بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿إِنَّ اللهَ وَمَلْثِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ لَيَّا اَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ أَمَنُوا صَلُوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴾

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: أَكْثِرُوا عَلَى الصَّلاَةَ فِي يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَلَيْلَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَلَيْلَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَلَمَنْ فَعَلَ ذَلِكَ كُنْتُ لَهُ شَهِيدًا، أَوَ شَافِعًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ.

Dear Muslims!

Casting Salawat on the Prophet SAW is one of those things that The Almighty Allah SWT has commanded us to do.

Of course, everyone knows how to read salavat. Because reading salawat has so many advantages for us, we still want to go into it in more detail today.

Every salawat we read upon the Prophet SAW reaches him. Because the Exalted Allah has specially commissioned angels to receive the salawat from us, bring it before the Prophet SAW and say: "So-and-so sends you his greetings!"

The Prophet SAW said: "Indeed, Allah has angels who travel around the earth to bring me the greetings of my community!" (An-Nesa'i, No. 1282)

And the Exalted Allah says in this regard in the Noble Quran: "Surely Allah and His angels bring Salawat upon the Prophet. O you who believe, perform your salawat on him and greet him with the greeting of peace!" (Al-Ahzâb, 56)

Dear community!

There are differences between the Salawat of the Exalted Allah, angels and humans:

The way Allah sends Salaat on His Prophet SAW is by sending down His mercy and blessings upon him and elevating him in the ranks.

The angels cast Salavat on the Prophet SAW by making supplications for him.

And when the believers say salavat on the Prophet SAW, it means their supplication for him, their praise of him, their appreciation for him and their greeting to him.

The Prophet SAW quantified the reward that the believers receive for this as follows: "Whoever gives me one salawat, Allah will give him ten salawats, wipe out ten of his sins and raise him by ten ranks!" (An-Nesa'i, No. 1297)

Dear brothers!

Anyone who wants to be close to the Prophet SAW at the Last Assembly should read a lot of Salawat on him. For he SAW said: "The one of the people who will be closest to me on the Day of Resurrection is the one who has given me the most salawaat!" (At-Tirmidhi, No. 484).

Anyone who wants their supplications to be heard should perform Salawat at the beginning of them. For in a hadith it is said: "Unless one who makes a supplication has offered salawat on the Prophet SAW and his family, a veil lies over his supplication (preventing its acceptance)." (Ebushsheikh)

And when the Messenger of Allah (SAW) once saw a man who did not perform salawat and selam when supplicating after the prayer, he said: "The man acted hastily!" Then he called the man to him and said: "Whoever makes a supplication from you, should first praise the Most High Allah in it and then utter salawat and selam on me. Then he should ask for what he wants!" (Tirmizi)

I would like to conclude the khutbe with the following hadith: "Indeed, Friday is one of your most excellent days. Read lots of salawaat on me [on this day!]" (Ebu Dawud: Sunen: Es-Salah: 116 (No. 1531))

