



**The fourth question of Fatwa no. 4259**

**Q 4: Is it permissible to build Masjids (mosques) on the graves of Awliya' (pious people)?  
Second, is it permissible to offer Salah (Prayer) in such Masjids, although there are other  
Masjids in the same town that contain no graves?**

**A:** It is impermissible to build Masjids over the graves of the righteous servants of Allah.

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It is also impermissible to offer Salah in such Masjids, because the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, [\("May Allah curse the Jews and the Christians, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship."\)](#) (Agreed upon its authenticity by both Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim). The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said, [\("Beware! Those who came before you used to take the graves of their Prophets and righteous people as places of worship. Do not take graves as places of worship; I forbid you to do that."\)](#) Related by Muslim in his Sahih (Book of Authentic Hadith). Muslim also reported that Jabir ibn 'Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him) said, [\("The Messenger of Allah \(peace be upon him\) forbade plastering of graves, sitting on them, or building over them.\)](#)

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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