

Sending Salat upon the Prophet at end of Khutbah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: At the end of the second Khutbah on Jumu'ah' or the Khutbah of the two Eeds, the Khateeb requests the worshippers to send Salat and Salam upon the Messenger of Allaah –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– and he mentions the Ayaat and the Hadeeth which show the excellence of this action. Is this established from the Messenger –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– or not? I ask this because there is a student of knowledge who says it is a Bida'?

Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan: What is legislated is that one sends Salat upon the Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- at the beginning of the Khutbah after having praised Allaah and mentioning the two testifications. Sending Salat upon the Prophet at the end of the Khutbah and ordering the people to do the same, has no basis; it is, therefore, a Bida' and every Bida' is misguidance, because the Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- said:

من أحدث في أمرنا هذا ما ليس منه فهو رد

['Whoever innovates something in this matter of ours that which is not of it, then it will be rejected.']¹

¹ Collected by Bukhaaree and Muslim