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Q: 314 ? Title: I want to ask regarding the Mehfil e Meelad conducted here in Madinah Munawwarah every Thursday by SAUDIS. Is it allowed to go to these kind of Majalis?

Question

I want to ask regarding the Mehfil e Meelad conducted here in Madinah Munawwarah every Thursday by SAUDIS. I went to one or two mehfiles. They are usually held in farm houses. they begin with Tilawat, Na'at and then an Alim would make a bayan. After that different people read Na'ats. In the end, everyone stands up reading

Ya Nabi Salam Alaika, Ya Habib Salam Alaika, Salawatullah Alaika... They burn the Ood with it and take it around the place.

After that they serve dinner, Rice and Sheep.

Is it allowed to go to these kind of Majalis?

Answer

Assal?mu `alaikum Warahmatull?hi Wabrakatuh,

All?h Ta`?I? sent Nabi (Sallall?hu `alayhi wasallam) with a complete and perfect religion. All?h Ta`?I? says in the Noble Qur?n:

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Today, I have perfected your religion for you, and have completed My blessing upon you, and chosen Islam as Deen (religion and a way of life) for you. [5:3]

The lifestyle of Nabi (Sallall?hu `alayhi wasallam)was a practical example of the Deen of All?h Ta`?I?. All?h Ta`?I? says in the noble Qur?n:

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There is indeed a good model for you in the Messenger of Allah - for the one who has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah profusely. [33:21]

It is for this reason that much emphasis has been placed on following Nabi (Sallall`hu `alayhi wasallam) to such an extent that it has been made the criteria for the love of All`h Ta``l?.

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Say (O Prophet): If you really love Allah, then follow me, and Allah shall love you and forgive you your sins. Allah is Most-Forgiving, Very-Merciful. [3:31]

Following Nabi (Sallall`hu `alayhi wasallam) is in fact following the right path. All`h Ta``l? says:

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So, believe in Allah and His Messenger, the Ummiyy (unlettered) prophet, who believes in Allah and in His words, and follow him, so that you may find the right path. [7:158]

This verse is explicit in proving that following Nabi (Sallall?hu `alayhi wasallam) is the way to being rightly guided. Since this is the only way to guidance it stands clear that any offshoot from this path is misguidance.

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Sayyidun? J?bir ibn `Abdull?h (Radiyah?h Ta`?l? `anhu) narrates that Nabi (Sallall?hu `alayhi wasallam) used to say in His sermon: Verily the worst of actions are those innovated, and every innovation is deviation.

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Sayyidatun? `?ishah (Radiyah Ta`?l? `anh?) narrates that Nabi (Sallall?hu `alayhi wasallam) mentioned: Whoever innovates in our matter what is not of it then it is rejected.

The honourable companions of Nabi (Sallall?hu `alayhi wasallam) followed him in every aspect of their lives. Therefore they were made benchmarks of success. All?h Ta`?l? says in the Noble Qur?n:

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As for the first and foremost of the Emigrants (Muh?jir?n) and the Supporters (Ans?r) and those who followed them in goodness, Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, where they will live forever. That is the supreme achievement. [9:100]

Following Nabi (Sallallahu `alayhi wasallam) was, is and will remain the highway to success whilst anything besides the sunnah is the off ramp to deviation.

It is indeed a great privilege to live in the blessed land of Madinah Munawwarah, but that privilege is accompanied by added responsibilities. Being the neighbours of Nabi (Sallallahu `alayhi wasallam) demands that one be more sensitive to the sunnah of Nabi (Sallallahu `alayhi wasallam). Extra importance should be given to adhering to even the finest of sunnats. Similarly, to the reverse, any innovation by the people of Madinah Munawwarah is to be more condemned.

Every stone, street, alley and gully of Madinah Munawwarah ought to be reminding one of the sahabah (Radiyallahu `anhum) firm adherence to the sunnah. The incidents of the galaxy of sahabah (Radiyallahu `anhum) should be flashing through one's mind at every turn one takes. These were those whose love for Nabi (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam) had excelled beyond the mountain peak. They expressed their love for Nabi (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam) by imitating him in the minutest of actions.

It is extremely sad and disturbing to learn of innovations taking place in the honourable city of Madinah Munawwarah. One would have expected that the honourable neighbours of the beloved Messenger (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam) would have adhered firmly to the sunnah and to pure Islamic teachings. They would have been more sensitive to the issue of sunnah and bid'ah. The sunnah is a light by means of which a person may find direction in the darkness of all the evils and fitnahs that the world is engulfed in. The true neighbours of Nabi (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam) are those who adhere to his sunnah even though they are thousands of miles away from him. Distant are those who innovate according to their fancies even though they might be right next to Nabi (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam).

There is no command or example in the life of Ras?lull?h (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam) or his Sah?bah (Radiyah?hu Ta`?l? `anhum) having gatherings as stated in the query.

Where did Ya Nabi Sal?m `alayka Ya Hab?b Sal?m `alayka originate from? Why does everyone have to stand for the dur?d? During sal?h dur?d is in the sitting position. Why burn `?d? Why leave the well established narration of dur?d for such baseless practises?!

The illustrious sah?bah (radiyall?h Ta`?l? `ahum) enquired from Nabi (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam): how should we send dur?d upon You?

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Nabi (Salallahu `alayhi wasallam) replied: read:

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There are many books compilations which mention the different forms of dur?d. All?m?h

Sakhaw? (Rahimahull?h Ta`?l?) has compiled a book called al-Qawlul Badi?. This is detailed work on the virtues and forms of dur?d. Shaykhul Had?th Hadrat Mawl?n? Muhammad Zakariyyah (Rahimahullah Ta`?l?) compiled a book, commonly known as the forty dur?d, which contain the different dur?ds mentioned in the ahad?th. Taking to such dur?d as mentioned in the ah?d?th are undoubtedly much more meritorious than thousands of any other un-established form of dur?d.

One of the main objectives of such gathering is to inculcate and express our love for Nabi (?allall?hu `alayhi wasallam). We advise that you set out some time daily to send salutations on Nabi (?allall?hu `alayhi wasallam). Even if it may be a little in quantity but it should be read with punctuality and with a great feeling of love for our beloved Messenger (?allall?hu `alayhi wasallam). Also take out time to educate yourself and your family about the history of Nabi (?allall?hu `alayhi wasallam). Read the sacrifices he went through for the cause of Isl?m. Study his sham?il, conduct and behaviour. Insh? All?h this will prove more beneficial in inculcating the love of Nabi (?allall?hu `alayhi wasallam). Firm adherence to even the finest of sunnah is the best way to show our love to Nabi (?allall?hu `alayhi wasallam). Try to spend as much as time possible in the honourable Masjid and also visit the blessed grave as much as possible. If possible kindly convey our sal?m too.

And Allah Ta`?la Knows Best