

INTRODUCTION

As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu

Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa, SallALLAHU Alayhi wa Sallam (ﷺ).

SALAWAAT ALAN-NABIYIL MUSTAFA ﷺ – SALUTATIONS UPON NABI ﷺ

DIVINE COMMAND IN QUR'AN:

When we study the entire Qur'an Shareef, nowhere does Almighty ALLAH command us to do something which ALLAHU TA'ALA Himself is doing, except Salawaat upon Nabiyul Mustafa ﷺ.

In Surah 33, Ayat 56 (Surah Ahzaab), Almighty ALLAH جل وعلى informs us:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا
تَسْلِيمًا

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1. *INALLAHA wa Malaikatahu yusalluna alan-Nabi* – Verily Almighty ALLAH and His Angels send Salutations upon Nabiyul Mustafa ﷺ

What is the beauty of this sentence and *ayat*?

- *INALLAHA* – Verily, Almighty ALLAH:

This is a nominal sentence meaning, it is a statement of a continuous action, *waqatan fa waqatan* (all the time). Almighty ALLAH showers His special, special Mercy upon Nabiyul Mustafa ﷺ perpetually;

- *wa Malaikatahu yusalluna alan-Nabi* – and the Angels are also continuously making dua for elevating the rank and status of Mustafa ﷺ.

2. *Ya Ayyuhallatheena aamanu* – O You who believe!

89 times Almighty ALLAH has mentioned this phrase in the Noble Qur'an. *Ay Imaanwalo, ye to ashiqana khitaab hai- O You who believe! This is an address filled with love and compassion -*

- *Sallu alayhi wa sallimu tasleema* – Read Salaat and Salaam upon Nabiyul Mustafa ﷺ.

So we reply: *ALLAHumma salli wa sallim wa barik ala Sayyidina wa Habeebina wa Shafee'ina Muhammadin* ﷺ.

BENEFITS ACCORDING TO AHADITH:

The rewards for Durood Shareef, Salawaat are tremendous.

1. **MUSNAD-I-AHMAD:** Mustafa Nabiyyullah ﷺ said, “*Man salla alayya Salaatan wahida, SallALLAHU alayhi bihi ashra*” – Whosoever sends Salawaat upon me once, ALLAH جل وعلى will send ten times Rahmah, Barakah upon him.

It is a win-win situation for us. The more Salawaat we send, the more our Imaan will increase and our love for Mustafa ﷺ will also increase.

2. TIRMITHI SHAREEF:

- 2.1 Mustafa Nabiyyullah ﷺ said, “*Inna owlan-naasi bi Youmul Qiyaamah aktharuhum alayya Salaatan*” – The people who will be nearest to me on the Day of Justice are those who read abundant Salawaat upon me.

Thus, in the Hereafter, those people will be rewarded with nearness to the Master HabeebALLAH ﷺ.

- 2.2 First praise Almighty ALLAH, then read Durood Shareef, then make dua. This will ensure that your duas are accepted.

Any action we do will be accepted or rejected in the Court of ALLAH. If it is accepted, it is only through the Grace and Mercy of Almighty ALLAH. The Ulama have written, however, that when we read Salawaat upon Nabiyyul Mustafa ﷺ, our actions after that will also be accepted.

- 2.3 Mustafa ﷺ told Futhala رضي الله عنه, “*Ud’u, tujab*” – ask Almighty ALLAH after praising Him and reading Durood then your duas will be accepted. SubhanALLAH!

3. **IBNE MAJAH, ABU DAWOOD:** Mustafa ﷺ commanded, “*Akthiru minas-Salaati alayya Youmul Jumu’ah*” – You, the Ummah, increase your Salawaat upon me on a Friday.

THE WISDOM OF OFFERING SALAWAAT ON JUMU’AH:

Today is Jumu’ah, *Sayyidul Ayaam*, the greatest day of the week; the month is Rabi-ul-Awwal.

Every day we are supposed to read Salawaat upon Nabiyyul Mustafa ﷺ but on a Friday we should increase the quantity.

Ibne Qayyim Al-Jowziyya رحمه الله علي has mentioned the wisdom behind this: it is the *best* gift for the *best* of Almighty ALLAH’S creation on the *best* day of the week.

Mustafa Nabiyyullah ﷺ was, is and will always be the Most Beloved to Almighty ALLAH جل وعلى.

The best gift we can offer him ﷺ is that which Almighty ALLAH Himself presents – Salawaat alan Nabi ﷺ.

ETIQUETTE OF CONVEYING SALAWAAT IN MEDINA MUNAWWARAH

People are going in their thousands for Umrah. When visiting Masjidun-Nabawi, say: *As-Salaatu was-Salaamu alayka, Ya RasoolALLAH; As-Salaatu was-Salaamu alayka, Ya HabeebALLAH*, with love and respect.

Qazi Ayyaz, in his famous work, *ASH-SHIFA*, mentioned the following incident:

Abu Jafar al Mansoor, one of the Abbasid Khalifahs (rulers), asked Imam Malik رحمة الله عليه, “O Imam Malik, when I read Salaat and Salaam and make dua, should I face Nabi ﷺ or the Qiblah?”

Imam Malik, Imam Darul Hijra replied, “Face Nabi ﷺ and make the dua: *Huwa waseelatuka wa huwa waseelatu abika Adam alayhis Salaam ilallahi Youmul Qiyamaah*”.

When you make dua there, in front of Mustafa ﷺ facing him, Mustafa ﷺ will intercede for you and for all of us.

MUSTADRAK HAKIM mentions Sayyidina Abu Hurairah’s رضي الله عنه Hadith: Mustafa ﷺ said, “After Nabi Isa عليه السلام descends for the Second Coming, he will visit my grave Mubarak and send Salaam upon me. I will reply to him.”

Abu Hurairah, the *Rawi* (reporter), states: O People, *itha ra-aytumhu* – when you see Nabi Isa عليه السلام, tell him Abu Hurairah *yukri’uka Salaam* – that Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه also conveys his Salaam.

LESSON: OFFERING ABUNDANT SALAWAAT

O Umma-i-Muslimah, today abundant Salawaat is required so that we show the world our love for Mustafa ﷺ, the most beloved in the entire creation. In that way we also enhance our Imaan.

DUROOD EBRAHIM: Recited in Salaah.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ
عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ
اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ
عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ

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Wallahul muwaffiq. As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu