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Adding to the Salaam

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Question no.2: "What is the authenticity of adding *wa maghfiratuh*[1] in offering the salaam and responding to it?"

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)[2] answers:

"There is no addition (of *wa maghfiratuh*) in the hadeeth with respect to offering the salaam; i.e., if a person starts with offering the salaam, he ends at *wa barakaatuh*: *asalaamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh.* And the hadeeth that has come – or in more precise words, (the hadeeth) that was narrated – (stating) that at the fourth time, the fourth of them said, *asalaamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh wa maghfiratuh,* then this is a weak narration. As for the addition (of *wa maghfiratuh*) in the response to *wa barakaatuh*, then it is established; i.e., a man says, *asalaamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh,* then we add *wa maghfiratuh* in the response…

It is in agreement with the noble Qur'aan (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.'**[3] So if the greeter gives the salaam, saying *asalaamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh,* the aayah that stated **'greet in return with what is better than it'** is not invalidated; this command still exists, which is (followed by saying) **wa maghfiratuh.** This addition (with respect to responding) has also been mentioned in…narrations established from some of the Companions (رضي الله عنهم)[4].

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

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[1] saying 'and His Forgiveness' after the greeting 'may Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allaah be upon you'
[2] (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him
[3] Surat un-Nisaa, 4:86
[4] (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu 'anhum) May Allaah be pleased with them

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