

The proofs for saying Assalatu wassalamu 'alayka Ya Rasulallah

- (1) Ummul Mu'mineen Sayyida 'Aisha Siddiqa radiyallahu ta'ala 'anha narrates that Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said that when Jibra'il 'alaihi salam brought the news of Prophethood, all the trees and stones were saying, **“Assalatu wassalamu 'alayka Ya Rasulallah”**.¹
- (2) Sayyiduna 'Ali radiyallahu ta'ala anhu narrates that wherever we would go with Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam in Makka, all the trees and mountains would say, **“Assalatu wassalamu 'alayka Ya Rasulallah”**.
- (3) Sayyida Zainab radiyallahu ta'ala 'anha, the sister of Sayyiduna Imam Husain radiyallahu ta'ala 'anhu, proclaimed at Karbala: **“Ya Muhammadah Ya Muhammadah salla 'alaykallahu wa malaka al-Samahu”**.²
- (4) Imam Zain al-'Abideen radiyallahu ta'ala 'anhu (son of Imam Husain radiyallahu ta'ala 'anhu) called out thus when proceeding towards Yazeed:

Ya Rahmatal lil 'alameena adrik li Zainil 'Abideen

Majoosa aydiz zalimeena fil mawkabi wal muzdahimee³

¹ Majma 'al-Zawa'id - vol.8, p.260

² al-Bidaya wa al-Nihaya - vol.8, p.193

³ Sirr al-Shahadatayn - p.72 (Urdu)

- (5) After the demise of Sayyiduna ‘Umar al-Faruq radiyallahu ta’ala ‘anhu in 18 AH, there was a severe drought due to which Sayyiduna Bilal proclaimed, “**Ya Muhammadah**”.⁴
- (6) When Sayyiduna Khalid bin Waleed radiyallahu ta’ala ‘anhu clashed with Musailma Kaddhab, at one point the Muslims were faltering. When Khalid saw this: **Naada bi shi’aril muslimeena wa kaana shi’arukum yaumaidhin Ya Muhammadah.** ⁵ (He then proclaimed according to the slogan of the Muslims and the slogan of that day was Ya Muhammadah).
- (7) The slogan of Khalid bin Waleed and the companions at the battle of Yarmook was: “**Ya Muhammad Ya Mansoor ummatika.** ⁶ (Ya Muhammad Ya Mansoor, seek news of your ummah).
- (8) Imam Shah Waliullah ‘alaih rahmah says: Whoever reads the ‘Awrad Fathiya’ he will get a share from 1400 accomplished awliya. The Awrad Fathiya contains the words: “**Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Rasulallah, Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Habiballah, Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Rahmatal lil ‘Alameen, Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Shafee’ al-Mudhnibeen**”.⁷
- (9) ‘Allama ibn Qayyim (Imam of Wahabis/Deobandis) writes: Abu Bakr bin Mujahid saw a dream in which Hadrat Shibli ‘alaih rahmah was present in the court of Rasulallah sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam. Rasulallah sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam stood for and kissed Shibli in between his eyes. I asked, Ya Rasulallah sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam! Why did you do this to Shibli? Rasulallah sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam replied it is because after every prayer, Shibli reads Laqad

⁴ al-Bidaya wa al-Nihaya – vol.7, p.91

⁵ al-Bidaya wa al-Nihaya – vol.6, p.324

⁶ Nasikh al-Tawareekh, Waqidi

⁷ Intibah fi Salasil Awliya’ Allah – p.124

jaa'akum rasoolum min anfusikum (9:128) till the end of the Sura and then says
“**Sallallahu ‘alayka Ya Rasulallah**” thrice.⁸

(10) Haji Imdadullah Muhajir Makki ‘alaih rahmah (the Pir and Murshid of the Deobandis) says there is no doubt in the validity of reciting **Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Rasulallah**”.⁹

(11) Haji Imdadullah Muhajir Makki ‘alaih rahmah says:

Ya Muhammad Mustafa faryaad hai

Ay Habeebe Kibriya faryaad hai

Sakht mushkil mein phansa hoon aaj kal

Ay mere mushkil kusha faryaad hai¹⁰

(12) Shaykh al-Hadith Molvi Muhammad Zakariya Saharanpuri (Deobandi) says that according to me, the following Durood and Salam should be recited at all places:
Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Rasulallah Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Nabiyallah.¹¹

(13) Molvi Ashraf ‘Ali Thanwi (Deobandi) writes: “Today I feel like reciting Durood Shareef from the depths of my heart and recite it with the following words:
“**Assalatu wassalamu ‘alayka Ya Rasoolallah**”.¹²

⁸ Jala’ al-Afham, ibn Qayyim

⁹ Imdad al-Mushtaq - p.59

¹⁰ Munajat Naala-e-Imdad

¹¹ Fada’il A’maal, Durood Shareef - p.702

¹² Shukr al-Ni’mah bi Dhikri Rahmat al-Rahmah - p.18

- (14) When the companions would arrive in the presence of Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam, they would say **Assalatu wassalamu 'alayka Ya Rasulallah**.¹³
- (15) Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq radiyallahu ta'ala 'anhu expressed his will that my Janaza should be taken to the blessed shrine of Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam and then it should be said, “**Assalatu wassalamu 'alayka Ya Rasulallah**, Abu Bakr is present at your door”. The companions followed his advice. The doors of the shrine opened by themselves and a voice came from the blessed grave saying, “**Udkhulul Habeeb ila Habeeb**”. ¹⁴ (bring the beloved to his beloved).
- (16) When the companions would pass by the blessed shrine of Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam they would say “**Assalatu wassalamu 'alayka Ya Rasulallah**” with the grammatical tense of addressing the Prophet sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam.¹⁵
- (17) All those who offer Salah recite “**Assalamu 'alayka ayyuhan nabi**” with the grammatical tense of addressing the Prophet sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam.

¹³ Naseem al-Riyad Sharh Shifa' Qadi Iyad - v.3, p.485

¹⁴ Tafsir al-Kabir - v.5, p.475

¹⁵ Majalis Shah 'Abdul Qadir Raipuri from the Monthly Milliyya, Faisalabad - November, 2005