

Using the name “Muhammad” when referring to the Prophet ﷺ

With regards to using the name “Muhammad” when referring to the Messenger of Allaah *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* states:

And his (ibn Mas’ood *radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) statement:

Whoever wishes to look at the wasiyyah (emphasised command) of Muhammad *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*...

Meaning: the Messenger of Allaah Muhammad ibn ‘Abdillaah *al Haashimee al Qarashhee *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam**.

And this expression from ibn Mas’ood shows the permissibility of the like of it, such as for example:

*Muhammad, the Messenger of Allaah *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam* said....*

and:

*The wasiyyah of Muhammad *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*....*

And this does not contradict His statement, He the Most High:

Do not make the *du’aa* (calling) of the Messenger amongst yourselves like your calling one of another..

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- because the *du’aa* of the Messenger here means *munaadah* (calling out to him). So do not say when calling out, “O Muhammad!” Rather say, “O Messenger of Allaah!”

As for informing (about something) then it is more encompassing than the issue of seeking (something from a person), so it is permissible for you to say, “I am a follower of Muhammad *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*,” or “O Allaah, send *salaat* upon Muhammad” or the like of that.

(*Al qawl ul mufeed* (1/44) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*)