

Lesson 40

Topic: *salah* of traveler

Hometown and place of residence

The place that a person chooses as his abode is considered as his hometown regardless of whether or not he was born there, or whether it was his parents' or he chose it to be his hometown

The place that one intends to remain for a long period of time such as four or five years is commonly considered as his hometown.

If a person adopts two places as hometowns, for example if he lives in one town for six months and in another for another six months, both are considered as his hometowns.

Intention of stay

If one intends to stay in two towns for ten days he must shorten his salah if the two towns are not joined together.

If a traveler decides to remain in a place for ten days but then retracts, if this change of plan or uncertainty develops after he performs a four-rak'ah salah, then he must perform his salah in full so long as he remains there.

A traveler who is uncertain of his stay for thirty days must not perform his salah in full.

Special Places

It is permissible for a traveler to perform his salah in full in Masjid al-Haram, Masjid al-Nabiy and Masjid al-Kufah and in the vicinity of the holy shrine of Imam Husayn, peace be upon him.

Performance of short salah in full

If one knows he is travelling and must shorten his salah, but performs it inadvertently in full his salah is void.

If one begins a four-rak'ah salah and during that realizes that he is a traveler, if he has not reached the rukoo' of the third rak'ah, it is mandatory for him to finish his salah in two rak'ahs.

Traveler's qada' salah

The traveler who must shorten his salah, if he misses [any of] the Duhr, 'Asr or 'Esha' salah, it is mandatory for him to perform their qada' as qasr (short) even if he is back in his hometown.

The Friday Salah

At the time of the presence of the ma'soom Imam, peace be upon him, it is mandatory for one to perform the Friday Salah of two rak'ah on Friday, instead of the Duhr salah.

The Eid's Salah

The salahs of the two 'Eids are mandatory during the presence of the Imam of Time, *may Allah hasten his noble reappearance.*