

The thirteenth question of Fatwa no. (4264):

Q 13: Is the report that Imam Ibn Al-Qayyim disapproved of journeying to the grave of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham, peace be upon him) authentic? Where can this statement be found? Is it permissible to travel to the grave of Prophet Ibrahim? If so, what is the evidence that supports this? Did Ibn Al-Qayyim say that Hellfire is not eternal? Where can this statement be found?

A: First, it is impermissible to set out on a journey except for the three Masjids (mosques) [Al-Masjid al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque), Al-Masjid Al-Nabawi (the Prophet's Mosque), and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa (in Jerusalem)], as the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, (Do not set out on a journey except for three Masjids.) This is the opinion held by Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him), the Sheikh of Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, and many

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scholars, based upon the mentioned Hadith. Thus, it is impermissible according to the most authentic opinion of scholars to journey to the grave of Ibrahim (peace be upon him) or any other grave, according to the mentioned Hadith.

Second: You can refer to the opinion held by Ibn Al-Qayyim about Hellfire being eternal in his book entitled "Al-Wabil Al-Sayyib", where he stated that Hellfire is eternal as did the Jumhur (dominant majority) of Ahl-ul-Sunnah wal-Jama`ah (those adhering to the Sunnah and the Muslim community).

May Allah grant us sucess! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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