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Visiting the Holy Shrine of the Holy Prophet

Proof No. 1:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

And we did not send any Noble Messenger except that he be obeyed by Allah's command, and if they, when they have wronged their own souls, come humbly to you (O dear Messenger of Allah) and seek forgiveness from Allah, and the Noble Messenger intercedes for them, they will certainly find Allah as the Most Acceptor of Repentance, the Most Merciful. [Surah An-Nisaa Verse No. 64]

This verse of Holy Quran clearly indicates us that the Holy Prophet 'peace and blessing be upon him' intercedes for the believers to get the forgiveness from Allah Almighty.

Undoubtedly, all the prophets are alive in their graves and in front of Allah Almighty; we will discuss this subject in the last of this fatwa.

Proof No. 2:

The Holy Prophet said:

مَنْ زَارَ قَبْرِي وَجَبَتْ لَهُ شَفَاعَتِي

Whoever visits my grave, it is incumbent upon me to intercede for him.

Narrated by (1) Ad-Daaru Al-Qutni 2/278, (2) Al-Dulabi, (3) Al-Bayhaqi, (4) Khatib Al-Baghdadi (5) Al-Uqayli, (6) Ibn Adiy, (7) Al-Tabarani, (8) Ibn Khuzaymah.

All through various chains going back to Imam Musa ibn Hilal from Ubaydullah Ibn Umar, both from Imam Nafi from Ibn Umar.

- Imam Dhahabi declared this chain hasan (fair) as narrated.
- Imam Sakhawi has confirmed him in the **Al Maqasid Al Hasana**.

Proof No. 3:

The Holy Prophet said:

مَنْ حَجَّ وَزَارَ قَبْرِي بَعْدَ مَمَاتِي كَانَ كَمَنْ زَارَنِي فِي حَيَاتِي

He who goes on pilgrimage to Mecca and visits my tomb after my death will be regarded the same as those who had visited me during my life

(1) Ad-Daaru Al Qutni, (2) Al-Tabarani. Transmitted by Hafs Ibn Dawud, from Layth, from Mujahid, from Ibn Umar.

Proof No. 4:

In the Sunni belief the Holy Prophet is certainly alive in his grave. For more details on this issue, revert back to Ibn Al-Qayyim's book Kitaab Al-Rouh.

The Holy Prophet said:

Allah has prevented the earth from consuming the bodies of the Prophets.

Ibn Majah, 1/345 (#1085, 1636 & 1637) - Abu Dawud, 1/275 (#1647 & 1531) - Al-Nasaayi, 3/91 (#1374) - Mishkat Al-Masabih (#1366 & 1361) - Al-Darimi, 1/440 (#1572) - Musnad Imam Ahmad, 4/8 (#16207) - Al Musannaf of Abdul Razzaq, 2/253 (#8697)

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah reported that the Holy Prophet said, do not make your houses graves, and do not make my grave a place of festivity. But invoke blessings on me, for your blessings reach me wherever you may be. [Abu Dawud]

This hadith clearly indicates the acceptability of visiting the Shrine, The Holy Prophet has only advised not to be made a place of festivity.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah, the Holy Prophet said, if any one of you greets me, Allah returns my soul to me and I respond to the greeting. [Abu Dawud]

Proof No. 5:

The Great Imam Abu Hanifa wrote this hadith in his Musnad: Abdullah Ibn Umar said, it is Sunnah to turn towards the Holy Prophet's Shrine, one's back being towards the Qiblah.

This hadith indicates not only that it is Sunnah to visit the grave of the Holy Prophet but it is also Sunnah to turn's one face towards his blessed Shrine.

By the way, there are many proofs concerning the visiting of the blessed Shrine of the Holy Prophet 'peace be upon him' and contain countless rewards. The Noble Imam, Shah Ahmad Raza Khan stated the above conception based on the Holy Quran and Hadith in a beautiful poem:

حاجیو، آو شهنشاه کا روضہ دیکھو
کعبہ تو دیکھو چکے کعبے کا کعبہ دیکھو

*O pilgrims! Come and visit the Holy Shrine of the Holy Prophet.
You have already observed the Ka'ba, Now Observe the direction of Ka'ba.*

May Allah enlighten Our Hearts and Increase Our Love to the Holy Prophet 'peace and blessings be upon him' and Love for the Holy Cities (Holy Makka & Holy Madinah).

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