

Question: What do the respected scholars and jurists say regarding Zayd who says that in a gathering of Mawlid Sharif, it is not permissible to make mention of Imam Hasan and Imam Husain 'alaihim assalam without mentioning the virtues of the companions ridwanAllahi ta'ala 'alaihim ajma'een. Another saying of Zayd is that during a gathering of Mawlid Sharif, it is totally impermissible to mention Imam Hasnain 'alaihim assalam. To what extent are these sayings of Zayd correct? Bayyinu Tujiru [Please explain and gain reward].

Answer: The gathering of Mawlid Sharif is one of happiness and delight. The scholars have even disliked the mention of the demise of rasulAllah sallAllahu 'alaihi wasallam in such gatherings. The mention of the martyrdom is indeed a method of bringing about sadness. As for mentioning the virtues [faDayil/manaqib] of Imamain radiyAllahu ta'ala anhuma, as long as it is from authentic narrations, it is the light of faith [nur e iman] and solace for the soul [farHat e jaan]. This can not be deemed impermissible at any time as long as the intention is correct. This is not a condition only for this action but all actions.

It is also in the books that the mention of Hasnain be done after the mention of the blessed companions radiyAllahu ta'ala anhum. This does not mean that their [Hasnain's] remembrance is not allowed without the remembrance of the companions. They are both individual acts of worship and to leave the mention of the companions knowingly is not allowed. And Allah knows best.