



Sharayi' al-Islam (Salat)

Lesson 28

Acts of *Salah/Qira'ah*

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Obligatory Acts of *Salah*

1. *Niyah*
2. *Takbirat al-Ihram*
3. *Qiyam*
4. *Qira'ah*

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Points:

✚ **Reciting a complete surah after *al-Hamd*** in the first two *rak'ahs* is *wajib* in the daily obligatory prayers.

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✚ It is neither permissible to recite any of the ***Surahs of 'Aza'im*** (the four *surahs* in which there is a *wajib sujud*), nor a *surah* the recitation of which causes missing the time of the *salah*, nor to join between two *surahs* (Some say it is *makruh*, which is preponderant.).

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✚ It is *wajib* (on men) **to recite the two *surahs*** (not the other recitations) **aloud** (أَجْمَعًا) in the *fajr* prayer, and the first two *rak'ahs* of *maghrib* and *'isha* prayers.

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✚ The *qira'ah* in the *zuhr* and *'asr* prayers is to be done -except for the *basmalah*- in a low voice in their first two *rak'ahs*, and also in the third *rak'ah* of *maghrib* and the last two *rak'ahs* of *'isha* prayers.

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- ✚ **The minimum level of voice** considered loud is that a person nearby be able to hear it, and the minimum for low voice is that the person himself be able to hear it. Reciting aloud is not prescribed for women.
- ✚ The *masnun (sunnah)* in this regard is to **recite the basmalah aloud** in the two *surahs* that are to be recited in a low voice (**zuhr and 'asr**).
- ✚ ... and to recite them in a **tartil** (expressing the letters and words clearly) way, and to follow the punctuation marks (locations of **waqf**).
- ✚ Reciting another surah after *al-Hamd* in the supererogatory prayers is a *sunnah*.