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### The Two Types of Intercession

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**Q:** Shaikhul Islam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhaab said that there are two types of intercession, prohibited intercession and affirmed intercession. What did he intend by prohibited and affirmed intercession?

**A:** Allah (*‘Azawajal*) affirms intercession and prohibits intercession. He prohibits intercession when He says in the Qura’an:

فَمَا تَنْفَعُهُمْ شَفَاعَةُ الشَّافِعِينَ

*“So no intercession will be of any use to them.” (74:48)*

And

لَيْسَ لَهُمْ مِّنْ دُونِهِ وَلِيٌّ وَلَا شَفِيعٌ لَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ

*“When there will be neither a protector nor intercessor for them besides Him so that they fear Allah and keep their duty to Him.” (6:51)*

This is the prohibited intercession. As far as the affirmed intercession; it is where Allah says,

وَلَا يَشْفَعُونَ إِلَّا لِمَنْ ارْتَضَىٰ

*“...And they cannot intercede except for him with whom He is pleased.” (21:28)*

And

وَكَم مِّن مَّلَكٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ لَا تُغْنِي شَفَاعَتُهُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ يَأْذَنَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَرْضَىٰ

*“And there are many angels in the heavens whose intercession will avail nothing except after Allah has given leave for whom He wills and is pleased with.” (53:26)*

Therefore the **prohibited intercession** relates to the people of kufr and shirk; and the affirmed **intercession** has two conditions:

**The first condition is the permission of Allah.**

**The second condition is that Allah has to be pleased with it.**

This is what the Shaikh intended.

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