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Performing Actions while Praying

Ahadith 26

(1198-1223)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

To take the help of the hands while offering Salat

Hadith # 1198

Narrated Kuraib Maula Ibn `Abbas:

`Abdullah bin `Abbas said that he had passed a night in the house of Maimuna the mother of the faithful believers, who was his aunt. He said, "I slept across the bed, and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) along with his wife slept lengthwise. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) slept till midnight or slightly before or after it. Then Allah's Apostle woke up, sat, and removed the traces of sleep by rubbing his hands over his face. Then he recited the last ten verses of Surat-Al `Imran. Then he went towards a hanging leather water container and performed a perfect ablution and then stood up for prayer."

`Abdullah bin `Abbas added, "I got up and did the same as Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) had done and then went and stood by his side. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) then put his right hand over my head and caught my right ear and twisted it. He offered two *rak`at*, six times and then offered one *rak`a* witr. Then he lay down till the *Mu`adh-dhin* came and then he prayed two light *rak`at* and went out and offered the early morning (Fajr) prayer."

What speech is prohibited during As-Salat

Hadith # 1199

Narrated `Abdullah:

We used to greet the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was praying and he used to answer our greetings. When we returned from An-Najashi (the ruler of Ethiopia), we greeted him, but he did not answer us (during the prayer) and (after finishing the prayer) he said, "In the prayer one is occupied (with a more serious matter)."

Hadith # 1199b

Narrated `Abdullah:

The same as Hadith 290

Hadith # 1200

Narrated Zaid bin Arqam:

In the lifetime of the Prophet (ﷺ) we used to speak while praying, and one of us would tell his needs to his companions, till the verse, 'Guard strictly your prayers (2.238) was revealed. After that we were ordered to remain silent while praying.

The saying of Subhan Allah and Al-hanmdulillah during As-Salat

Hadith # 1201

Narrated Sahl bin Sa`d:

The Prophet (ﷺ) went out to affect a reconciliation between the tribes of Bani `Amr bin `Auf and the time of the prayer became due; Bilal went to Abu Bakr and said, "The Prophet (ﷺ) is detained. Will you lead the people in the prayer?" Abu Bakr replied, "Yes, if you wish." So Bilal pronounced the *Iqama* and Abu Bakr led the prayer.

In the meantime the Prophet (ﷺ) came crossing the rows (of the praying people) till he stood in the first row and the people started clapping. Abu Bakr never looked hither and thither during the prayer but when the people clapped too much, he looked back and saw the Prophet (ﷺ) in the (first) row.

The Prophet (ﷺ) waved him to remain at his place, but Abu Bakr raised both his hands and sent praises to Allah and then retreated and the Prophet (ﷺ) went forward and led the prayer.

Whoever named some people or greeted somebody during As-Salat

Hadith # 1202

Narrated `Abdullah bin Mas`ud:

We used to say the greeting, name and greet each other in the prayer. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) heard it and said:--"Say,

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا

وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

All the compliments are for Allah and all the prayers and all the good things (are for Allah). Peace be on you, O Prophet, and Allah's mercy and blessings (are on you). And peace be on us and on the good (pious) worshippers of Allah.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad is His slave and Apostle.

So, when you have said this, then you have surely sent the greetings to every good (pious) worshipper of Allah, whether he be in the Heaven or on the Earth . "

Clapping during the Salat is permissible for women

Hadith # 1203

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"The saying '*Sub Han Allah*' is for men and clapping is for women."

If something happens in the prayer, the men can invite the attention of the Imam by saying "*Sub Han Allah*". And women, by clapping their hands.

Hadith # 1204

Narrated Sahl bin Sa`d:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The saying '*Sub Han Allah*' is for men and clapping is for women."

Who came back or went forward during the Salat

Hadith # 1205

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

While Abu Bakr was leading the people in the morning prayer on a Monday, the Prophet (ﷺ) came towards them suddenly having lifted the curtain of 'Aisha's house, and looked at them as they were standing in rows and smiled.

Abu Bakr tried to come back thinking that Allah's Apostle wanted to come out for the prayer.

The attention of the Muslims was diverted from the prayer because they were delighted to see the Prophet. The Prophet (ﷺ) waved his hand to them to complete their prayer, then he went back into the room and let down the curtain. The Prophet expired on that very day.

If a mother calls her son while he is offering As-Salat

Hadith # 1206

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"A woman called her son while he was in his hermitage and said, 'O Juraij' He said, 'O Allah, my mother (is calling me) and (I am offering) my prayer (what shall I do)?' She again said, 'O Juraij!' He said again, 'O Allah ! My mother (is calling me) and (I am offering) my prayer (what shall I do)?' She again said, 'O Juraij' He again said, 'O Allah! My mother (is calling me) and (I am offering) my prayer. (What shall I do?)' She said, 'O Allah! Do not let Juraij die till he sees the faces of prostitutes.'

A shepherdess used to come by his hermitage for grazing her sheep and she gave birth to a child. She was asked whose child that was, and she replied that it was from Juraij and that he had come out from his hermitage.

Juraij said, 'Where is that woman who claims that her child is from me?'

When she was brought to him along with the child, Juraij asked the child, 'O Babus, who is your father?' The child replied, 'The shepherd.' "

The levelling of small stones during As-Salat

Hadith # 1207

Narrated Mu'aiqib:

The Prophet (ﷺ) talked about a man leveling the earth on prostrating, and said, "If you have to do so, then do it once."

Spreading the clothes over the site of prostration

Hadith # 1208

Narrated Anas bin Malik:

We used to pray with the Prophet (ﷺ) in scorching heat, and if someone of us could not put his face on the earth (because of the heat) then he would spread his clothes and prostrate over them.

What kind of actions are permissible during Salat

Hadith # 1209

Narrated Aisha:

I used to stretch my legs towards the Qibla of the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was praying; whenever he prostrated he touched me, and I would withdraw my legs, and whenever he stood up, I would restretch my legs.

Hadith # 1210

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) once offered the prayer and said,

"Satan came in front of me and tried to interrupt my prayer, but Allah gave me an upper hand on him and I choked him. No doubt, I thought of tying him to one of the pillars of the mosque till you get up in the morning and see him. Then I remembered the statement of Prophet Solomon, 'My Lord ! Bestow on me a kingdom such as shall not belong to any other after me.' Then Allah made him (Satan) return with his head down (humiliated)."

If an animal runs away while one is in Salat

Hadith # 1211

Narrated Al-Azraq bin Qais:

We were at Al-Ahwaz fighting the Al-Haruriya (tribe). While I was at the bank of a

river a man was praying and the reins of his animal were in his hands and the animal was struggling and he was following the animal.

A man from the Khawarij said, "O Allah! Be harsh to this sheik."

And when the sheik (Abu Barza) finished his prayer, he said, "I heard your remark. No doubt, I participated with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) in six or seven or eight holy battles and saw his leniency, and no doubt, I would rather retain my animal than let it return to its stable, as it would cause me much trouble. "

Hadith # 1212

Narrated `Aisha:

Once the sun eclipsed and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) stood up for the prayer and recited a very long Sura and when bowed for a long while and then raised his head and started reciting another Sura. Then he bowed, and after finishing, he prostrated and did the same in the second *rak`a* and then said,

"These (lunar and solar eclipses) are two of the signs of Allah and if you see them, pray till the eclipse is over. No doubt, while standing at this place I saw everything promised to me by Allah and I saw (Paradise) and I wanted to pluck a bunch (of grapes) therefrom, at the time when you saw me stepping forward. No doubt, I saw Hell with its different parts destroying each other when you saw me retreating and in it I saw `Amr bin Luhai who started the tradition of freeing animals (set them free) in the name of idols."

Blowing and splitting while in the Prayer

Hadith # 1213

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

The Prophet (ﷺ) saw some sputum on the wall facing the Qibla of the mosque and became furious with the people of the mosque and said,

"During the prayer, Allah is in front of everyone of you and so he should not spit (or said, 'He should not expectorate')."

Then he got down and scratched the sputum with his hand.

Ibn `Umar said (after narrating), "If anyone of you has to spit during the prayer, he should spit to his left."

Hadith # 1214

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Whenever anyone of you is in prayer, he is speaking in private to his Lord and so he should neither spit in front of him nor on his right side but to his left side under his left foot."

If a person in Salat is asked to step forward, or to wait, there will be no harm therein

If a man claps during the Salat because of ignorance, his Salat will not be invalid

Hadith # 1215

Narrated Sahl bin Sa`d:

The people used to offer the prayer with the Prophet (ﷺ) with their waist-sheets tied round their necks because of the shortness of the sheets and the women were ordered not to lift their heads till the men had sat straight.

One should not return greetings during the Salat

Hadith # 1216

Narrated `Abdullah:

I used to greet the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was in prayer and he would return my greeting, but when we returned (from Ethiopia) I greeted the Prophet (while he was praying) but he did not return the greeting, and (after finishing the prayer) he said, "In the prayer one is occupied (with a more serious matter)."

Hadith # 1217

Narrated Jabir bin `Abdullah:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) sent me for some job and when I had finished it I returned and came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and greeted him but he did not return my greeting. So I felt so sorry that only Allah knows it and I said to myself,, 'Perhaps Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) is angry because I did not come quickly, then again I greeted him but he did not reply. I felt even more sorry than I did the first time.

Again I greeted him and he returned the greeting and said, "The thing which prevented me from returning the greeting was that I was praying." And at that time he was on his Rahila and his face was not towards the Qibla.

To raise the hands in Salat because of necessity

Hadith # 1218

Narrated Sahl bin Sa`d:

The news about the differences amongst the people of Bani `Amr bin `Auf at Quba reached Allah's Apostle and so he went to them along with some of his companions to affect a reconciliation. Allah's Apostle was delayed there and the time for the prayer became due. Bilal came to Abu Bakr! and said, "O Abu Bakr! Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) is detained (there) and the time for the prayer is due. Will you lead the people in prayer?" Abu Bakr replied, "Yes, if you wish."

So Bilal pronounced the *Iqama* and Abu Bakr went forward and the people said Takbir. In the meantime, Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came piercing through the rows till he stood in the (first) row and the people started clapping. Abu Bakr, would never look hither and thither during the prayer but when the people clapped much he looked back and saw Allah's Messenger (ﷺ). The Prophet beckoned him to carry on.

Abu Bakr raised both his hands, praised Allah and retreated till he stood in the row and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) went forward and led the people in the prayer. When he had finished the prayer, he addressed the people and said,

"O people! Why did you start clapping when something happened to you in the prayer? Clapping is for women. Whenever one is confronted with something unusual in the prayer one should say, '*Sub Han Allah*'."

Then the Prophet looked towards Abu Bakr and asked, "What prevented you from leading the prayer when I beckoned you to carry on?"

Abu Bakr replied, "It does not befit the son of Al Quhafa to lead the prayer in the presence of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)."

Keeping the hands on the hips during As-Salat

Hadith # 1219

Narrated Abu Huraira:

It was forbidden to keep the hands on the hips during the prayer.

Hadith # 1220

Narrated Abu Huraira:

It was forbidden to pray with the hands over one's hips.

Thinking of something during the prayer

Hadith # 1221

Narrated `Uqba bin Al-Harith:

I offered the `Asr prayer with the Prophet (ﷺ) and after finishing the prayer with Taslim he got up quickly and went to some of his wives and then came out. He noticed the signs of astonishment on the faces of the people caused by his speed.

He then said, "I remembered while I was in my prayer that a piece of gold was Lying in my house and I disliked that it should remain with us throughout the night, and so I have ordered it to be distributed."

Hadith # 1222

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

"When the Adhan for the prayer is pronounced, then Satan takes to his heels passing wind so that he may not hear the Adhan and when the *Mu'adh-dhin* finishes, he comes back; and when the *Iqama* is pronounced he again takes to his heels and when it is finished, he again comes back and continues reminding the praying person of things that he used not to remember when not in prayer till he forgets how much he has prayed."

Abu Salama bin `Abdur-Rahman said, "If anyone of you has such a thing (forgetting the number of *rak`at* he has prayed) he should perform two prostrations of Sahu (i.e. forgetfulness) while sitting."

Hadith # 1223

Narrated Abu Huraira:

People say that I narrate too many narrations of the Prophet; once I met a man (during the lifetime of the Prophet) and asked him, "Which Sura did Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) s recite yesterday in the `Isha' prayer?"

He said, "I do not know." I said, "Did you not attend the prayer?" He said, "Yes, (I did)." I said, "I know. He recited such and such Sura."

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