.2 p.28) narrated by Bazzar, and in it is Abu ar-Raqqad, no one narrated from him except Haneef al-Moothin, and the rest of the narrators are trustworthy.

9 - On the authority of al-Hasan bin al-Hasan bin Abee Taalib who said: that the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – do not take my house as a place of *Eid* (regularly visited) and do not make you're houses into graves, and send prayers upon me, indeed your prayers reach me from wherever you are, may Allah curse the Jews and Christians, they took the graves of their prophets as places of worship.

This hadeeth is mursal narrated by Sa'eed ibn Mansoor, as is mentioned in 'Iqtida Siraat ul-Mustaqeem' (p.323)

10- Al-Bukhaaree - may Allaah have mercy upon him - said in 'at-Tareekh' (v.2 p.186):

Abdullaah bin Abee Shaybah al-Abbsee said to me : Zayed bin Hubbab narrated to us, who said; Ja'far bin Ibraheem who was the son of Dhee al-Jinaah -ayeen, who said: 'Alee bin Umar on the authority of his father who on the authority of 'Alee bin Hussain who narrated to me, that he saw a man come to a gap which was near the grave of the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – and he entered it and supplicated, so he called him and said: ' Shall I not mention to you a hadeeth which I heard from my father on the authority of my grandfather on the authority of the Prophet - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – who said : 'do not take my grave as a place of *Eid* ( regularly visited).

All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.