

Receiving payment for washing a dead person

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

Question: Is it permissible to receive payment for washing a dead person?

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

It is permissible to receive payment for washing a dead person, for bearing him and digging his tomb...etc, because these acts of worship have a conceivable meaning. They are valid even if their author does not have the intention to get nearer to Allaah through them. In fact, the intention of getting nearer to Allaah is a condition to obtain Allaah's reward, but it is not a condition for the validity of the act of the worship.

However, it is better to carry out these acts by way of benevolence, in order to get closer to Allaah تعالى and to obtain reward and recompense, if this is possible of course.

If the person who takes charge of these acts is one of the relatives, and he is a needy one, he can receive payment commensurate with his action. I think that he will be rewarded by Allaah تعالى.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عزَّ وجلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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