



## Character Building for the Muslim Youth

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### Lesson 2: *Spreading the Salaams*



#### Objective:

The student should reflect upon the meaning of “Spreading the Salaams,” inshaAllah. By showing students real examples of this phrase, they will be able to visually see its effect upon the individual, and the recipient, may Allah make them successful ameen.



#### Allah (subhanahu wa ta’ala) have said:

“When you are greeted with a greeting, greet in return with what is better than it, or (at least) return it equally. Certainly, Allah is Ever a Careful Account Taker of all things.” Surah An-Nisa 4:86



#### Hadith of the Prophet (salla allahu Alaihi wa salaam)

Narrated Abu Hurairah (radi allahu anhu): The Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) said, “Allah created Adam (alaihi wa salaam) in His image, Sixty cubits (about 30 metres) in height. When He created him He said (to him), ‘Go and greet that group of Angels sitting there, and listen what they will say in reply to you, for that will be your greeting and the greeting of your offspring.’ Adam (alaihi wa salaam) went and said, ‘AsSalamu ‘Alaikum (peace be upon you).’ They replied, As-Salaamu ‘Alaikum wa Rahmatullah (peace and Allah’s mercy be upon you),’ So they increased wa Rahmatullah.” The Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) added, So whoever will enter paradise, will be of the shape and picture of Adam (alaihi wa salaam). Since then the creation (of Adam’s offspring) is being diminished continuously up to the present time.” Sahih Al-Bukhari

**Note: please read the explanation for the words “His Image” in your Noble Qur’aan, from the footnotes/commentary inshaAllah.**



#### Point of Benefit:

Imran bin Husain (radi allahu anhu) reported: A man came to the Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) and said “AsSalamu Alaikum (Peace be upon you).” The Messenger of Allah (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) responded to his greeting and the man sat down. The Messenger of Allah said “Ten (meaning the man had earned the merit of ten good acts).” Another one came and said: “AsSalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah (Peace and Mercy of Allah be upon you).” The Messenger of Allah responded to his greeting and the man sat down. The Messenger of Allah said, “Twenty.” A third one came and said: AsSalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakhatahu (Peace and the Mercy of Allah and His Blessings be upon you).” The Messenger of Allah responded to his greeting and the man sat down. The messenger of Allah said, “Thirty.”

Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi

1. In Islam we act based upon what has been prescribed from the authentic Sunnah, when giving salaams you are to give the greeting according to situations not because of rank or status take a look at the following examples and fill in the blank with the correct word.

- a. Young \_\_\_\_\_ should greet the larger group.
- b. Rider \_\_\_\_\_ should greet the pedestrian.
- c. Pedestrian (one walking) \_\_\_\_\_ should greet the elderly.
- d. Smaller group \_\_\_\_\_ should greet the one sitting.

2. The Messenger of Allah order us to do seven things and prohibited us from doing seven others. However, today's lesson is about giving the greetings (smile) so that is our focus inshaAllah.

So when someone gives you salaams you are ordered to do what? And this is narrated by Muawiya bin Suwald in Sahih Al-Bukhari.

3. In your own words, describe how you feel when you give someone salaams, and they don't return them? If this has never happen to you alhamdulillah, ask someone else to assist you with this question inshaAllah.

4. From the ayaat above, tell me what thoughts you had when you read Allah's statement.

5. Class Discussion: The character of the Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) in reference to His returning of the salaams to those who greeted him. Write down the conclusion.

6. Class Discussion: The reward that Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) mentioned for increasing upon the salaams, or for even saying the least of the greeting.

7. Do you know of any other ayaat, hadith, benefits of Ilm from scholars, or Imaams etc... that you can share with the students? Please write down here inshaAllah.



#### **Point of Reflection: Hadith**

'Aisha said that the Prophet said to her "O 'Aisha' This is Gabriel and he sends his (**greetings**) salutations to you." 'Aisha said, "Salutations (**greetings**) to him, and Allah's Mercy and Blessings be on him," and addressing the Prophet she said, "You see what I don't see."  
Al-Bukhari

1. What does it mean to you, I mean really, when you give the salaams? Do you want for this to cause closeness between you and your sister or brother, are you seeking the reward, or do you say just it to be saying it? Right your thoughts. (On the back if you have to inshaAllah)