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

**Question:** "What is the speech of the scholars regarding someone who requests du'aa (supplication) from the dead? Does this action enter into Major or Minor Shirk?"

**Shaykh Ahmad bin Yahyaa an-Najmee** (May Allaah have mercy on him): "There is no doubt that this enters into Major Shirk. Because he believes that the dead person can hear him. And Allaah (*The Exalted, The Most High*) informs us that the dead can't hear:

**[But you cannot make hear those who are in the graves]<sup>1</sup>**

This one requests from the dead and thinks that he can hear him. Furthermore he believes that he is able to do that action. And this is something which is falsehood, rather it is Major Shirk which takes one out of the fold of the religion. The one who holds this belief with regards to the dead, leaves the fold of the religion."

**السؤال:** ما قول أهل العلم في من يطلب من الميت الدعاء؟ هل يدخل هذا الفعل في الشرك الأكبر أو الأصغر؟

**الجواب:** لا شك أن هذا يدخل في الشرك الأكبر لأنه يعتقد بأن الميت يسمعه. والله سبحانه وتعالى أخبرنا أن الموتى لا يسمعون: (وما أنت بمسمع من في القبور). هذا يطلب من الميت ويظن أنه يسمعه وأيضاً يظن قدرته على هذا العمل وهذا شيء باطل بل هو شرك أكبر مخرج من الملة. الذي يعتقد هذا في الموتى هذا مخرج من الملة

<sup>1</sup> Soorah al-Faatir [35:22]