



Sharayi' al-Islam (Salat)

Lesson 12

The Qiblah

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What Needs Facing the *Qiblah*

- The obligatory prayers
 - Slaughtering (an animal)
 - The dead at *ihṭidār* (dying hour) or at burial or when praying upon.
- ✚ The obligation of facing the *qiblah* is **dropped when it is not possible**; such as **during wars or when slaughtering** an animal which cannot be turned toward the *qiblah*.

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The Rules of Errors

A. **The blind** person has to resort to another person (in finding the *qiblah*), due to his inability. If he relies upon his opinion with presence of a person able to see, his *salat* will be valid if it is because of a sign he found; otherwise, he is required to repeat.

B. If a person prays towards some direction either out of probability or insufficiency of time, and **comes to know about his mistake**; if there is only a little deviation from the *qiblah*, the *salat* will not need to be repeated; otherwise, he has to repeat the *salat* if its time is still there.

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✚ Some others said: **If the *salat* is performed with one's back to the *qiblah***, it should be repeated regardless of whether its time is still there or has passed.

✚ **If the error gets known during the *salat***, he will have to repeat the *salat*

whenver it be. However **if he prays with a little deviation** from the *qiblah*, he will have to correct his direction for the remaining parts of the *salat*, and he is not required to repeat.

C. If a person strives to determine the direction of the *qiblah* for a *salat* and then the time of another *salat* sets in, if a new doubt comes to his mind he has to repeat the *ijtihad*. Otherwise, he can rely on his former *ijtihad*.