
Wife helping her deceased husband

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How can a wife help her deceased husband? Can she send the reward of her recitation of the Qur'aan to him?

Questioner: Recitation of the Qur'aan reaches the dead?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: If the one reciting the Qur'aan is the child of the one who has passed away, whether it is the father or mother, then this recitation will benefit.

As for other than the children then their recitation will not benefit [anyone] other than their [own] parents as we just mentioned.

Thus the wife is excluded [from this category]—but [at the same time] there is no doubt that you, as a wife who has been afflicted with the demise of her husband ... [there is no doubt that] it is within your capability to supplicate for him: [that] if he was someone who would do good, that our Lord, the Mighty and Majestic, increases his good deeds; and if he was someone who erred, that our Lord overlook his sins.

Always remember him with good and supplicate for him.

As for you reciting [the Qur'aan] and sending the reward for that recitation to the husband, then it is over, his actions have come to an end as I stated in the aforementioned hadeeth, the conclusion of which was, "... **except for three: recurring charity, knowledge that others benefit by, or a righteous son who supplicates for him.**"²

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² *Al-Hudaa wan-Noor*, 290.