

LESSON 35  
Topic; **Salah**

**Doubts**

Doubts of Salah are grouped in three: ...

The **invalidating doubts** are eight:

1. To doubt about the raka'at [performed] in **two-rak'ah salah**.
2. To doubt about the raka'at [performed] in **three-rak'ah salah**.
3. To doubt, in a four-rak'ah salah, whether he has performed **one or more rak'ah**.
4. To doubt, in a four-rak'ah salah – **before finishing the second sajdah** – whether he has performed **two or more** raka'at.
5. To doubt [whether he has performed] **two or five** raka'at, or between two and more than five.
6. To doubt between **three and six**, or between three and more than six.
7. To doubt between **four and six**, or between four and more than six before finishing the second sajdah
8. To doubt about the number of raka'at one has performed in the salah, such that one does not know **how many raka'at** one has performed.

If one of the **invalidating doubts** (*shakk*) arise for the mosalli, it is permissible for him ...

I. to **abort** the salah, or

II. To [pause and] **think** [about the matter in order **to resolve** his doubt]

III. That he would have no hope to attain a certainty or *dann* (belief) [about that doubt].

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The **doubts that should be ignored** are six;

1. To doubt about something **after moving on** to the next stage.

2. Doubt **after the Salam**

Case: If one doubts after the Salam as to whether or not his salah was Valid.

3. Doubt **after the expiry** of the salah time.

4. Doubt of **Excessive Doubter**

Case: If one doubts three times in a salah, or doubts in three successive salah; such as Sobh, Duhr, and 'Asr, he is considered Excessive Doubter.

5. Doubt of **prayer leader and prayer follower, if one is certain** and indicates that to the other.

Case: If one doubts the number of raka'at [performed] in a mostahab salah.