

Different ways of giving Salam at end of Prayer

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

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said: 'The Messenger ﷺ used to have different types of at-Tasleem (giving salaam at the end of the prayer),

- the least and easiest was giving one Salam. This was not done by turning completely to the right, rather a person moves his head a little, and he only says 'as-salamu alaykum' and the prayer ends.
- The second type which the Messenger used to do sometimes was saying 'as-salamu alaykum wa rahmatullaah' on the right hand side, and say 'as-salamu alaykum' on the left without saying, 'rahmatullaah'.

This is from the manners of Islaam in distinguishing the right hand side over the left hand side.

- The third type, which you hear in all the Masaajid, equally saying between the right hand side and left, 'assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullaah assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullaah'.
- The fourth and last type which is saying, 'Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakatuhu' and on the other side 'Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullaah'.

This is the best type. The meaning of all this speech is that the Messenger sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam used to sometimes say the salaam in these four different ways.

We return and say, that the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam.'