Part 9
Taking Graves as places of worship

1- On the authority of Jundab bin Abdullaah – radiAllaahu anhu – who said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – say five days before he passed away:

"Verily I free myself to Allaah that I took one of you as a close companion; indeed Allaah took me as a close companion, like He took Ibraheem as a close companion. If I were to take a close companion from my Ummah I would have taken Abu Bakr as a close companion.

Verily those that came before you used to take the graves of their Prophets and righteous people as places of worship. So do not take the graves as places of worship, verily I prohibit you from this."

Narrated by Muslim (v.5 p.13) with an-Nawawee's checking.

2- On the authority of Abdullah bin Masood – radiAllaahu anhu – who said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – say:

"Indeed from amongst the most evil of people are those whom the final hour reaches them and they are alive and those who take the graves as places of worship."

Narrated by Ahmad (v.1 p.405, 435,454), Ibn Hibban as is mentioned in 'al-Mawaarid' (p.104), al-Haythamee said in 'al-Mujm'a' (v.2 p.27): narrated by at-Tabaraani in 'al-Kabeer' and its Isnaad is Hasan. Shaykh-ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeyah said in 'Iqtidaa as-Siraatul Mustaqeem': Its Sanad is Jaid.'
3- On the authority of Abu Huraira – radiAllaahu anhu – on the authority of the Prophet - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam:

"O Allaah do not make my grave an idol which is worshipped. Allaah cursed a people who took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship."

Narrated by Ahmad (v.2 p.246) its narrators are those who narrate in the Saheeh except Hamza bin al-Mughira and Ibn Ma'e'en said: there is no problem with him. Ibn Hibban mentioned him in 'Thiqaat' as is mentioned in 'Tahdeeb at-Tahdeeb'. Also narrated by Maalik in 'Muwatta' (v.1 p.185, 186) mursal, and Bazzar connects up the chain as is mentioned in 'al-Muja'ma' (v.2 p.28), from the hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudree, but Haythamee said: it has Umar bin Suhbaan, and they are agreed upon him being weak.

4- On the authority of al-Haarith an-Najraani said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam – say five days before he passed away, and he said:

"Verily those that came before you used to take the graves of their Prophets and righteous people as places of worship. So do not take the graves as places of worship. Verily I prohibit you from this."

Al-Albaani said in 'Tahdheer as-Sajid': narrated by Ibn Abee Shaybah, and its Isnaad is Saheeh on the conditions of Muslim.

All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.