

Sending salaat upon the Prophet (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)

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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رحمه اللہ)

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With regards to the sending of salaat upon the Prophet ¹ (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم), Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رحمه اللہ) states:

With regards to the meaning of “sall Allaahu ‘alaihi”:

The best of what is said about it is that which Abul ‘Aaliyah (رحمه اللہ) stated. He said:

The salaat of Allaah upon His Messenger (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) – is praise of him in the highest company.

As for explaining the salaat of Allaah upon him with (the explanation of) “rahmah” (mercy), then this is a weak saying because rahmah (mercy) is for everything.

And for this reason, the scholars have agreed in consensus that it is permissible for you to say: such and such a person (رحمه اللہ) rahimahullaah (may Allaah have mercy upon him).

And they have differed about whether it is permissible for you to say: such and such a person sall Allaahu ‘alaihi.

And this proves that salaat is not the same as rahmah.

And in addition, Allaah, the Most High, has stated:

They are those upon whom are the salawaat from their Lord, and rahmah.

[Soorah al Baqarah (the 2nd chapter) aayah 157]

And the attachment (of salaat here together with rahmah) necessitates that (that these two things) are different (from each other).

Therefore, salaat is more specific than rahmah and the salaat of Allaah upon His Messenger is praise of him amongst the highest company.

(“Sharh of Waasitiyyah ” of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رحمه اللہ) , quoted in Mu’jam at Ta’reefaat p269)

¹ (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him