

## Lesson 32

### Topic; *Salah*

If one is not able to place his forehead on the ground, he should **bow as far as he can**, and place his forehead on an elevated *torbah* or anything that he performs the sujood on, such that it can be said that he has performed the sajdah.

Case: **If one is not able to bow at all**, he must nod his head to signify sujood, and if this is not possible he should [signify sujood] with the movement of his eyes.

It is **permissible** to perform sujood on a carpet and suchlike in cases of *taqiyyah*.

Case: The **place of sujood must not be higher than the level of the two knees by more than four joined fingers**, and also it should **not be lower**.

It is mandatory that there is **no obstacle** between the forehead and the place of sujood.

It is mandatory that the torbah or anything else that the sujood is performed on is **tahir**.

**The best** thing to perform the sujood on is the **Husayni torbah (soil)**

It is mandatory to perform the sujood on **soil** and anything that grows from it such as wood and leaves, with the **exception of those used for eating and wearing**.

Sujood is also permissible on **paper derived from cotton** and suchlike.

If one does not have a valid object to perform the sujood on he can perform sujood on his clothes if they are cotton or flax fibre, and if they are not, he must perform sujood on the back of his hand.

If during the salah one loses the object on which he performs the sujood, and he does not have an alternative, if there is enough time to perform the salah, he should abort the salah.

What some people do when they place their forehead on the floor in the shrines of the impeccable imams, If this is intended as **thanksgiving to Almighty Allah** then there is no objection.

As for kissing the floor steps in the shrines of the impeccable imams, it is permissible and indeed mostahab and it does not constitute sujood.

### **g) Tashahhud**

It is **mandatory** to sit to perform tashahhud in the second rak'ah of every salah, in the third rak'ah of the Maghrib salah, and in the fourth rak'ah of the Duhr, 'Asr, and 'Esha' salah.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Case: **If one forgets to perform the tashahhud**, stands up, and then remembers – before the rukoo' – that he did not perform the tashahhud, he should sit down and perform the tashahhud and after the salah, he should perform *sajdatay-as-sahw*.