

DAROOD

WHY HAS ALLAH ASKED US TO SEND DAROOD (SALAWAAT) UPON THE PROPHET ﷺ?

Question: When the Prophet ﷺ told us to recite the Darood as much as possible (sometimes even more than Zikr), does it not mean that calling upon him is more important than just calling upon Allah?

Response:

Allah commands us to send Salaams upon our Prophet ﷺ for having persevered all his life to bring this true concept of Islam to the ignorant mankind.

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

“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet and His angels, too. O you who have believed, ask Allah to bless him and to grant him peace.” —Al-Quran- 33: 56

WHY?

There are many benefits in reciting the Darood upon our Prophet ﷺ

1. First and foremost, we must understand that Allah conveys our Salaams to our dear Prophet ﷺ through angels, and he answers through the angels. This does not mean that we are PRAYING TO HIM, nor does it mean that he is sitting in his grave waiting for our Salaams. We cannot imagine HOW it is conveyed as it is beyond our comprehension, and part of the Ghaib (unseen).
2. **Secondly**, the Hadeeth in Tirimidhi, which Ubay bin Kaa'b narrated does not say, “instead of Zikr, but it was after Zikr”, that our prophet ﷺ has asked us to ‘send as much Darood as possible, upon him, and Allah will grant us 10 times reward for it, and will relieve our distress and earn our forgiveness from Allah Subhanat’alah for our sins.’ [Sunan at-Tirimidhi – 2457]
3. Our dear Prophet ﷺ himself has said: ‘The best of believers is the one whose tongue is constantly kept moist in Zikr towards Allahut’alah.’ Sunan al-Tirimidhi 3375

- ‘When any of you prays, let him begin by praising Allah, then let him send blessings upon him (Prophet ﷺ) and then let him ask whatever he wants.’ (Tirimidhi, classed as sahih by al-Albaani).

Thus, we perform the 5 times Obligatory as well as voluntary (Nawafil) Salaat and all our supplications, as shown by our Prophet, to get the maximum benefits from Allahut’alah during our Prayers and supplications to HIM.

4. Throughout the Quran, we find that Allah orders us to call upon ONLY HIM and declares that there is none to intercede in HIS decision, and, as in Sura Jummah, Allah commands us:
“And when the prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah, and remember Allah often: (ZIKR), that you may succeed” (AlQuran: Sura Jummah: 62: 10)
5. When asked how to send Darood upon him, the Prophet ﷺ told us to say:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ،
 اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ -

- 'O Allah, Send Your Salaat (Graces, Honour, And Mercy) Upon Muhammed ﷺ and upon The Family (Followers) Of Muhammed, Just as You Sent Peace Upon Ibraheem and upon The Family (Followers) Of Ibraheem. Verily, You Are Full of Praise and Majesty.

- 'O Allah, Send Blessings upon Muhammad ﷺ And Upon the Family (And Followers) of Muhammad, just as You Sent Blessings upon Ibraheem (as) And Upon the Family (and Followers) of Ibraheem. Verily, YOU Are Full of Praise and Majesty.' — (Sahi Bukhari: Vol 8. H.No.6357)

(We come to know that آل means not only family members but also followers, as Allah mentions in the Quran: وَأَعْرَفْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ - "We drowned the people of Pharaoh" – Surah Anfal, 8: 54)

6. When we understand the meaning of "ALLAHUMMA"-

THE MEEM (م) IN Allaahumma = is called 'Meem al-Mushaddadah'.

In Arabic, when this Meem (م) is added to a word, it increases its potency.

i.e., when this Meem is added in "ALLAAHUMMA" through the Meem Mushaddadah, we are calling upon Allah with all HIS attributes at one go.

Thus, all the more than 99 attributes of Allah are included in this one-word Allaahumma.

That is why we find most of the Duas of Prophet ﷺ starting with "ALLAAHUMMA":

Thus, in Darood, we are calling upon Allah with all HIS Attributes, to confer HIS Salaams and Blessings upon our Prophet.

7. Therefore, in Darood, we are calling upon Allah (many times over with all HIS attributes), to send HIS Peace and Blessings upon our dear Prophet ﷺ, and his AAL (family or followers), just as HE has sent HIS peace and Blessings upon Ibrahim and his (family or followers).

8. Allah says in Surah Baqarah:

✓ "And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient, who, when disaster strikes them, say, 'Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return. They are those on whom are sent the SALAWAT from their LORD and who receive HIS Mercy, and it is they who are the guided ones.'" (Al-Quran; 2; 155-157)

✓ "O you who have believed (and accepted our Prophet's guidance), remember Allah with much remembrance, and exalt HIM morning and afternoon. "HE it is who sends Salaat (HIS Blessings) upon you أ so that HE may bring you out of darkness into light. Al-Quran; 33: 41 - 43. _

This means that Allah sends HIS Salaat and Blessings upon **us**, Moomin (Believers) and Muhsinoon (righteous); those who are patient in times of adversity and problems, and say regular Prayers and

Zikr to Allah Alone, as shown by the Prophet ﷺ sincerely without adding any innovations to his way of life. Indeed, only those who live his life according to the way of our prophet can achieve this bliss.

9. Darood and Salaams upon Prophet ﷺ, means of confirmation that we will obey and follow his way in every step of our life, and accept his command; to be firm and patient in times of both happiness as well as diversity, and call Allah Alone for help and be constant in HIS Remembrance. Through this Darood, we are affirming that we are the Ummah of our only leader Muhammad ﷺ.

Thus, in the Darood or Salaams, that we direct our supplications to Allah, for peace and Blessings for our prophet and his family, we include ourselves as his Ummah, pleading to Allah for peace and blessings in this world, as well as the pleasure of Allah in the Hereafter. May Allah accept our Darood and Salaams of Allah upon our Prophet ﷺ and us. Ameen.

Other ways of sending Salaams upon our Prophet are:

- صَلِّ هَلَلًا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّم / وَالصَّلَاتِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى رَسُولِ

O Allah, we ask for your peace and blessings upon our Prophet Muhammad.