

Lesson-27: Du'aa for Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

Lesson Outcomes

- Meaning of Salawat (Durood)
- Why do we recite Salawat?
- Explanation of آل and who are included in it?

Text and Explanation

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

the family of Muhammad;	and on	on Muhammad	Send peace	O Allah!
O Allah! send peace on Muhammad ﷺ and on the family of Muhammad ﷺ				

كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Ibraheem	and on the family of	on Ibraheem	You sent peace	As
As you sent peace on Ibraheem ﷺ and on the family of Ibraheem ﷺ				

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ

full of glory	worthy of praise	Indeed, You are
Indeed, You are worthy of praise, full of glory.		

- صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ: Actually means: O Allah! Shower Your mercy on Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, raise his name, and elevate his position.
- آل has two meanings: family and followers of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. If we take the second meaning, then this prayer is for us, the followers, too.
- Reciting Salah on the family of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is to ask Allah to send His blessings on them.
- O Allah! You have blessed Ibraheem (A) and gave him a grand position. Now bless Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and spread his name everywhere. Let more and more people accept his message and obey him.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Muhammad;	and on the family of	on Muhammad	send blessings	O, Allah
O Allah! send peace on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad				

كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Ibraheem	and on the family of	on Ibraheem	You sent peace	As
As you sent blessings on Ibraheem ﷺ and on the family of Ibraheem ﷺ				

مَجِيدٌ

حَمِيدٌ

إِنَّكَ

full of glory	worthy of praise	Indeed, You are
Indeed, You are worthy of praise, full of glory.		

- This prayer is almost same as the one above. The first one had Du'aa for Rahmah (mercy) while the second one has Du'aa for Barakah (Blessings).
- The meaning of Barakah (بَرَكَةٌ) is blessings. It also includes the continuity and increase in these blessings forever.
- حَمِيدٌ: The Most Praiseworthy, the One who is truly worthy of all praise and thanks!
- مَجِيدٌ: The Glorious, The Most Honorable.

Story: Ubayy ibn Ka'b (R) narrates: "I said: 'O Messenger of Allah! Indeed, I say very much Salawat for you. How much of my Salawat should I make for you?' He said: 'As you wish.'" [He said:] "I said: 'A fourth?' He said: 'As you wish. But if you add more it would be better for you.' I said: 'Then half?' He said: 'As you wish. And if you add more it would be better [for you].'" [He said:] "I said: 'Then two-thirds?' He said: 'As you wish, but if you add more it would be better for you.' I said: 'Should I make all of my Salawat for you?' He said: 'Then your problems would be solved, and your sins would be forgiven.'" [Tirmidhi]

Hadith: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The miser is the one in whose presence I am mentioned but he does not supplicate for me". [Tirmidhi]

Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- Du'aa for peace and blessings is for the true followers (آل) of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. We also claim that we are His followers. Are we really following His teachings in our lives?
- Do we recite Salawat on Prophet ﷺ immediately upon listening or reading his name?

Tadhakkur – Du'aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Ask for Allah's Tawfiq to become true follower of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and to recite more Salawat.
- Check: Do we recite Salawat on Prophet ﷺ after hearing his name. Let's check if our deeds are compatible with our claims of love towards him.
- Draw a plan to bring more obedience and love for our beloved Prophet ﷺ in the heart. By this we will get Allah's love, mercy and forgiveness for us.

Habit

- I will recite Salawat whenever I will hear or read Prophet's ﷺ name.
- I will recite Salawat in maximum number to become nearest and dearest to the beloved Prophet ﷺ.

Practice Questions

1. What is the meaning of Salawat (Durood)?
2. Why do we recite Salawat?
3. What is the meaning of آل and who are included in it?