

SALAWAAT

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Surely Allah and His angels bless the Prophet; O you who believe! call for (Divine) blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation. 33:56

The Prophet (pbuh) was sitting with Imam Ali (pbuh) in a garden with many trees. A bee came towards them circling around them. And started circling above them for quite some time...

The Prophet (pbuh) said: Indeed, this bee has made us his guests today. It has communicated to me that it has put some honey for me to be collected by Imam Ali (pbuh).

On hearing this Imam went to collect the honey.

The Prophet (pbuh) then addressed the bee saying: O bee! Surely your food is from the flowers which are bitter in taste; how does it change to sweet honey?

The bee replied: O Messenger of Allah, surely the sweetness of the honey comes from the blessing of mentioning your blessed name and the names of your Ahlulbayt. When we draw the nectar of the flowers we are inspired to invoke blessings upon you and your Ahlulbayt three times; therefore when we eat, the mention of salawat turns the honey sweet.

[Khazinat al-Jawahir wa alama'at al-Anwaar, p. 586]

