

## Wahhabism Prohibits Visiting Of Graves

One of the heresies widespread in the present time is the prohibition of visiting of graves by women. When a Muslim woman goes to perform the Hajj, they (Wahhabis) do not permit her to visit the Baqee' Graveyard or any other graveyard there. The Wahhabis prohibited this thing and still prohibit it with no any evidence except fanaticism.

Muslim has mentioned in his Sahih, Chapter of Funerals, that Aa'isha once asked the Prophet (S) what she should say if she visited graveyards, and the Prophet (S) said, *"You say: Peace be on you, O peaceful people! You are from the foremost and we, if Allah wills are from the following and may Allah forgive the first and the last."*<sup>1</sup>

Al-Bukhari has mentioned in his Sahih that Anas ibn Malik said, *"One day, the Prophet (S) passed by a woman crying at a grave. He said to her, 'Fear Allah and be patient!' She said, 'Be away from me! You have not been afflicted as I have.' She did not know him. It was said to her that he was the Messenger of Allah (S). She came to his house and did not find doorkeepers. She apologized to him that she did not know him before. He said, 'Patience is (required) but at the first shock'."*<sup>2</sup>

There are too many traditions about this subject in the books of the Sunni and the Shia, but the Wahhabis deny and pay no any attention to them.

When I argued with one of the Wahhabis about these traditions, he said to me that they were abrogated. I said, "In fact, the prohibition is that which was abrogated, because the Messenger of Allah (S) said, '*I had prohibited you from visiting the graves, but now you visit them, because they remind you of death*'."

He said, "This tradition means men and not women."

I said, "It has been proved in history and to the scholars from the Sunni that Fatima az-Zahra' (sa) visited her father's tomb every day, and she cried there and said, '*O father, calamities have been poured on me that if they were poured on days, they would turn nights*.'<sup>3</sup> It is well known in history that Imam Ali (as) built her a special house called 'the house of sorrows' where she spent most of her time weeping."<sup>4</sup>

He said, "If we suppose that this narration it true, it concerns Fatima alone."

Unfortunately, this blind fanaticism! How can a Muslim imagine that Allah and His messenger prohibit woman from visiting the grave of her father, mother, brother, husband, or child where she may pray Allah to have mercy and forgive them and where she may grieve for them through tears of mercy and remember death and afterlife like a man does?

This is an injustice against a woman which Allah never pleases to do or does, neither does His messenger or any man of a sound reason.

- [1.](#) Sahih Muslim vol.2, p.669, hadith no.103
- [2.](#) Sahih al-Bukhari, vol. 2, p. 79, Chapt. 'Visiting of Graves, Funerals.'
- [3.](#) Tarikh al-Khamis vol.2, p. 173
- [4.](#) Bihar al-Anwar vol.43, p. 177

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