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The Prohibition of Spending the Zakat on the Family Members of the Prophet

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Ibn ^Abd Al-Barr said:" The elites of Quraysh are Banu Hashim and they are the branch of the Messenger of *Allah*, sallallahu ^alayhi wa sallam, and his close Tribe and his family members for whom the Zakat is prohibited."

The proof for that is what Muslim and others narrated about the Messenger of *Allah*, sallallahu ^alayhi wa sallam, that he said: "

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""", which means: "Those Zakat

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resemble the filth of the people and it is prohibited for Muhammad

and the family members of Muhammad.

According to another narration by Muslim: "

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ought not to be acceptable for the family members of Muhammad.

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asan Ibn ^Aliyy took into his mouth a date from the money of Zak
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llahu ^alayhi wa sallam, said: "فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ يَوْمِهِمْ الَّذِي يَصْعَقُونَ فِيهِ الْمَثَلِ الْأَعْلَىٰ وَالْمَثَلِ الْأَسْفَلَىٰ", which means:
"It is filthy! It is filthy! Throw it away; have you not known that we do not consume the Zak
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This constitutes a proof that spending the Zakat on the Prophet and his family members is prohibited. In what pertains to the Zakat on the family members of the Prophet are:

1) The family members of Al-^Abbas, may *Allah* accept his deeds, who is the uncle of the Messenger of *Allah*, sallallahu ^alayhi wa
sallam, so he is the son of ^Abd Al-Mu
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2) The family members of Imam ^Aliyy may *Allah*, accept his deeds, who is the son of Abu Tali
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3) Ja[^]far, may *Allah* accept his deeds, who is the son of Abu Talib the son of [^]Abd Al-Muttalib the son of H

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4) [^]Aqil the son of Abu Talib the son of [^]Abd Al-Muttalib the son of Hashim.

Also attached to them here would be the sons of Al-Muttalib the sons of [^]Abd Manaf.

This is the school of Imam Ash-Shafi[^]yy and those who concurred with him which states that the family members of the Messenger of *Allah*, sallallahu

[^]alayhi wa sallam, as far as Zak

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llahu ^alayhi wa sallam, and is permissible for his family members. The second saying it is prohibited for him and the third it is permissible for him and his family members.

As to the freed slaves of the sons of Hashim and the sons of Al-Muttalib there are two opinions for our companions regarding whether or not the Zak

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alib and there is no difference between them." This is the end of An-Nawawiyy's statement.

