

## Lesson 38

### Topic: *salah*

It is necessary that the place where the prayer leader (Jama'ah imam) stands is not higher than that of the follower (ma'moom) by more than a 'span of the hand', which is about 20cm.

After the imam performs Takbirat-al-Ehram, if the people in the first row were about to perform Takbirat-al-Ehram, it is permissible for those in the second row to perform Takbirat-al-Ehram.

If the follower decides to leave the *Jama'ah* before the completion of al-Hamd and surah, he is required to recite the rest of al-Hamd and surah that has not been recited by the imam.

If one joins the congregation while the imam is in rukoo', and catches up with the rukoo' of the Imam, his salah is valid – even if the imam has finished the dhikr of the rukoo' – and that counts as one rak'ah for him.

The ma'moom (follower) must not stand ahead of the imam [at any point].

There should be no opaque screen or barrier between the imam and the ma'moom, or between one follower and another, through whom a follower connects to the imam.

### **Joining in the second rak'ah**

### **Necessity of recitation in third and fourth rak'ah**

#### **Criteria of Jama'ah Imam**

- Adolescent,
- Sane,
- Shi'a (or follower) of the twelve Imams,
- 'Adil...
- Of legitimate birth,
- Performs the salah in the correct way

It is mandatory for the ma'moom to specify the imam when declaring the niyyah, but it is not mandatory to know the name of the imam.

It is mandatory for the ma'moom to perform all the parts of salah himself, with the exception of the recitation of al-Hamd and the surah.

It is mandatory for the ma'moom not to perform Takbirat-el- Ehram before the imam.

If the ma'moom inadvertently raises his head from rukoo' before the imam, if the imam is still in the state of rukoo', it is mandatory for him to return to the rukoo' and then rise and stand up with the imam.