

they cannot say that I may be here, no. If she is not accepting no one can come here to take responsibility for this Holy place.

I used to come here for this occasion, *Lailatu l-Raghā'ib*, at the time of the British colony government and also after that the Cyprus republic government. On the first Friday of every new month of Rajab this place was full of believers from Pafos to Karpaz. From everywhere people came here in hundreds or thousands to visit, and it was a very special day for this Holy Maqām, Holy place. And this year, *al-ḥamdulillāh*, we thank our Lord Allāh Almighty that he has granted us to be here for this Holy day, and for so many Raghā'ibs here.

And today Sheikh Hisham has come from Lebanon, and given a *kbuḥbab* for you and prayed here by the permission of our Holy Lady, Umm Hiram Bint Milhan, *raḍiya llāhu 'anha*.

I remember such a big crowd of people coming here and there was so much happiness and joyfulness for them here. Now for 33 years or 35 years it has been closed down and I hope that today we are here by the permission of the Holy Lady, Ṣāhibā, Friend of the Prophet, Seal of Prophets, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ. I think that this place is going to be open today up until the Day of Resurrection. I hope to be given a grant from our Lady to make a center here. And whoever asks for peace and goodness may come here. And it is open for everyone. From every religion they may come. Because her Holy Lady is the hostess and if she asks someone to come they may come and visit. There is no need to advertise but peoples' hearts are running to her and she should intercede for everyone who visits her and gives her their respects. We hope that good days are coming, and we hope that bad people will go away.

For her honour we are asking to reach to that happy day all of us and for our names to be written in a list of good servants. Try to make your name be recorded on a list of good servants. Take care that your name is not written on a list of bad people. And the first of the bad ones was *shayṭān*, the devil. Make sure your name is not written on the list of the devil but try to make your name written on a list of good ones.

May Allāh bless you and forgive me. For the honour of the most honoured one in His Divine Presence, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, *Fātiḥab*.

**W**e are making a small ceremony for an opening. We are simple people, we are not official people to make such a big ceremony, no. Our Lady, Holy Lady, was simple; we are simple ones. We ask to be here for His or Her service. May this be a center of peace and love and mercy for everyone. Everyone may come, may pray here and ask from her spiritual power guidance, contentment and satisfaction and peace in their hearts. Whoever is falling into depression may come here, there is no need for them to go to doctors, psychiatrists, or mental houses, no. They may come here and feel safe. Who has fallen into troubles in their souls, they are welcome to my Holy place, and as long as they believe in spirituality and holiness, we may help them here and Hereafter. Allāh! – My grandfather kept this maqām for forty years. Qādirī-Rifā'ī. *Al-ḥamdu lillāh*. ♦

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## The Maqām of the Holy Lady

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**W**hen our souls become stronger our physical being also becomes much stronger and can carry the heavy burden of this life. And we say: *A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*:

We must always begin with the name of Allāh Almighty. Everything that we do must be for Allāh Almighty. Anything that is for Allāh has a value here and hereafter. Anything that you do for your ego or for your physical being or your physical desires is going to appear. As a dirty form it will come to you on the Day of Resurrection, and most people will be surprised and ask, "Who are you?"

We have been informed in the holy Qur'an that everyone has *qarīm*, that is a summary of our actions and efforts throughout this life. It will either be in a good form or a bad form. Everything that a person does for the sake of Allāh is going to be beautiful. Everything that a person runs after to reach more from this world, not for Allāh, is going to be seen as a dirty form, a very ugly form.

It has reached me from old knowledge in the holy books that the Prophet, peace be upon him, the Seal of Prophets, was informing us, that a person when he is buried in the graveyard will be questioned, and after that questioning one door will open in the grave



Maqām of the Holy Lady Umm Hirām Bint Milhān, *raḍiya llāhu 'anha*. Foto Salim Spohr.

and a person will come to him. A Mu'min, true believer, will look at that one, and say, "Oh, I never saw such a beautiful person, such a happy person with every perfection – who are you? You are so beautiful, so handsome, who are you?"

And he approaches that person and says, "O my Lord's servant, I am your good works and your servanthood that you did throughout your life. The Lord of Heavens created me from your good actions and servanthood, I am going to be with you as *qarib*, fellow, up to the Day of Resurrection." Oh! That person will be so happy, so joyful you can't imagine. And that person will be with him up to the Day of Resurrection.

But then when an ignorant person is buried like most of the people living on earth now, a door will open in their grave and a really ugly face will appear with such a bad smell and such a bad appearance, "Who is that one? Who is that one? Where is he coming from?"

And he will say, "O my friend, I was with you throughout your life. You never left me, and I was never leaving you throughout your life, how can you not recognize me? Are you not that person who never prayed, are you not that one who was drinking, and making every sin, every bad thing for people and for yourself? Am I not that one? Do you not recognize me? Throughout your life on earth you were with me and you were very happy with me. What is happening that you can say, 'Who is that one?' I am your bad and dirty and ugly efforts and actions. I am going to be with you up until the Day of Resurrection."

And that person, or that lady, will try to cover their face not to see, but even if he closes his eyes, or her eyes, that same face is coming – "Ohhh, my friend, you can't get away from me, o my friend, where are you, my darling!"

"What do you mean, 'oh, my darling'? – I never saw such a dirty, ugly face, such a dirty person as you!"

"I am with you, o my friend."

And this is the final station that people will reach in their grave. Allāh will create that person as before in the grave and they will burn, and their soul is there, and that punishment begins in the grave and will continue up until the Day of Resurrection and the Day of Resurrection will be much more difficult and much more heavy for that person.

O people! Now we are running into a valley of fire. We are going into a tunnel, and after the tunnel we are going to reach that worst valley of fire. Allāh Almighty has created two kinds of fire: one burns our bodies, the other burns our hearts. O people, if you don't take care, if you don't live for your Lord, your final position will be in the fire. Think about it! People are running away from their Lord, running away from goodness, running away from charity, and running after the devil and the devil's teachings and works.

Therefore we are looking at what is happening now. It is not an honour for mankind to act like a wild beast. I never saw wild animals killing each other for no reason. What about mankind? Why are men eating each other? This world is never going to belong to anyone.

Today we are here, tomorrow we are not. So many people were living here yesterday, today they are dead, buried under this earth. So what shall we say? All powers are now in the hands of the devil and the devil's representatives and the devil's Nimrods. Nimrods are happy to kill and to burn and to do their worst to everyone. This is not human nature.

O People, hear and listen and obey Heavenly orders if you want to be in safety here and hereafter.



Maulānā Sheikh Nāzīm al-Ḥaqqānī

This is a holy place, and this is a small resurrection. This was a holy place, and still is a holy place on this island. There is a Sultan buried here 13 hundred years ago and more. She was one Lady alone in the deserts of Arabia. And when she was born no one knew about her. Then she heard that the Seal of Prophets had arrived and that people must run to him and accept his invitation to Allāh Almighty and His Servanthood. And she went and said, "I believe in God Almighty and His Unity and you are His real Prophet, Last Messenger, and a Heavenly Book has been sent to you, the Holy Qur'ān. I believe in you, o Muḥammad, peace be upon you." Yā Muḥammad! [*The Sheikh stands up and everyone with him.*] *Ashbadu an lā ilāha illā llāb, lā ilāha illā llāb, lā ilāha illā llāb, wa anta yā sayyidanā yā rasūlallāb.*

You are the Last Messenger and a true servant of our Lord from the beginning of time up until the end. We believe in you and we are celebrating today because last night was a holy night, *Lailatu l-Raghā'ib*. On that night your brilliant lights appeared on the forehead of your holy mother Sayyidatanā Āmina, peace be upon her, and so we celebrate this ceremony here today. May Allāh forgive us. [*Sheikh sits down again.*]

She was an unknown person born in the desert, and she received Holy orders of Allāh

Almighty, she embraced Islam, accepted Islam, embraced the Servanthood of our Lord, and she was leaving the Holy land, Medina *munawwarah*, *aṣ-ṣalātu wa salām*, to bring Holy light from Heaven to all people. She didn't come to conquer countries, but only to bring Holy light from Heaven to people, and she came here, and she was with the Islamic armies that brought the last Nūr, the Last Prophet's Nūr, and she reached up to here and she was riding on a mule which made her fall down and become a martyr, *shahīda*. And she was buried just here where you can see her *maqām*. Billions of people have past away. Even kings on this island, and there were nine kings throughout one thousand years, they are not remembered and their place is not known, but that Lady whose presence we are now in, she has marked this place in her name up until the Day of Resurrection.

And you can see in the title of this place: *Hala Sultan Tekke*.

All governments respect her, the English government, the Greek government, the Turkish government, so many governments in the past, and they all say, this is a Holy place belonging to Holy Lady, Umm Hiram Bint Milhan. How is that? What is it that was given to her that she is so respected? And why we are coming here to kiss her steps and come into her presence? What is it? It is real Islam, peaceful Islam. But people have lost it. And since so many years it has been gone. Greek governments had been looking after this *maqām*, and UNESCO also supported the restoration which has been done, and now it is ready for a spiritual opening, and his Holiness, the archbishop, has promised that it should be given to someone to look after it. They are asking for me and I said that if the Sultan is accepting me I may come here. I don't believe that any official people can give me that permission,