

## Women Visiting Graves

Q: Imaan-71: Why do the Ulema of Deoband forbid women from visiting graves? Why do they allow men but then forbid them on occasions of Urs, etc.?

Answer: It is because of the corruption of beliefs and actions that the Ulema forbid women and men as well during the occasions of the Urs. For additional peace of mind, I shall quote the details from the writings of Molvi Hashmat Ali Sunni Hanafi Berelwi, who is a famous scholar from the Ridha Khan group.

"Q: Imaan-72: What is the ruling concerning women visiting graves and men undertaking journeys to visit tombs such as those of Peeraan Kaleer, Ajmer, etc?

Answer: According to the most authentic opinion, it is not only permissible, but also preferable for both men and women to visit graves, as stated in Nurul Idhaa. However, in today's times, it is not only Makrooh, but Haraam For women to visit graves (this is stated in Allama Ayni RAH.'s commentary of Bukhaari). As for men, it is preferable for them to undertake journeys to visit graves as well as those of their ancestors and the tombs of the pious saints. Rasulullaah SAW. said, 'I used to forbid you from visiting graves in the past. Take heed! You should now visit them. It has been reported that Rasulullaah SAW. himself visited the graves at the Jannatul Baqee graveyard, here he used to make du'aa. it is, however, best to visit the tombs of peeraan Kaleer, Ajmer and others after the festivities because acts of Bid'ah and other impermissible acts are often carried out during these occasions and a person may be unable to control himself. Carrying out sins in the presence of the saints makes the sin worse." (Majma'ul Masaa'il Vol.1 Pg.110)'

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