

# Saying 'Khuda Hafiz' at the time of leaving

## Darulifta Ahlesunnat

(Dawateislami)

### Question

What do the blessed 'Ulama state regarding the following matter: After meeting, people say 'Khuda Hafiz' at the time of leaving; is it correct to do so?(Questioner:DanishRaza)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

It is Sunnah to say Salaam while leaving also after meeting. The same persuasion has been given in a blessed Hadees. However, there is no harm if a person says 'Khuda Hafiz' also along with saying Salaam as it is a sentence of Du'a and it is proved from the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to give Du'a while seeing off someone. Sayyiduna Ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا has narrated:

كان النبي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ إذا ودع رجلاً أخذ بيده فلا يدعها حتى يكون

الرجل هو يد ويد النبي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ويقول استودع الله دينك وأمانتك وأخرك عملك

Translation: When the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would see off someone, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would hold his hand and would not leave until that person would himself bring back his hand, and [the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ] would say: I give your Deen, trust and last deed in Allah's protection. (Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 455, Hadees 2435)

However, one should not restrict himself to saying 'Khuda Hafiz' only instead of Salaam as the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has persuaded us to say Salaam at the time of leaving as well. The Holy Prophet

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

إذا انتهى احدكم الى مجلس فليسلم فان بداله ان

يجلس فليجلس ثم اذا قام فليسلم فليست الاولى باحق من الاخرى

Translation: When any of you reaches a gathering, he should say Salaam to them; then if he wants to sit there, he may sit. When he leaves, he should say Salaam again as the Salaam [said] at the first time is not better than the Salaam [said] at the last time. (I.e. Saying Salaam on both the occasions has its own importance.) (Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 324, Hadees 2715)

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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