

## Applying the word “Sayyidunā” to Rasūlullāh *sallallāhu  alayhi wa sallam*

Question: Some people consider it wrong to use the word “Sayyidunā” (our master) for Rasūlullāh ﷺ *sallallāhu   alayhi wa sallam*. What is their proof for it? Is it permissible to apply it to Rasūlullāh ﷺ *sallallāhu   alayhi wa sallam* ?

Answer: Those who consider it wrong to use the word “Sayyidunā” for Rasūlullāh *sallallāhu ʿalayhi wa sallam* present the following narration as proof:

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It appears from the above Ahādīth that Rasūlullāh *sallallāhu  alayhi wa sallam* disliked for the word “Sayyidunā” to be applied to him and that he stopped people from using it for him. However, the ‘ulamā’ provide several answers for this.

□ Aun al-Ma□ būd:

*Badhl al-Majhūd:*

وَمَنْ يَعْلَمُ أَعْلَمُ بِإِيمَانِهِ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ "إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ" إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ :يَقِنًا .إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ .إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ [4]

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The essence of the above answers is as follows:

1. The real chief and real master whose rule encompasses everyone and everything is none other than Allāh *ta l  al *. This word is used figuratively for Rasūlullāh sallallāhu  alayhi wa sallam
2. Rasūlullāh sallallāhu  alayhi wa sallam stopped them from addressing him with this word out of humility. This is similar to when a person approaches an assembly of people and they stand up for him. Although it is permissible to stand up, the person could stop them out of his own humility.
3. Rasūlullāh sallallāhu  alayhi wa sallam stopped them to prevent them from going beyond the bounds in praising him.
4. This prohibition is abrogated by Rasūlullāh's other statements which were made later on.

The word “Sayyid” has been used for others apart from Allāh *ta l  al * in the Qur  n and Had  th. All  h *ta l *

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says:

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Allāh gives you the glad tidings of Yahyā...who shall be a leader (sayyid), who will not approach women, and will be a Prophet from the righteous ones. [1]

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They both encountered her husband (sayyid) at the door. [9]

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Abū Sa'īd al-Khudrī rahimahullāh said: When the Banū Qurayzah agreed to accept the terms laid down by Sa'd ibn Mu'ādh...Rasūlullāh

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allallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam said: Stand up before your leader (sayyid).

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Jābir ibn 'Abdillāh said: 'Umar radiyallāhu 'anhu used to say: Abū Bakr is our leader (sayyid) and he freed our leader (sayyid), i.e. Bilāl radiyallāhu 'anhu.

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Hudhayfah ibn al-Yamān said: My mother asked me...He gave me the glad tidings that Hasan and H usayn shall be the leaders (sayyids) of the youth of Paradise and that Fāt imah shall be the leader (sayyidah) of the women of Paradise.

Abū Bakrah narrates: Rasūlullāh sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam climbed the pulpit to address the people. Hasan ibn 'Alī radiyallāhu 'anhu climbed onto him. So Rasūlullāh sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam hugged him to his chest and kissed him, and said: "This son of mine is a leader (sayyid). Allāh ta'ālā may use him to reconcile two groups.

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Abū Hurayrah radiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam said: I am the leader (sayyid) of the progeny of Ādam on the day of Resurrection. I will be the first whose grave will be split open, the first one to intercede and the first whose intercession will be accepted.

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Quraymah bint Hamām said: I was with 'Ā'ishah radiyallāhu 'anhā when a woman asked her about dying with henna. She said: My master (sayyid)s allallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam used to dislike its smell...

The Sahābah radiyallāhu 'anhum asked: "O Rasūlullāh! Who is the Sayyid?" He replied: "He is Yūsuf ibn Ya'qūb ibn Is-hāq ibn Ibrāhim 'alayhimus salām." They asked: "Is there a Sayyid in your ummat?" He replied: "Indeed. He is the one whom Allāh ta'ālā blessed with wealth, is extremely forbearing, is grateful for what he has, and people have very few complaints against him."

Every human is a sayyid. The husband is the sayyid with respect to his house members. The woman is a sayyidah with respect to her house members.

Rasūlullāh sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam said with reference to Sa'd ibn 'Ubādah: "Listen to what this sayyid of ours has to say." Another narration states: "Look at your sayyid."

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Umm ad-Dardā' radiyallāhu 'anhā said with reference to her husband: "My sayyid Abū ad-Dardā' related to me."

The word “Sayyid” is used in various meanings:

Allāh *ta* *ālā* knows best.

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[8] Sūrah Āl 'Imrān, 3: 39.

[9] Sūrah Yūsuf, 12: 25.

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