

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
 وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا
 وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: رَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ

Respected Muslims!

One of the duties our Lord has commanded us is to send blessings (salawat) upon our Prophet ﷺ. Sending salawat holds great value and virtue. For this reason, today's khutbah will focus on the importance and value of sending salawat upon our Prophet ﷺ, supported by Quranic verses and noble hadiths.

First and foremost, let us know that every salawat we recite reaches our Prophet ﷺ, and he is informed of it. On this matter, the Prophet ﷺ, said: "There are traveling angels of Allah on earth. They convey the greetings of my Ummah to me instantly." (Nasa'i, Sahw 46)

Respected believers! Sending blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ, is called salawat. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran: "Indeed, Allah and His angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe, send blessings upon him and greet him with peace." (Al-Ahzab, 56)

It is an individual obligation (Fard al-Ayn) for every Muslim to send salawat upon the Prophet ﷺ, at least once in their lifetime. Additionally, when the name of the Prophet ﷺ, is mentioned, read, written, spoken, or heard, it is mandatory (wajib) to send salawat the first time, and recommended (mustahabb) upon repetition. (Radd al-Muhtar)

A noble hadith states: "May the nose of the person be humbled in dust in whose presence I am mentioned, and he does not send blessings upon me." (Tirmidhi, Ibn Hanbal)

Respected Muslims!

Sending salawat is a means for the acceptance of our prayers. It is a Sunnah to begin our supplications with praise (hamd) and salawat. The

Prophet ﷺ, said: "When one of you supplicates, let him begin by praising Allah and then send blessings upon the Prophet. After that, he may ask for whatever he wishes." (Abu Dawud, Witir, 23)

Therefore, when we supplicate to our Lord, let us begin by sending salawat to ensure our prayers are accepted. For whoever sends blessings and peace upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, will attain Allah's mercy. As stated in the hadith: "Whoever sends blessings upon me once, Allah will send blessings upon them ten times, erase ten of their sins, and raise them ten degrees in status." (Nasa'i, Sahw, 55)

Friday is a blessed day when prayers are accepted, and the doors of mercy are wide open. On this special day, let us strive to send more salawat upon the Prophet ﷺ. As mentioned in the hadith: "The best of your days is Friday. On that day, send abundant blessings and peace upon me..." (Abu Dawud, Salat, 207)

Respected brothers!

Salawat is a blessed remembrance that brings blessings to our tongues and fills our hearts with peace. Let us not pass through the blessed month of Sha'ban heedlessly. Let us seize every opportunity to send salawat, seeking the mercy of Allah the Almighty and the intercession of our Prophet ﷺ.

I conclude my khutbah with this noble hadith: "On the Day of Resurrection, the closest to me will be those who sent the most salawat upon me." (Tirmidhi, Salat, 352)