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## Giving the salaam to the one reciting the Qur'aan

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**Source: *silsilat ul-ahaadeeth is-saheeha* – the series of authentic narrations – hadeeth no. 3285**

'Uqbah bin 'Aamir al-Juhane (رضي الله عنه)<sup>1</sup> said: "We were sitting in the masjid reciting the Qur'aan; then the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>2</sup> entered and gave us the *salaam*, and we returned him the *salaam*..."

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>3</sup> comments:

"I say: this hadeeth has some *fiqh* (understanding), which is that **it is legislated to give the *salaam* to the one who is sitting and reciting the Qur'aan**. So in it, there is a refutation of the one who holds that that is disliked, which – along with being a mere opinion – opposes this hadeeth and the generality of his (صلى الله عليه وسلم) statement: '**Spread the *salaam* amongst you.**'<sup>4</sup> And if it has been authentically established that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) had silently approved<sup>5</sup> the Companions' (رضي الله عنهم)<sup>6</sup> (actions) when they gave him the *salaam* while he was praying in Masjid Qubaa', and he replied to them by a gesture with his noble hand,<sup>7</sup> then all the more reason why it is legislated to give the *salaam* to the one reciting the Qur'aan outside the prayer; and the reply then will be verbal, not a gesture, as is obvious to the people of understanding. And this was the opinion of (Imaam) an-Nawawee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)."

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<sup>1</sup> (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

<sup>2</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

<sup>3</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>4</sup> Saheeh Muslim no.54

<sup>5</sup> From the word 'iqraar', i.e., silent approval

<sup>6</sup> (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu `anhum) May Allaah be pleased with them

<sup>7</sup> Saheeh Abee Daawood no.860