SALĀM (PEACE)
UNTIL THE APPEARANCE OF DAWN

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“Salām (Peace) until the appearance of Dawn”  
(Al-Qadr 97: 5)  

Laylatul Qadr  

The scholars of Tafsīr (Qur’ānic Exegesis) have mentioned different explanations for the saying of Allāh, the Most High, “Salām (Peace) until the appearance of Dawn” (Al-Qadr 97: 5).  

1. It (Laylatul Qadr) is safe (Sālimah) from every kind of harm and evil due to its abundant goodness.  

[Imām As-Saʿdī in his Tafsīr: Taysīr Al-Karīm Ar-Rahmān fī Tafsīr Kalām Al-Mannān].
2. Allāh, the Most High, has described it (Laylatul Qadr) as **Salām** due to the large number of people who on this night are free and safe from sins and the punishments for these sins.

[Imām Al-ʿUthaymīn in his Tafsīr: *Tafsīr Al-Qur’ān Al-Karīm*, Juzz (part) ʿAmma].

The following three explanations were mentioned by Shaykh Sulaymān Ar-Ruhaylī in his explanation of Surat Al-Qadr:

3. Some scholars have said that it (Laylatul Qadr) is **Salām** means that it is (**Sālimah**) safe and secure from the plots and the plans of the devils.

4. Some Mufassirūn (Qur’ānic Exegetes) have mentioned that **Salām** here refers to the angels giving **Salām** to the believers, [i.e. the angels on this night - as they descend and pass by the
believers - greet the believers with the greeting of Islām: Assalamu ʿAlaykum]. So it is the night of Salām in which the angels give Salām in abundance to the believing servants of Allāh.

5. Other Mufassirūn mentioned that Salām here refers to the angels giving each other Salām as they meet each other at the time of descent. And due to the fact that on this night they descend in huge numbers, there is not any time during this night that is devoid of this Salām.

N.B. Point 1 above was also mentioned by Shaykh Sulaymān Ar-Ruhaylī during his Tafsīr lesson.

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