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## Saying “wa maghfiratuḥ”

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Question no.2: “What is the authenticity of adding *wa maghfiratuḥ*<sup>1</sup> in offering the salaam and responding to it?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>2</sup> answers:

“There is no addition (of *wa maghfiratuḥ*) 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 maghfiratuḥ*, then this is a weak narration. As for the addition (of *wa maghfiratuḥ*) 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 maghfiratuḥ* 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.**’<sup>3</sup> 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 maghfiratuḥ*. This addition (with respect to responding) has also been mentioned in...narrations established from some of the Companions (رضي الله عنهم)<sup>4</sup>.

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.**”

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<sup>1</sup> saying ‘and His Forgiveness’ after the greeting ‘may Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allaah be upon you’

<sup>2</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>3</sup> Surat un-Nisaa, 4:86

<sup>4</sup> (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu ‘anhum) May Allaah be pleased with them