

Saying “wa maghfiratuḥ”

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Question #2: “What is the authenticity of adding *wa maghfiratuḥ*¹ in offering the *salām* and responding to it?”

Shaykh al-Albānī answers:

“There is no addition (of *wa maghfiratuḥ*) in the *hadīth* with respect to offering the *salaam*; i.e., if a person starts with offering the *salām*, he ends at *wa barakātuḥ: asalāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullāhi wa barakātuḥ*. And the *hadīth* that has come – or in more precise words, (the *hadīth*) that was narrated – (stating) that at the fourth time, the fourth of them said, *asalāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullāhi wa barakātuḥ wa maghfiratuḥ*, then this is a weak narration. As for the addition (of *wa maghfiratuḥ*) in the response to *wa barakātuḥ*, then it is established; i.e., a man says, *asalāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullāhi wa barakātuḥ*, then we add *wa maghfiratuḥ* in the response...

It is in agreement with the noble *Qur’ān* (with) the saying ‘When you are greeted with a greeting, greet in return with what is better than it, or (at least) return it equally.’² So if the greeter gives the *salām*, saying *asalāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullāhi wa barakātuḥ*, the *āyah* that stated ‘greet in return with what is better than it’ is not invalidated; this command still exists, which is (followed by saying)

¹ saying ‘and His Forgiveness’ after the greeting ‘may Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allāh be upon you’

² *Sūrat un-Nisā*, 4:86

wa maghfiratuḥ. This addition (with respect to responding) has also been mentioned in...narrations established from some of the Companions.

So we have brought out a conclusion whose summary is that adding *wa maghfiratuḥ* in the response is allowed and starting (the *salaam* with it) is not allowed.”

~ *asaḥeeḥa translations* ~