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Question: What is the ruling on visiting the graves of Aawliyyaa' (pious people)? When people experience drought or illness or anything similar, they offer a sheep or a chicken with the intention that Allaah may send rain or cure their sick!

Answer: This is not permissible; it is an act of Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship), for Allaah (Exalted be He) says: [Say (O Muhammad (عليه السلام)¹): "Verily, my Salaah (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allaah, the Lord of the 'Alameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists). He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims."] He also says: [Therefore turn in prayer to your Lord and sacrifice (to Him only).]

It is also authentically reported that the Prophet (عليه السلام) said: **Allaah has cursed the one who sacrifices for other than Allaah...**

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

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¹ (عليه السلام) ('alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him