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How to respond to the salaam which has been conveyed to you

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

The student reads: "He, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: 'Abdullaah narrated to us, and he said: Al-Layth narrated to me and he said: Yoonus narrated to me from Ibn Shihaab that he said: Aboo Salamah said that 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her, said: The Messenger of Allaah, may peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O 'Aa'ishah, this is Jibreel and he sends you salaams." She said: upon which I said: Wa 'Alayhis-Salaamu wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuhu (and may peace, Allaah's mercy and blessings be upon him), you see what I don't see; she is referring to the Messenger of Allaah, may peace and blessings be upon him."

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: "Then he (Imaam Al-Bukhaaree), may Allaah, Exalted is He, have mercy upon him, has reported this Hadeeth, the Hadeeth of 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her, and it has already preceded that we came across this Hadeeth, however the author (Imaam Al-Bukhaaree), may Allaah have mercy upon him, has reported it (here once again) in order to explain how to respond to the salaam, and that being in 'Aa'ishah's response to the salaam which the Prophet, may peace and blessings be upon him, passed on to her from Jibreel. sends you salaams."

She thereupon said: "Wa 'Alayhis-Salaamu wa Rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuhu (and may peace, Allaah's mercy and blessings be upon him).

Something similar to it has also been reported in the Hadeeth of Khadeejah (may Allaah be pleased with her); (when) she said: "'Alayka wa 'Alayhis-Salaam (may peace be upon you and him).'"

We also just recently came across (the narration of) the man who passed on the salaam of his father to the Prophet, may peace and blessings be upon him; (upon which) he (the Prophet, may peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Alayka wa 'Alayhis-Salaam (may peace be upon you and him (your father)."

According to his statement "how the salaam is responded to" is regarding when the salaam is transmitted and transmitted to the individual. And so he responds in this manner. You may say:

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- "Alayka wa 'Alayhis-Salaam (may peace be upon you and him)", and you may say:
- "wa'Alayhis-Salaam (and may peace be upon him), and if you add
- "wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuhu (and Allaah's mercy and blessings)" then this is more complete, then this is more complete.

Thus you return the salaam to him in this manner. The way of returning the conveyed salaam is therefore to be done in this manner; you may either say: "Wa 'alayhis-Salaam wa Rahmatullaah (and may peace and Allaah's mercy be upon him)", meaning upon the one who sent me the salaam, or you say "Wa 'Alayka wa 'Alayhis-Salaam (and may peace be upon you and him)", whereby you will have included in your response (both) the conveyor and the sender, the conveyor and the sender. This one is permissible and this one is legal (as well), and the Sunnah has been reported regarding all two of them."

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