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Lesson 44

Niyah and Takbiratul Ihraam

Conditions for Performance of Salat:

1. Islam
2. To be pure from *Hadath* (through Wudu or Ghusl) and *Khabath* (by removing impurities like blood).
3. Clothing (to cover the body).
4. Facing the Qibla

- The difference between the conditions of obligation (like earning the money to become capable for Hajj) and the conditions of performance (like making the means available for performing the obligations) is that it is mandatory for us to fulfil the conditions of performance but not for conditions of obligation.

Acts of Salah:

1. Niyah (the intention of seeking nearness of Allah)

- Verbally stating the Niyah is not necessary. It is important that one is aware of the action.
- If Niyah is not purely for Allah (swt), and one intends to show-off his prayer, that prayer will become invalid.
- One must switch the Niyah from Asr to Zuhr if he has started with Asr before Zuhr. Likewise, he must switch from Isha to Maghrib.
- If a person is offering an obligatory prayer somewhere, and a congregational prayer begins there simultaneously, he can switch the Niyah of obligatory prayer to Nafilah, end the prayer and join the congregation to offer the obligatory prayer.
- If someone knows that he is offering Zuhr prayer but he said mistakenly that he is offering Asr, it will not harm his prayer.



Acts of Salah:

2. Takbiratul Ihram

- It is called Takbiratul Ihraam because with this Takbir (Allahu Akbar), many things will become prohibited for the person offering prayer.
- It is such a pillar of the prayer that if a person forgets it or adds to it, his prayer will become invalid.
- It is Mustahab to say Takbiratul Ihraam loudly and to raise the hand till the ears while saying it.

فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ
(Kawhtar, 3)

Wanhar (وَانْحَرْ) has two meanings:

1. Sacrificing an animal;
2. Raising the hands till the neck for Takbiratul Ihraam.

- The correct recitation of Takbiratul Ihram (Allahu Akbar) is mandatory.
- It is highly recommended to say Takbir 6 times before Takbiratul Ihram.
- One of the conditions for a valid Takbiratul Ihraam is to say it while standing upright and in a stable/still position.
- Those who pray in a sitting position (due to a valid excuse), if they can stand for saying Takbiratul Ihram but they choose to sit and say it, their prayer will become invalid.