

Visiting and praying in the Prophet's Mosque

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Question: I was born in 13/4/1903 A.D; I am now eighty years old, but Allaah has not willed it for me yet during this lifetime to visit the Honoured Ka`bah or the Prophet's Mosque. Out of my love for the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹, I invoke Allaah's blessings upon him day and night. I see him often in my dreams and the last was today. Today I only felt that I wanted to disclose this.

I have a simple home and I am blessed with only one daughter and her orphaned child. They live with me to take care of me. I live on a modest income and I yearn so much to visit the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم). Should I sell this house to enjoy visiting the beloved Prophet?

Answer: First: We hope that your dreams be good dreams that come true.

Second: It is not permissible to travel specifically to visit the grave of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). What is permissible is to visit his Masjid (mosque) and pray there; and this visit is not obligatory. It is also permissible for any Muslim visiting the Prophet's Masjid to greet him and his two Companions (Aboo Bakr and Umar, (رضي الله عنهما)²). However, you should not sell your dwelling house for the sake of this visit. Obeying the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and adhering to his Sunnah at any time or place, in hope of being rewarded by Allaah, is a means of attaining happiness and success in this world and in the Hereafter.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رضي الله عنهما) (rad iyallaahu 'anhumaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them both