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The Ruling on Praying Istikhaarah for Someone Else

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Q: Oh Noble Shaikh, is it permissible to pray Salaatul Istikhaarah on behalf of someone else? Meaning, that an individual requests someone to make Istikhaarah on his behalf, using as an analogy (the permissibility of) a (Muslim) brother making du’ah for his (Muslim) brother.

A: Istikhaarah is not permissible except for the one who needs it and it is relevant and important to. It is not correct that a person should ask someone else to pray Salaatul Istikhaarah on his/her behalf; even if an individual is entrusted with this task and someone says to him (for example) “Pray Istikhaarah to Allah for me.” (This is not correct) because the Messenger of Allah said, **“If one of you has an important affair then let him pray two units of (the voluntary) prayer and then say...and then he mentioned the rest of the hadeeth.”** This is similar (to the case of) two people walking into the Masjid and then one of them says to the other, “Pray the two units of prayer for entering the Masjid for me and I’m going to go sit down.” This is not correct, Salaatul Istikhaarah is only connected (and relevant) to the one who is in need of praying it.