

## THEME 25 - SENDING BLESSINGS ON THE MESSENGER ﷺ

### فَضْلُ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ

#### **Learning objectives:**

- To learn to recognise the high status and honour of the Prophet ﷺ
- To understand that sending blessings on him ﷺ is a way of thanking Allah.
- To be able to explain the virtues of sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ

#### **In this theme you will learn:**

Those who remember the Prophet ﷺ through sending blessings on him will be closer to him on the Day of Judgement. It is called Durood or Salawat or blessing. A blessing is a form of a prayer to wish for oneself or others, Words of appreciation and remembrance. You should get in the habit of sending blessings to the Prophet ﷺ as the importance of this has been mentioned in the Quran. It is a beautiful way of showing how we value what the Prophet ﷺ has done for us.

قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿إِنَّ اللّٰهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾ [الأحزاب: 56]. قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَیْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَیْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾ [التوبة: 128]. قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ﴾ [الانبیاء: 107].

Allah ﷻ says: “Allah and His angels continually bless the Messenger; so believers, you too bless and greet him with peace” (33:56). “A noble Messenger has come to you from among yourselves. He’s grieved by your hardships and cares about your well-being, for the believers he is compassionate and kind” (9:128). “We sent you, Messenger, as a kindness for all the worlds” (21:107).

[1] عن عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص: أنه سمع رسول الله يقول: «مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً، صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ بِهَا عَشْرًا» رواه مسلم.

1. ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin Al-’As رضي الله عنه reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ saying: “Whoever supplicates to Allah to exalt my status, Allah will exalt his status ten times.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith highlights the significance of invoking Allah to elevate the status of the Prophet and the reciprocal blessings that follow for the one who makes such supplications. The hadith states that whoever sincerely prays to Allah to exalt the Prophet’s status will have their own status elevated tenfold by Allah.

[2] عن ابن مسعود أنَّ رسول الله قال: «أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً» رواه الترمذي.

2. Ibn Mas'ud رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “The people nearest to me on the Day of Judgment will be those who send the most blessings on me.”

[3] عن أوس بن أوس قال: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «إِنَّ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَيَّامِكُمْ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ، فَأَكْثِرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ فِيهِ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ». فَقَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَكَيْفَ تُعْرَضُ صَلَاتُنَا عَلَيْكَ وَقَدْ أَرَمْتَ؟! قَالَ: يَقُولُ بَلِيَّتٍ. قَالَ: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَيَّ الْأَرْضِ أَجْسَادَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ.

3. Aus bin Aus رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Friday is the best day of the week, so increase the blessings on me that day. Your blessings will be presented to me.” Someone asked, when you have turned into dust how will they be presented to you? He replied “Allah has forbidden the earth from harming the bodies of prophets.”

[4] عن أبي هريرة قال: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «رَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ» رواه الترمذي.

4. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “May he be disgraced who hears my name but does not send blessings upon me.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith emphasises the importance of sending blessings upon the Prophet upon hearing his name mentioned. The Prophet himself expressed a strong desire that anyone who hears his name should invoke blessings upon him.

[5] عن أبي هريرة قال: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «لَا تَجْعَلُوا قَبْرِي عِيدًا، وَصَلُّوا عَلَيَّ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ تَبْلُغُنِي حَيْثُ كُنْتُمْ» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ.

5. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Do not make my grave a place of ceremony, instead send blessings on me, for your blessings reach me wherever you are.”

[6] عن عليّ قال: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «الْبَخِيلُ مَنْ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ، فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ» رواه الترمذي.

6. ‘Ali رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “The person who hears my name but does not send blessings on me is a greedy person.”

[7] عن فضالة بن عبيد قال: سَمِعَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ رَجُلًا يَدْعُو فِي صَلَاتِهِ لَمْ يُمَجِّدِ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى، وَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «عَجَلٌ هَذَا» ثُمَّ دَعَاهُ فَقَالَ لَهُ - أَوْ لِعَیْرِهِ - : «إِذَا صَلَّى أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَبْدَأْ بِتَحْمِيدِ رَبِّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ، وَالشَّنَاءِ عَلَيَّ، ثُمَّ يُصَلِّي عَلَيَّ النَّبِيِّ ثُمَّ يَدْعُو بَعْدَ بِمَا شَاءَ» رواه الترمذي.

7. Fadalāh bin ‘Ubaid رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ heard some one supplicating after his prayer without praising Allah and without sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ. With regards to him, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “This man rushed.” Then he called him and said, “When any one of you have performed Salah

(prayer) and wants to supplicate, let him praise Allah first and glorify Him in the beginning and then he should send blessings on me. Then he may supplicate for whatever he likes.”

**Activities:**

- Learn the different Salawat and understand their meanings.
- Discuss why it is important to recite Durood and how it will benefit you in your life and hereafter.
- List the benefits of sending blessings.
- Design a poster showing the rewards of sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ.

**In this theme you have learnt:**

- Allah ﷻ and His angels bless the Prophet ﷺ.
- Whoever supplicates to Allah to exalt the status of the Prophet ﷺ, Allah will exalt his status ten times.
- The people nearest to the Prophet ﷺ on the Day of Judgment will be those who send the most blessings.
- Increase the blessings on the Prophet ﷺ on Friday’s as they will be presented to him.