

Lesson 29

Topic; *Salah*

## Obligatory acts of Salah

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Obligatories of salah:

### A) Rukn:

1. The *Niyyah*.
2. Qiyam.
3. Takbirat al-Ehram.
5. Rukoo'.
6. Sujood.

### B) Non-Rukn

4. Qira'ah.
7. Dhikr.
8. Tashahhud.
9. Salam.

### C) conditions

10. Order.
11. Continuity.

## Rukn

Some of the obligatory acts are also 'fundamental' or 'key-element' *rukun* of the salah, such that if neglected or missed out altogether, or added to or deducted from – deliberately or inadvertently – the salah will be void.

## Non-rukun

The non-*rukun* obligatory acts are those that if deliberately neglected, altered, added to or deducted from, the salah will be void, but if due to forgetfulness the salah will not be void.

The *rukun* or key-elements of the salah are five:

- a) The *Niyyah* or intention,
- b) Takbirat-al-Ehram.
- c) Qiyam, or standing upright while performing Takbirat-al-Ehram, and being in the state of Qiyam or the upright position prior to heading for Rukoo'.
- d) The Rukoo',
- e) The two prostrations (Sujood) together.

## Details of obligatory acts of Salah

### a) The *Niyyah* or intention

It is mandatory for the mosalli to perform the salah with the *niyyah* or intention of *qurbah* or seeking nearness to and abiding by the command of Almighty Allah.

If one performs the salah with the intention of *riya'*, i.e. so that others see him praying, his salah will be void.

### b) Qiyam

It is mandatory to stand upright (i.e. to be in the Qiyam position) **while performing Takbirat-al-Ehram**. It is also mandatory to be in the state of Qiyam or upright position **before beginning to head for Rukoo** .

Case: It is mandatory that the body is motionless during the Qiyam position, and it is not inclined to a side, nor leaning on something

Case: It is mandatory for the body of the mosalli to remain stationary and motionless when reciting anything...

... Except (بِحَوْلِ اللَّهِ وَ قُوَّتِهِ اقْوَمُ و افْعُد) when rising up to the upright standing position.

Case: It is mandatory that the mosalli does not revert to [performing the salah] sitting down as far as it is possible.

### **c) Takbirat-al-Ehram**

It is mandatory to perform the Takbirat-al-Ehram, which is to declare **Allaho Akbar**; Allah is greatest: اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Case: If one doubts whether or not he has performed Takbirat-al-Ehram, if one has begun reciting, then he should ignore his doubt.

Case: It is mandatory for the mosalli to **be stationary and motionless** when performing Takbirat-al-Ehram