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the question

Is it shirk to recite this darood :

"ALLAHUMA SALL-E-WASALLIM 'ALAA SAYEDINA MOHAMMADIN QAD DAQAT HEELATI ADRIKNI YA RASOOL ALLAH "

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Yes, this counts as shirk, because it is seeking the help of the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and complaining about one's situation to him. This implies that the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) can hear the call of those who call upon him in any place, and that he helps those who seek his help, and that he can relieve their distress. The Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was not able to do this when he was alive, so how about after his death? He does not know the unseen, and he does not possess the power to cause harm or bring benefits to himself or to others. Allah says (interpretation of the meanings):

"Say (O Muhammad): "I possess no power over benefit or hurt to myself except as Allah wills. If I had the knowledge of the Ghayb (Unseen), I should have secured for myself an abundance of wealth" (al-A'raaf 7:188)

"And your Lord said: "Invoke Me [i.e. believe in My Oneness (Islamic Monotheism) and ask Me for anything] I will respond to your (invocation)" (Ghaafir 40:60)

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“And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor)” (al-Baqarah 2:186)

So people should not call on anyone except Allah; they should not seek the help of anyone except Him; they should not place their hopes in anyone except Him; they should not put their trust in anyone except Him. Allah alone is the One in Whose hand is sovereignty and goodness, and He is Able to do all things.

Knowing the unseen, relieving distress, hearing the call of those who call upon Him and responding to them, are all things which only the Lord does. Whoever attributes any of these things to anyone else is a mushrik who is guilty of major shirk (shirk akbar). Allah says (interpretation of the meanings):

“Is not He (better than your gods) Who responds to the distressed one, when he calls on Him, and Who removes the evil, and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations? Is there any ilaah (god) with Allah? Little is that you remember!” (al-Naml 27:62)

“Say: None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghayb (Unseen) except Allah” (al-Naml 27:65)

Allah is the One Who forgives sins, relieves distress and knows what is in people’s hearts. People should not seek these things – forgiveness of sins, relief from distress and other things which no one is able to do except Allah – from anyone other than Him, for He is the Only One Who is able to do that.