



Fatwa no. 9224

Q: Sometimes I am entrusted with certain jobs in Al-Haram-ul-Nabawy (the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah), where I am to carry out my service in front of the fence around the room of the Prophet's grave. My duty is to prevent visitors from touching and seeking blessings from the Prophet's grave. Upon entering Al-Haram Al-Nabawy, I usually offer Tahiyat-ul-Masjid (two-unit Prayer to salute the mosque) and then start my work in front of the Prophet's grave. Before starting my job, I invoke blessings upon the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his two Companions (i.e. Abu-Bakr and `Umar, may Allah be pleased with them both). One of my colleagues told me that this deed is not permissible and that the Prophet (peace be upon him) has forbidden

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making his grave a frequently visited place. Therefore, invoking blessings upon the Prophet and his two Companions daily is impermissible. My question is what is the ruling on me doing this? May Allah grant you success and blessings.

A: It is impermissible to make the grave of the Prophet (peace be upon him) a place which people should visit daily, weekly or monthly. This act may involve making his grave a place visited often and regularly which is forbidden. This is proved by the Hadith narrated by Abu Dawud with a Hasan Sanad (a chain of narration contains a narrator with weak exactitude, but is free from eccentricity or blemish) and reliable narrators on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: **«Do not make your houses graves, and do not make my grave a frequently visited place; but invoke blessings on me, for your blessings reach me wherever you may be.»** There are many other reinforcing pieces of evidence to the same effect.

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

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