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Jābir ibn Samurah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: When we went to the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) one would sit wherever there was room.

[Authentic by Another chain of narrators] [Narrated by At-Termedhy - Narrated by Abu Daoud - Narrated by Ahmad]

This Hadīth shows the politeness of the Companions of the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him). They would sit in the Prophet's gathering wherever they could find a place, whether close to or far from the front. This is how one should behave when he enters upon a group sitting together. He should not proceed forward unless someone gives him his place or there is room for him in the front. That a person makes his way through a group that is sitting, as if he impels them to give way to him so that he sits in the front, is behavior that goes against the practice of the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) and his Companions. Moreover, it indicates the person's arrogance and conceit.

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