

Topic: Preliminaries of Salah

Preliminaries of the Daily Salah

1. Times
2. *Qibla*
3. Clothing
4. Place of *Musalli*

Covering the body

It is mandatory for a man to cover his private parts while performing the salah and for a woman, to cover all her body, even her head and hair except for the part of the face that is washed during wudu', nor the hands – up to the wrists – or the upper surface of the feet up to the ankles.

Criteria of Mosalli's Garment

a) Taharah

If one deliberately performs the salah in najis clothing or with his body being najis, his salah is void.

If one does not know that his body or clothing is najis, and learns of that after the salah, his salah is valid; however if one forgets that his body or clothing is najis, and remembers that during the salah or afterwards, it is mandatory for him to repeat that salah.

b) Ibahah (permissibility)

If one knows of the prohibition with a usurped shirt on, or with a shirt that has thread, buttons, or anything else that is usurped, his *salah* is *batil* (void).

c) That it is not made of *maitah* parts

It is mandatory that the clothing or garment of the *mosalli* is not made from parts of a *maitah* (dead corpse) of an animal whose blood gushes out when slaughtered, such as sheep (except if it is halal meat and slaughtered in the Islamic way).

d) That it is not made of parts of haram-meat animal

It is mandatory that the garment of the *mosalli* is not made of [any] parts of a haram-meat animal, and the *salah* is also rendered *batil* (void) if one had anything of it on him

e) That it is not made from gold (for men)

It is haram for a man to wear clothing or garment with threads of gold woven in it, or with gold buttons on it, and with such a garment the *salah* is rendered *batil*. There is no objection to that for women.

4. Place of Mosalli

Criteria of the place of *musalli*

First: **it must be *mubah*** or permissible to use. In other words it should be non-usurped.

Second: **that the place is not *najis* such that its moisture would seep** to his body or garment.

Third: there should be a **distance between man and woman** and some believe women should be behind.

Four: that the place of sujood (prostration) of the forehead is not higher or lower than the level of the knees and toes by more than the breadth of **four joint fingers**.

- Salah in shrines or mosques (especially in *Masjid al-Haram*, *Masjid al-Nabi*, the Mosque of *Koofah*, the *Bait al-Maqdis* and the Jami' mosques) is superior to *salah* at home.
- *Makrooh* (not recommended) Places for Salah
 - In a bath
 - If front of a human
 - In front of an open door
 - In front of fire
 - In front of a picture
 - In front of a portray

5. *Adhan and Iqamah*

It is *mustahab* (recommended) for a man or a woman to perform the *adhan* and *iqamah* before the daily obligatory *salah*.

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2x	حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ	ḥayya 'ala ṣ-ṣalāh	Hurry toward prayer
2x	حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ	ḥayya 'ala l-falāḥ	Hurry toward salvation
2x	حَيَّ عَلَى خَيْرِ الْعَمَلِ	ḥayya 'ala khayr al-'amal	Hurry toward the best deed
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2x	قَدْ قَامَتِ الصَّلَاةُ	qad qāmat-i ṣ-ṣalāh	The prayer has certainly been established
2x	اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ	Allāh-u ’akbar, Allāh-u 'akbar	Allah is the greatest
1x	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ	lā ilāha ’illā Allāh	There is no deity but Allah