



## 153631 - Can You Kiss the Deceased?

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### the question

Many relatives and friends of the deceased kiss him. Is there any Sunnah regarding that? May his wife kiss him or not?

### Summary of answer

The authentic Sunnah indicates that it is permissible to kiss the deceased after death, whether he was a relative or otherwise. It is permissible for men to kiss the deceased man, and it is permissible for women to kiss the deceased woman.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

### Is it permissible to kiss the deceased?

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`Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) kissed 'Uthman ibn Madh`un after he died, and he wept... (Narrated by Abu Dawud, 3163; classed as authentic by Al-Albani in Sahih Abu Dawud.)

`Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) narrated that Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) kissed the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) after he died. (Narrated by Al-Bukhari, 4457)

An-Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said: "It is permissible for the family and friends of the



deceased to kiss his face, and there are proven Hadiths that speak of that." (Sharh Al-Muhadhdhab, 5/111).

Ibn Hajar (may Allah have mercy on him) said: "This Hadith indicates that it is permissible to kiss the deceased..."

Ash-Shawkani (may Allah have mercy on him) said: "That is because there is no report to suggest that anyone of the Companions objected to Abu Bakr doing that, so there was consensus on that matter."

### **Can a wife kiss her husband after death?**

Similarly, there is nothing wrong with the [wife kissing her husband after he has died](#) .

Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said: "There is nothing wrong with kissing the deceased, if he is kissed by one of his female Mahrams, or by a man, as Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) did with the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him)." (*Majmu' Al-Fatawa* 13/102).

For more details, please see the following answers: [155045](#) , [14016](#) , [4022](#) , [157925](#) , and [9942](#) .

And Allah knows best.