

Will The Blessed Awliya Also Make Shafa'at (Intercession)?

Darulifta Ahlesunnat

(Dawateislami)

Question

What do the blessed 'Ulama [Islamic scholars] and Muftis [Islamic jurists] state regarding the following matter: Will the Awliya of Allah also intercede on the Day of Judgement? I have heard that only the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will intercede. (Questioner: Owais Raza, Madina-tul-Awliya, Multan)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

On the Day of Judgement, blessed Awliya اللهُ رَحِمَهُمُ، 'Ulama, Huffaz and Hujjaj will all intercede. In fact, every individual who has been blessed with a religious position and status will intercede for his family members and relatives. At this place, A'la Hadrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated a beautiful point that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will make Shafa'at [intercession] in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and all other intercessors will intercede for their family members and relatives in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. In any case, they will also certainly intercede, as making intercession in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is also Shafa'at [intercession]; it is not something else.

It is stated in Al-Mu'taqad-ul-Muntaqad [المعتقد المنتقد]:

ويجب الايمان بان هيشفع غيره ايضا من الانبياء والملائكة والعلماء

والشهداء والصلحين وكثير من المؤمنين وغيرهم من القرآن والصيام والكعبة وغيرها ما ورد في السنة

And it is Wajib [compulsory] to have Iman [faith] in the fact that besides the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, other Ambiya, angels, 'Ulama, Shuhada [martyrs], pious people and a large number of Mu'mineen, and besides them, the Holy Quran, Sawm [fast], Ka'bah, etc., all those regarding whose intercession, the information has been given in Ahadees will also intercede. (Al-Mu'taqad-ul-Muntaqad, pp.129)

Mentioning the condition of the Day of Judgement, Sadr-ush-Shari'ah, Mufti Amjad Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: Then (i.e. when the door of Shafa'at will open) all the Ambiya will make intercession for their Ummah, and the blessed Awliya, Shuhada, 'Ulama, Huffaz, Hujjaj, in fact every individual who has been blessed with a religious position and status will make intercession for the people associated with him. Na-Baaligh [A child who has not yet reached puberty] children who have died will intercede for their parents. Moreover, some such people will also come to 'Ulama who will humbly say, 'We had filled water for you to make Wudu at such and such a time' 'Ulama will make intercession even for them. (Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol.1, pp.139-141 summarized)

Except for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the entire Creation, even the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ will present their intercession in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, as the authority of their intercessions is the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said:

‘اذا كان يوم القيمة كنت امام النبيين وخطيبهم وصاحب شفاعتهم غير فخر’ Translation: When it will be the Day of Judgement, I will be the Imam and Khateeb of Ambiya and I am the authority of their intercession. I am not saying it as pride. (Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol.5, pp.353, Hadees3633)

Mentioning the beautiful meaning of this blessed Hadees, A’la Hadrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated:

والمعنى الآخر اللطف الاشرف ان لا شفاعاة لاحد بلا واسطة عند ذى العرش جل جلاله الا للقرآن العظيم ولهذا الحبيب المرتضى الكريم صلى الله تعالى عليه وسلم، واما سائر الشفعاء من الملائكة والانبياء والاولياء والعلماء والحفاظ والشهداء والحجاج والصلحاء، فعند رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فينهون اليه ويشفعون لديه وهو صلى الله عليه وسلم يشفع لمن ذكره ولمن لم يذكره وعند ربه عز وجل وقد تاكد عندنا هذا المعنى باحاديث- والله الحمد

Translation: The second meaning of this blessed Hadees which is very beautiful and blessed is that only the Holy Quran and the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ have the right of direct Shafa’at in the Divine court, and we have hopes from him; none except them has this right. The rest of the intercessors, i.e. the intercession of angels, Ambiya, Awliya, ‘Ulama, Huffaz, Shuhada, Hujjaj, and Saliheen [pious people] will be in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; so they will convey the request in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and bring intercession; and in the court of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will make intercession for those mentioned, and besides them, for those who are not mentioned. According to our opinion, this meaning is strongly supported by many Ahadees, وَ اللهُ الْحَمْدُ. (Al-Mustanad-ul-Mu’tamadma’Al-Mu’taqad-ul-Muntaqad, pp.127)

In Fatawa Razawiyah, A’la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: It is proved from Ahadees that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the authority of intercession. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be the Shafi’ [شَفِيع] [intercessor] in the court of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ, and ‘Ulama and Awliya will make intercession of those associated with them in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Fatawa Razawiyah, vol.21, pp.464)

Sadr-ush-Shari’ah, Mufti Amjad Ali A’zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: On the Day of Judgement, the status of Shafa’at-e-Kubra [the greatest intercession] is amongst the peculiarities of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; no one will have the courage to make intercession unless the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ opens the “Door of Intercession”. In fact, actually all the intercessors will bring intercession in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and amongst Creation, only the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the Shafi’ [intercessor] in the court of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. (Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol.1, pp.70)

وَاللهُ اعْلَمُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ اعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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