## Ruling on Addressing The Prophet By Saying Ya Muhammad

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## Question

What do the noble scholars and jurists of Islamic law say about the following: How is it to address The Prophet by saying Ya Muhammad (Oh Muhammad)?

Addressing The Prophet ﷺ with his name by saying Oh Muhammad is impermissible and Haraam. In The Holy Qur'an, Allah Almighty prohibited from addressing The Messenger ﷺ with his name. Therefore, rather than addressing him by his name, honorable titles should be used, such as Oh Messenger of Allah, Oh Beloved of Allah, Oh Prophet of Allah, Oh Leader of The Messengers, Oh Final Prophet, Oh Intercessor of the sinners صلى الله تعالى عليه وسلم.

It is stated in The Holy Qur'an about the prohibition of saying Ya Muhammad:

Translation (Kanz-ul- 'Irfan): O people! Do not make the calling of the Messenger between yourselves the way you call one another.(Al-Quran, Part 18, Surah Al-Nur, Verse 63)

It is stated in *Tafsir Al-Khazin* under this:

Translation: This means, don't address him with his name as some of you address others by saying Oh Muhammad, Oh Abdullah. Instead, say: Oh Prophet of Allah and Oh Messenger of Allah with gentleness and with humility. (Tafsir Al-Khazin, Vol. 3, p. 307, Publ. Dar Al-Kutub Al- 'Ilmiyah, Beirut)

It is stated in Tafsir Ibn Kasir:

عن ابن عباس: كانوايقولون "يامحمد، يا ابا القاسم" فنهاهم الله عزوجل عن ذلك، اعظاما لنبيه، صلوات الله وسلامه عليه قال: فقالوا: يارسول الله، يانبي الله

Translation: It is narrated from Ibn Abbas رخى الله تعالىءنه that people would say, 'Oh Muhammad, Oh Abu Al-Qasim.' So Allah Almighty prohibited them from that to honor his Prophet . Ibn Abbas رخى الله says: Then the Sahabah would say: Oh Messenger of Allah, Oh Prophet of Allah. (Tafsir Ibn Kasir, Vol. 6, p. 88, Publ. Dar Taibah)

My Master, A'la Hazrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحبةالله تعالى عليه states in *Fatawa Razawiyah*:

یہاں اُس کا بیر بندوبست فرمایا کہ اس امتِ مرحومہ براس نبی کریم علیہ افضل الصلوۃ و التسلیم کانام یاک لے كرخطاب كرنابى حرام تظهر ايا، قال الله تعالى: ﴿ لا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَا ءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا ﴾ الله تعالی نے فرمایا: رسول کا یکار نا آپس میں ایسانہ تھہر الوجیسے ایک دوسرے کو یکارتے ہو کہ اے زید، اے عمرو، بلکہ یوں عرض كرونيا رسول الله، يا نبى الله، يا سيد المرسلين، يا خاتم النبيين، يا شفيع المذنبين، صلى الله تعالى عليك و سلم وعلى الك اجمعين \_\_\_لهذا علماء تصريح فرماتے ہيں، حضور اقدس صلى الله تعالى عليه و سلم كونام لے کر ندا کرنی حرام ہے اور واقعی محل انصاف ہے، جسے اس کامالک و مولی تبارک و تعالیٰ نام لے کرنہ یکارے، غلام کی کیا مجال کہ راہِ ادب سے تجاوز کرے۔۔۔ بیہ مسئلہ مہمہ جس سے اکثر اہل زمانہ غافل ہیں،نہایت واجب الحفظہے۔ Translation: Here, Allah settled the matter by declaring it Haraam on this blessed Ummah to address The Messenger عليه افضل الصلاة و التسليم with his name. Allah Almighty states: ﴿ لا تَجْعَلُوْا دُعَآءَ الرَّسُوْلِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَآءِ 0 people! Do not make the calling of the Messenger بُعْضِكُمُ بِعُضًا﴾ between yourselves the way you call one another," such as Oh Zaid or Oh Umar. Instead plead in this way: Oh Messenger Of Allah, Oh Prophet of Allah, Oh Leader of the Messengers, Oh Final Prophet, Oh Thus, the ... صلى الله تعالى عليك و سلم وعلى الك اجمعين Thus, the scholars explicitly state: Calling the Prophet # with his name is Haraam, and this is justice. After all, whom the Master تبارك وتعالى does

not call by name, then how can the servants dare to overstep the limits of respect? This important issue, about which the majority of people in our time are unaware, must be remembered. (Fatawa Razawiyyah, Vol. 30, p. 156-158, Publ. Raza Foundation, Lahore)

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّو جَلَّ وَرَسُولُه أَعْلَم صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ الِهِ وَسَلَّم knows best.)

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