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# **Greeting of Peace (Salam)**

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# **The Greeting Between Muslims**

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'The salutation of peace is the greeting towards members of our own creed, and an extension of safety towards people of other creeds living in Muslim lands.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 25242]

2- The Prophet (S) said, 'The most miserly of all people is he who withholds his greeting.' [Amali al-Tusi, p. 89, no. 136]

3– The Prophet (S) said, 'Spread peace around and the good within your own house will increase.'[al-Khisal, p. 181, no. 246]

4- Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'Verily Allah loves the feeding of food [to others] and the spreading of

peace.'[al-Mahasin, v. 2, p. 143, no. 1371]

5- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The greeting of peace comes before speech.'[Jami'a al-Akhbar, p. 231, no. 596]

6– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) narrated from his forefathers (a.s.) that the Prophet (S) said, 'Do not answer the one who begins to talk before having greeted you with peace', and he (S) also said, 'Do not allow anybody to partake of your food until they have greeted with peace.'[al–Khisal, p. 19, no. 67]

# **Initiating the Salutation**

7– The Prophet (S) said, 'Verily the nearest people to Allah and His Messenger are those who initiate the greeting of peace.' [Bihar al–Anwar, v. 76, p. 12, no. 50]

8– The Prophet (S) said, 'The initiator of the greeting is not prone to arrogance.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 25265]

9- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The greeting is rewarded the worth of seventy good deeds, sixty-nine of which are rewarded to the initiator and one to the reciprocator [of the greeting].'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 76, p. 11, no. 46]

# **Greeting Upon Entering One's House**

10– The Prophet (S) said, When anyone of you enters his own house, he should greet with peace, for verily it brings down benediction, and angels come to keep him company. [Bihar al–Anwar, v. 76, p. 7, no. 25]

# The Obligation of Returning a Greeting

11– The Prophet (S) said, 'Greeting with peace is a voluntary act whereas returning it is an obligation.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 25294]

# The Etiquette of Greeting

12— The Prophet (S) said, 'The young should greet the old, a single individual should greet two together, the fewer number of people should greet the larger number, the person on horseback should greet the one on foot, the person walking should greet the one standing, and the person standing should greet the one sitting.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 25321]

13– The Prophet (S) said, 'There are five things that I will never leave until death: ... and greeting the young, in order that it may remain a practice after me.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 76, p. 10, no. 38]

- الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السَلامُ): لا تُسَلِّمُوا على اليَهُودِ ، ولا على النَّصارى ، ولا على المَجُوسِ ، ولا عَبَدَةِ الأوثانِ ،14 ولا على مَوائدِ شُرَّابِ الخَمرِ ، ولا على صاحِبِ الشَّطرَنجِ والنَّردِ ، ولا على المُخنَّث ، ولا على الشاعِرِ الذي يَقذِفُ المُحصَناتِ ، ولا على المُصلِّي؛ وذلكَ لأنَّ المُصلِّي لايَستَطيعُ أن يَرُدَّ السلامَ ، لأنَّ التَّسليمَ مِنَ المُسلِّمِ تَطَوُّعٌ والرَّدَّ المُحصَناتِ ، ولا على المُصلِّي؛ وذلكَ لأنَّ المُصلِّي لايَستَطيعُ أن يَرُدَّ السلامَ ، لأنَّ التَّسليمَ مِنَ المُسلِّمِ تَطَوُّعٌ والرَّدَّ على الفاسِقِ على على على على على الله على الذي في الحَمَّامِ ، ولا على المُعلِن بِفِسقِهِ . المُعلِن بِفِسقِهِ . المُعلِن بِفِسقِهِ .

14– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'Do not extend the greeting of peace to the Jews, nor to the Christians, nor the Magians, nor the idolaters, nor to those who drink alcohol, nor to chess and dice players, nor to an effeminate person, nor to a poet who slanders chaste women of fornication, and nor to someone performing his prayer – and that is because the person praying cannot return the greeting, for verily the initiation of the greeting on the part of the greeter is voluntary whereas returning the greeting is obligatory. Nor [greet] the usurer, nor someone who is sitting in the lavatory, nor someone taking a bath, and nor an outrightly corrupt person who openly commits immoral acts.'[Bihar al–Anwar, p. 9, no. 35]

- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّكلامُ): كانَ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) يُسَلِّمُ عَلَى النِّساءِ ويَردُدْنَ علَيهِ ، وكانَ15 أميرُ المؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السّكلامُ) يُسَلِّمُ على النِّساءِ ، وكانَ يكرَهُ أن يُسَلِّمَ على الشّابَّةِ مِنهُنَّ ، ويقولُ: أتَخَوَّفُ أن يُعجَبني أميرُ المؤمنينَ (عَلَيهِ السّكلامُ) يُسَلِّمُ على النِّساءِ ، وكانَ يكرَهُ أن يُسلِّمَ على الشّابَّةِ مِنهُنَّ ، ويقولُ: أتَخَوَّفُ أن يُعجَبني .

15– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) narrated, 'The Prophet (S) used to greet women and they used to return his greeting. The Commander of the Faithful (a.s.) also used to greet women, but he used to dislike greeting young [unmarried] girls and used to say, 'I fear lest their voices may be pleasing to me, whence I would end up with more [consequence] than the reward I anticipated [from the greeting].'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 535, no. 3]

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