



Sharayi' al-Islam (Salat)

Lesson 24

Acts of *Salah/ Niyyah*

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Obligatory Acts of *Salah*

1. Niyyah

It is **an essential *rukn* of *salat*** an error in which will invalidate the prayer, whether it is intentional or not.

The Content of *Niyyah*

Its essence is the intention to bring to mind the form of *salat*. Its content is four things:

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- Whether it is **obligatory or supererogatory**
- ***Qurbah*** (nearness to God)
- **Specification** of the *salat*
- Whether it is ***ada'* or *qada'***

The Time of *Niyyah*

Its time is in the initial part of *takbir* and it should continue till the end of the *salah*.

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✚ **If a person intends to come out of the *salat*, it will not be invalidated, as per the verdicts of the legists. So also is the rule when he intends to do something incompatible to the *salat*.**

✚ **If a person intends to do an act of *salat* in order to show off for the other people (*riya'*), their prayer will be **invalid**.**



✚ **Changing the *niyyah*** is permissible in certain places, such as converting the *niyyah* of the *zuhr* prayer on Friday to a supererogatory prayer, for a person who forgot to recite *Surat al-Jumu'ah* and recited another surah instead. So is the case of changing the present *faridah* to a precedent one, if the time is sufficient to do so.

2. *Takbirat al-Ihram*

It is a ***rukn*** without which the prayer does not establish and an error in it will make the *salat* unacceptable, even if made forgetfully. Its formula is to say “***Allahu akbar***”, and no other form is permissible. The *salat* does not become valid by saying its meaning.