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Shaykh al-Albaanee (May Allaah have mercy on him)

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Albaanee (May Allaah have mercy on him) teaching a young Shaykh Abdur-Razzaaq al-Badr about giving salaam

Shaikh Abdur-Razzaaq al-Abbaad said, “Then he mentioned this mowqoof hadeeth from Aboo Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, “**Let whoever meets his brother give him salaam,**” you meet one of your brothers on the road, you give salaam to him, and then if you’re both going along together, walking together, and a palm-tree, a tree, a pillar, a car, or anything else comes between you, when you meet up again after this small separation, you give salaam to him, and this is a Sunnah many people are heedless of, either because they don’t know it, or they don’t give attention to implementing it.

So he said, “**Let whoever meets his brother give him salaam, then if a tree or a wall comes between them after which they meet [again], then give him salaam.**”

A proof of this is the Prophet’s [(sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] statement where he said, “**Spread the salaam among each other,**” i.e., let the salaam be widespread amongst you even after the smallest separation, even after the smallest parting, even if you were only separated from your brother for a short moment, a tree [for example] came between you both, or a pillar, a pole, a car, an animal, or anything else—then give salaam, spread salaam.

Namely, be eager to spread salaam among your brothers even if the gap between you wasn’t a long one, even if you only went away for a short moment and then returned, as is mentioned in the hadeeth of the man who didn’t perform his prayer correctly, he prayed and then came to where the Prophet [(sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] was sitting and gave salaam, and the Prophet [(sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said to him, “**Go back and pray because you haven’t prayed,**” so he went away and prayed, close to them in the mosque, then came back [again] and gave salaam, the Prophet [(sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said to him, “**Go back and pray because you haven’t prayed,**” so he went and prayed again close by them, then came back and gave salaam. So giving salaam is something required even if the gap is a short one ...

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And I recall being next to Shaykh al-Albaanee, may Allaah have mercy on him, here in Madeenah when I was young, walking next to him, only me and him, a pillar came between him and I and after we passed it he looked at me smiling and said, “As-Salaamu alaikum,” I said, “Wa alaikum salaam,” then he asked me, “Why did I give you salaam?”—I never knew this hadeeth and hadn’t come across it before—[so he asked], “Why did I give you salaam?” So I smiled and said, “The salaam is something good.” And then he mentioned this hadeeth to me, so the first time I got to know this hadeeth was through the Shaykh, may Allaah have mercy on him.

So the point is a Muslim should be keen to spread the salaam even if the gap is short or minor so as to gain these great rewards and good deeds.”