

## Don't Abbreviate the Salaat and Salaam Upon the Messenger of Allah

صلى الله عليه وسلم

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The noble *Shaykh*, Abdul Aziz bin Abdillah bin Baz رحمه الله was asked:

"When writing *hadeeth*, particularly the speech of the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, are we allowed to abbreviate his salutations with the letter ص [the first Arabic character in the phrase '*salallahu alaihi wa salam*'] or صلعم [another shortcut for '*salallahu 'alaa Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم*']? \*\*\* Also, should we move our lips (i.e. pronounce the salutations) while writing the phrase '*salallahu alaihi wa salam*'?"

The *Shaykh* responded:

"Writing صلى الله عليه وسلم (*salallahu alaihi wa salam*) is a must. As for abbreviating it with ص or صلعم, this is a mistake that is not permissible. The salutation is to be written after his name is mentioned, and it is better to utter the phrase upon the tongue as well, combining between the affairs of speech and writing."

\*\*\*Translators note: The same applies to the abbreviations which have become commonplace within books, blogs, and even the tongues of the people like 'PBUH' and 'SAW'.

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