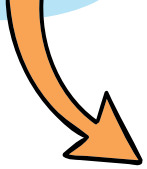


MY MUSLIM BOOK OF  
GREETING

السلام عليكم



# What is a greeting?



A greeting is a kind word that is said to show that you welcome others or acknowledge others when you see them.

Greeting is also the first step to introduce yourself to others.

# What do I say while greeting someone?

Allah has chosen the best words for the Muslims to greet each other with.

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum!”**

It means, peace be with you.

It is a kind of du’aa. And it is one of the best du’aas. When you say “As-salaamu ‘alaikum” to others, you want them to be safe and protected from all kinds of harm and evil.

# Three ways of saying Salaam

You may say only...

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum!”**

which means, peace be with you.

Or say...

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum wa rehmatullah!”**

which means, peace and mercy of Allah be with you.

Or say the complete greeting...

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum wa rehmatullahi  
wa barakaatuh!”**

which means, peace, mercy  
and blessings of Allah be with you.

# How should I greet?

When you greet someone you should use words as well as your body. You may...

→ Smile

→ Make eye contact with them so they know you are greeting them and not someone else

→ Shake hands  
(males with males, and females with females)

→ Use proper voice tone so that you are not too loud or too soft

# Why should I greet?

Greeting others and returning the greeting is a command of Allah in the Quran.



“And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet [in return] with one better than it or [at least] return it [in a like manner].

Indeed, Allah is ever, over all things,  
an Accountant.”

(Surah An-Nisa, 4:86)

# Why should I greet?

Muslims should also greet each other because our Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ) taught us to do so and told us that saying Salaam makes us love each other.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, “You will not enter Paradise until you believe and you will not believe until you love each other.

Shall I show you something that, if you did, you would love each other?

Spread Salaam between yourselves.”

(Sahih Muslim)

# Why should I greet?

Saying the Salaam is one of the best deeds.

A man asked the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ),

“What is the best thing in Islam?”

He said,

“Feeding others and giving the greeting of salaam to those whom you know and those whom you do not know.”

(Bukhari, Muslim)



# How to return a greeting?

It is important to greet back when someone greets you first because Allah said,

“And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet [in return] with one better than it or [at least] return it [in a like manner].”

(Surah An-Nisa, 4:86)

If someone says, “As-salaamu ‘alaikum!” You should return the greeting in a better way by saying, “Wa ‘alaikum as-salaam wa rehmatullah” or “Wa ‘alaikum as salaam wa rehmatullahi wa barkaatuh”. Or, you should at least say “Wa ‘alaikum as-salaam”

# Rewards for greeting!

In Islam, Allah rewards us even for a simple act such as greeting others.



You get 10 rewards when you say...

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum!”**



You get 20 rewards when you say...

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum wa rehmatullah!”**



And you get 30 rewards when you say...

**“As-salaamu ‘alaikum wa rehmatullahi wa barkaatuh!”**

(Al-Bukhari)

# Whom should I greet?

You should greet all the Muslims, those whom you know and also those whom you don't know.

You should greet elder people as well as younger ones.

You should greet your family - your parents, grand-parents, brothers and sisters.

Remember to greet poor Muslims as well such as the house maid, cleaner, watchman and others.

# When should I greet?

You should greet someone when you see them for the first time each day. Or when you meet someone but get separated and you see them again.



For example, when...

You see your family in the morning.

You see your teacher at school or masjid.

You meet your friends.

You come back home.

Someone visits your home.

You go to someone's house.

You answer a phone call.

You meet someone new.

# Be the first one to greet

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"The person closest to Allah is the one who greets the other person first."

(Abu Dawud)

So next time when you see a Muslim be the first one to say the Salam!

You may get closer to Allah just by this simple deed.

# When I don't greet...

When you don't greet others or reply when others greet you, you are disobeying Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ). You also lose the chance of gaining rewards.

People may think that...

You are not polite.

You don't like them.

You don't care about them.

You are ignoring them.

You don't respect them.