34698 - Is it correct for a speaker to say, “My beloved for the sake of the Messenger of Allaah”?

the question

We hear some people using the phrase, “My beloved for the sake of the Messenger of Allaah”. Is this usage correct?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Although the speaker may appear to mean something correct, which is that you and I have been brought together by our love for the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), this expression is contrary to what is taught in the Sunnah, because the hadeeth says, “Those who love for the sake of Allaah and hate for the sake of Allaah.” So what he should say is, “My beloved for the sake of Allaah.” The expression asked about implies turning away from what the salaf used to say, and it may be indicative of exaggeration concerning the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and negligence towards Allaah. What is well known – in the Sunnah – and from our scholars and the good people is that one should say, “I love you for the sake of Allaah.”