

Excellence of Participation in Funeral Prayers in large numbers

Imaam Al-Nawawee's Riyad-us-Saliheen Chapter 156

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

932. `Aishah (May Allaah be pleased with her) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, ***"If a group of Muslims numbering a hundred perform funeral prayer over a dead person, and all of them ask Allaah's forgiveness for him, their prayer for him will be accepted."***¹

933. Ibn `Abbaas (May Allaah be pleased with them) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, ***"If a Muslim dies and forty people, who do not associate anything with Allaah in worship, participate in the funeral prayer over him, Allaah will accept their intercession for him."***²

934. Marthad bin `Abdullah al-Yazni reported: When Maalik bin Hubairah (May Allaah be pleased with him) offered a funeral prayer and found a small number of participants, he would divide them into three rows and would say that the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, ***"If three rows of men offer funeral prayer over anyone, his entry into Jannah will become certain."***³

¹ Muslim

² Muslim

³ Aboo Daawood and At-Tirmidhee