
Ring of the Messenger of Allaah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said:

‘Our Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– began wearing a ring at a later time period after his migration (Hijrah). He took it towards the end of the sixth year of al-Hijrah when the Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– began writing to the kings and leaders with the call to the Deen of Allaah – Tabaraka wa Ta’ala. When the Prophet wanted to write to Rome, it was said to him that they do not read letters except if they are stamped, so then he took a ring [for stamping].

This is why some of the people of knowledge have written in detail regarding the rulings of wearing rings. They say if it is a need, for example a person is a judge or a person in a position of responsibility and he needs to have a ring [for stamping letters etc], then in respect to this person taking a ring it is the Sunnah, as for wearing it not for a need then this is regarded as something permissible.’

Some of the scholars compiled separate works about the rulings of wearing rings, like, al-Baihaqee who wrote ‘al-Jama’ fil-Khatim’ and Ibn Rajab in ‘Kitaab Ahkaam al-Khawateem wa ma Ta’alaq biha’.¹

¹ [Sharh Shamail an-Nabee p.107]