

The Status of the Messenger of Allaah (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam)

One of many *Aayaat* of the Qur'aan which clearly show the **lofty station** and **exalted status** of the Messenger of Allaah (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) is found in soorah al-Ahzaab (the Confederates), where Allaah, the Exalted, says:

Indeed, **Allaah** sends His **Salaat** (Praises, Honors, Blessings, Mercy) on the **Prophet**, and also His **Angels** (ask Allaah to bless him and forgive him). **O you who believe!** Send your **Salaat** and **Salaam** on him (i.e. ask Allaah to bless him and grant him peace, safety and security). [Soorah al-Ahzaab, 33:56]

Al-'Allaamah Abdur-Rahmaan as-Sa'dee (Rahimahullaah) commenting on this Aayah, says:

And this *Aayah* contains a notification of the **Kamaal** (completeness) of the Messenger of Allaah (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam); his **Rif'ah** (raised) status and **'Uloo** (lofty) station in front of Allaah and in front of His creatures; as well as the highness of his mention (i.e. how highly he is spoken of).

Indeed, Allaah, the Most High, and His Angels offer **Salaat** upon him, i.e. Allaah **praises** (His Messenger) among His Angels and in the Highest Assemblies; (all of this) due to His (Allaah, the Most High's) **Love** for His Messenger. Likewise, the Angels – who are near to Allaah – **praise** the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam), **supplicate** for him (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) and humbly **beg** and **beseech** (Allaah, for the well-being of His Prophet).

Al-'Allaamah Abdur-Rahmaan as-Sa'dee (Rahimahullaah) comments on the end of this Aayah:

“O you who believe! Send *your Salaat* and *Salaam* on him (i.e. ask Allaah to bless him and grant him peace, safety and security)“:

- (1) In following the example of Allaah and His Angels;
- (2) In compensation to him for some of his rights over you;
- (3) As a means of completing and perfecting your Emaan;
- (4) In exaltation of him (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam), as well as,
- (5) Out of love and honor (for him), and
- (6) As a means of increasing your good deeds and expiation your bad deeds.

[Tafseer Shaykh Abdur-Rahmaan as-Sa'dee; Translation: Abu Muhammad, 28th Shawwal 1434 AH]