

Sharayi' al-Islam (Salat)

Lesson 19

The Locale of Sujud

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Salat is also *makruh* in the stables of horses, donkeys and mules. However, there is no objection to perform **prayer in sheep-folds.**

♣ It is *makruh* to pray with a Qur'an opened in front, or against a wall which infiltrates from a cesspool which is used for urinating. Some other legists add: It is *makruh* to pray in front of a person or an opened door.

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It is not valid to perform *sajdah* on anything except **on earth**, (and whatever grows on it which is **used for food or clothing**). Therefore a person **cannot perform** *sujud* **on leather**, **wool**, **soft hair**, **and those things extracted from earth**, **such as minerals**, **salt**, *aqiq* (carnelian), gold, silver and asphalt, except out of necessity. It is also invalid to prostrate on those things which grow on earth if known to be **used for food**, **such as bread and fruits**.

In regard to cotton and linen, there are two views the most well-known of which is prohibition. It is not valid either to perform *sajdah* on mire (*wahal*).

It is valid to prostrate on *qirtas* (**paper**) but it is *makruh* when it has some writing on it.

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Sajdah is not permissible on some part of the body, but if it is not possible to perform *sajdah* on earth due to the heat of the *sun-baked* ground, the person can prostrate on their **garment**. If it is not possible, they can do that on their **hand**.

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