

## Prostration of thankfulness upon scoring

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

### Prostration of thankfulness upon scoring; is it allowed, is it Da'wah?

**Question:** Noble Shaykh, may Allaah grant you success. That which some of the athletes do when they score a goal they prostrate to Allaah...

**Shaykh Fawzaan** (حفظه الله)<sup>1</sup>: Is this a blessing? Scoring a goal, is this a blessing or protection from a punishment? This is a game, a game. You do not prostrate from a game. You prostrate to Allaah if you abandon it. If you leave it, you show gratitude to Allaah by prostrating.

**Question:** Noble Shaykh, may Allaah grant you success. That which some of the ball players do by prostrating for thankfulness when they are successful, according to what they believe; is this legislated?

**Shaykh Fawzaan** (حفظه الله): Is this a blessing? The prostrating of thankfulness only occurs for a blessing or protection from a punishment. As for playing ball, the most which has been said about it is it is permissible. And it is not a blessing, thus it is not legislated to make the prostration of thankfulness for it.

**Question:** Then the questioner asks—may Allaah preserve you—that which some of them claim that it is a type of Da'wah (calling people to the path of Allaah)

**Shaykh Fawzaan** (حفظه الله): No, no. Da'wah (calling people to the path of Allaah) is only by that which is necessitated by the Book and the Sunnah. Da'wah (calling people to the path of Allaah) is not by everything. Are we going to regard everything as Da'wah? No. As for Da'wah:

[Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best.]<sup>2</sup>

Da'wah is only that which comes in the Book and the Sunnah. And nothing can be newly invented in this affair which has not been legislated by Allaah and His Messenger.

<sup>1</sup> (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

<sup>2</sup> سورة النحل – Soorah an-Nahl [16:125]