

The Ruling of the Dome Built upon the Grave
of the
Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam

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Part 6

When was the dome built upon the grave of the Messenger - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam?

- Shaykh Ahmad bin Abdul Hameed al-Abbaasee - may Allaah Ta'ala have mercy upon him - who died in the 10th century al-Hijree mentions in his book: 'Umdaatul akhbaar fee madintul -Mukhtar' (p.124):

“...and from that, in the year 678 Hijree, the sultan king al-Mansoor Qaloon as-Salihee, who was the son of the sultan king an-Nasir Muhammad bin Qaloon ordered for a dome to be built upon the blessed apartment (the Prophet's living quarters).

There never was a dome on the Prophet's apartment before this date. It had been raised high, and there was a railing/fence around the roof of the blessed apartment, which was above that of the masjid.

This railing/fence was built with baked bricks, the height of which measured half a Qaamah (1 Qaamah = 6 feet). This was so that the roof of the blessed apartment could be distinguishable from the roof of the masjid.

Then the dome which we have today was built.....” To the end of what he said, may Allaah Ta'ala have mercy upon him.

- Zain ud-Deen al-Muraghee, who died in the year 810, states in his book ‘Tahqeeq an-Nasrah bi Talkhees Mua’alim dar al-Hijra’ (p.81):

“Know that there was, neither before the fire in the masjid nor after the fire, was there a dome on the noble apartments. Rather what was around the roof of the Prophet's -- sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam - apartment, was a measurement of half a Qaamah built with baked bricks. The blessed apartment was distinguishable from the rest of the roof until the year 678 during the reign of king al-Mansoor Qaloon as-Salihee.....” To the end of what he said, may Allaah Ta’ala have mercy upon him.

- As is similar to what has been mentioned in ‘Wafa al-Wafa’ by Samhoodee, (who died in the year 911) (v.2 p.609) where he also stated something similar saying:

“.....and I saw in the book ‘at-Taala’ as-Saeed al-Jama’ Assma al-Fudala wa Rowaat bi-‘Ala Sa’eed’ in the biography of Kamaal Ahmad bin Burhaan Abdul Qawee ar-Ruba’ae Nathir Qoos, "that he built this dome upon the Prophet’s tomb."

And he also said: 'He intended good and wanted reward. Some of them said: 'he did something bad using a high fence, built using wood.'

The author said: 'and in that year there occurred a difference between himself and some of the leaders.

The instruction to hit al-Kamaal had reached him and so, he hit him. He would say, 'he has behaved badly.' He would say: Indeed this is his recompense. The ameer Ilm-uddeen ash-Shajjaee seized him, and damaged his house, took its marble and its treasury..... to the end of what he said, may Allaah Ta’ala have mercy upon him.

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.