251 - Is it permissible for women to visit a graveyard?

the question

I have heard that the reason behind women not being able to visit the deceased is because the people in the graves are able to see people that are alive, naked. But this doesn't make any sense to me, and I am a little confused, because my sister and mother would like to visit my father's grave, and have visited, but I feel awkward not knowing if it is permissible or not?
I don't see anything wrong with it my self, but please do clarify this situation ASAP.
Thank You very much (Jazak-Allah Khayr)

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The reason for prohibiting women from visiting graves is the ahaadeeth of the Prophet (peace be upon him) mentioned in question #127. It is not because dead people can see their visitors. This reason is invalid and the rules of the world of the dead people are different from the rules dealing with the world of living people. If the reason for prohibition was the ability of the deceased to see people who are alive naked, then it would also be prohibited for men to visit the graves.

You need to encourage your mother and sister to make du'aa (supplication) for your father, as this offers the greatest benefit to the deceased, and it is much better than the mere visit. Tell them that this du'aa will benefit him whenever and wherever the person making the du'aa is, whether he or she is near the grave or far away from it.

We ask Allaah to have mercy upon your deceased, and to give you patiencefor your loss.

To Allaah we belong and to him is our return.