

3470 - Ruling on gathering to recite du'aa' for completing the Qur'aan

the question

What is the ruling on gathering to recite du'aa' for completing the Qur'aan, when a person completes reading the Qur'aan and invites the rest of his family and others to come and recite the du'aa' together so that they may all gain the reward for completing the Qur'aan? The du'aa' narrated from Shaykh al-Islam Imaam Ahmad Ibn Taymiyah and other du'aa's are printed at the back of the Mushaf and are called "Du'aa' Khatam al-Qur'aan al-'Azeem" (Du'aa' for completing the Holy Qur'aan). Is it permissible to gather to recite this du'aa', whether at the end of Ramadaan or on other occasions? Are such gatherings counted as bid'ah or not? Has any specific du'aa' for completing the Qur'aan been narrated from the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

As far as we know, no specific du'aa' has been narrated, so it is permissible for a person to recite any du'aa' he likes and to pray for anything he wishes, such as asking for forgiveness of sins, to be admitted to Paradise, to be saved from Hell, to be given refuge from trials and tribulations, to be helped to understand the Qur'aan in the way that pleases Allaah, and to act upon it and memorize it, and so on. It was reported from Anas (may Allaah be pleased with him) that he used to gather his family and make du'aa' when he completed the Qur'aan. However, nothing of this nature was reported from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), as far as I know. With regard to the du'aa' attributed to Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allaah have mercy on him), I do not know whether this attribution is correct, but it is well-known among our shaykhs and others even though I have never seen it in any of his books.

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And Allaah knows best.