4041 - Ruling on gathering to recite the Du`a for completing the Quran

the question

What is the ruling on gathering to recite the du`a for completing the Holy Quran, i.e., when a person has finished reading the Quran he calls the rest of his family or other people to offer the du`a together for completing the Quran that is attributed to Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him), so that they will all get the reward for completing the Quran, or other du`as written at the end of the Mus-haf and called “Du`a Khatam al-Quran al-‘Azeem (supplication for finishing the Holy Quran)”? Is it permissible to gather to recite the du`a for completing the Holy Quran, whether at the end of Ramadaan or on other occasions? Is this gathering counted as bid’ah or not? Has any du`a specifically for finishing the Holy Quran been narrated from the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

As far as we know, there no evidence that has been narrated for any specific du`a, so it is permissible for a person to pray for whatever he wants and to choose any good du`a, such as asking for forgiveness of sins or to be granted Paradise and be saved from Hell, or to seek refuge from tribulation, or to be granted help to understand the Quran in the way that pleases Allah and to act in accordance with it, and so on. It was reported that Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) used to gather his family when he finished reading the Quran, and would offer du`a. With regard to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), nothing to this effect was narrated from him as far as I know.

As for the du`a attributed to Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him), I do not know whether this attribution is correct, but I have never come across anything of the sort in his books. And Allah knows best.