

71296 - Is it permissible to name his daughter Tabaarak?

the question

What is the ruling on using the name Tabaarak?.

Detailed answer

It seems that it is not permissible to give the name Tabaarak to any created being, because it is an attribute that belongs only to Allaah, may He be exalted.

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

As for His attribute Tabaarak, it is His alone, as He has attributed it to Himself. End quote.

Badaa'i' al-Fawaa'id (2/185).

Shaykh Muhammad al-Ameen al-Shanqeeti said, after quoting opinions about the meaning of Tabaarak:

It seems that the meaning of Tabaarak from a linguistic point of view is that it is derived from the word barakah (blessing), as was stated by Ibn Jareer al-Tabari. Based on that, the meaning of Tabaarak is an abundance of blessings and goodness from Him, which implies His greatness and holiness, being far removed from anything that does not befit His perfection and majesty, because the One from Whom blessing and goodness come and who bestows provision upon people is the only One Who is great and deserves to be worshipped alone. The one from whom no blessing or goodness or provision comes, such as the idols and all those who are worshipped instead of Allaah cannot be rightfully worshipped and worshipping them is kufr which will doom a person to Hell for eternity.

The word Tabaraak appears in the past tense and it is not possible to form a present tense or verbal noun or active participle etc from it. It is one of the attributes which belong only to Allaah, so it cannot be said of anyone else, which is different from the view of al-Asma'i. The

word Tabaarak is used by the Arabs to refer only to Allaah and this is known in their language.
End quote.

Adwa' al-Bayaan (6/262, 263).

Shaykh 'Abd al-'Azeez al-Salmaan (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

Barakah is an attribute that is ascribed to Him as mercy and might are ascribed to Him, and the verb derived from it is Tabaarak, hence it cannot be said of anyone other than Him, may He be glorified and exalted. For He is al-Mubaarik (the giver of blessing) and His slave and Messenger is al-Mubaarak (the one who is blessed), as the Messiah said: "And He has made me blessed" [Maryam 19:31]. The one whom Allaah blesses is blessed (mubaarak), but as an attribute it applies only to Him, as He has said of Himself: "Blessed is Allaah, the Lord of the 'Aalameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists)" [al-A'raaf 7:54]. End quote.

Al-Kawaashif al-Jalliyyah Sharh al-'Aqeedah al-Waasitiyyah (p. 283).

Based on this, it is not permissible to ascribe this attribute to anyone except Allaah, may He be exalted, because it belongs only to Him.

And Allaah knows best.