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Questioner: Noble Shaykh, [the questioner was about to ask his question but forgets what he was going to say and so does what is common and sends salutations on the Prophet (عليه السلام)¹ to help him remember what he has forgotten thinking this to be the Sunnah], Allaahumma salli 'alaa Rasoolillaah ... alaihis-salaatu was-salaam ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)²: [Quotes the aayah], “And remember your Lord when you forget ... and remember your Lord when you forget”³

Questioner: Laa ilaaha illallaah.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): ... because the hadeeth about sending Salaah on the Prophet (عليه السلام) to help a person remember what he has forgotten is weak, not authentic, whereas the Qur'aanic aayah is forthright, “And remember your Lord when you forget ...”

Questioner: You've spoken the truth, just sometimes a person does things which he is used to ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): I say that you too have spoken the truth [in saying that a person does things that he is used to], but what should you do ... [what] you and I should do is go back to the aayah

Questioner: Inshaa'allaah, with Allaah's Permission ...

¹ (عليه السلام) ('alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ سورة الكهف – Soorah al-Kahf [18:24]