

## Desirability of visiting the Graves

Imaam Al-Nawawee's Riyad-us-Saliheen Chapter 66

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

**581.** Buraidah (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, *“(In the past) I forbade you from visiting graves, but visit them now.”*

In another narration Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, *“Whoever wants to visit a graveyard, let him do so, because it reminds us of the Hereafter.”*<sup>1</sup>

**582.** `Aaishah (May Allaah be pleased with her) reported: Whenever it was her turn to spend with Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam), he used to go to the Baqi` (graveyard in al-Madeenah) at the last part of night and say, *“May you be safe, O abode of the believing people. What you have been promised has come to you. You are tarried till tomorrow and certainly we shall follow you if Allaah wills. O Allaah, forgive the inmates of the Baqi`-al-Gharqad.”*<sup>2</sup>

**583.** Buraidah (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) used to teach them (i.e., the Companions) whenever they came out to visit the graveyard to say:

*“As-salamu `alaikum ahlad-diyari minal-Mu`minina wal-Muslimina, wa inna in sha` Allaahu bikum lahiqun. As'alul-laha lana wa-lakumul-`afiyah*

**(May you be safe, O inmates of the abodes of the believers and the Muslims, and if Allaah pleases, we shall follow you, we pray to Allaah for well-being for ourselves and for you)."**<sup>3</sup>

**584.** Ibn `Abbaas (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) passed by the graves at Al-Madeenah. He turned his face towards them and said, *“May you be granted safety, O inmates of the graves. May Allaah forgive us and you. You have preceded us, and we are to follow.”*<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Muslim

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<sup>3</sup> Muslim

<sup>4</sup> At-Tirmidhee