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Topic: Salat al-Jama'ah & Salat al-Ayat

The Congregational Prayer

It is *mostahab* to perform the obligatory *salah*, especially the daily ones in congregation (*Jama'ah*), in particular for the neighbors of the mosque, and those who hear the mosque's *adhan*.

- ✚ It is permissible if the follower performs an obligatory *salah* other than the one the imam performs.

Criteria of Jama'ah Imam

1. Adolescent
2. Sane
3. Shi'a (or follower) of the twelve Imams
4. Performs the salah in the correct way
5. 'Adil (just)...

- ✚ It is mandatory for the *ma'moom* not to perform *Takbirat-el- Ehram* before the imam.
- ✚ It is mandatory for the *ma'moom* to perform all the parts of the *salah* himself, with the exception of the recitation of *al-Hamd* and the surah.
- ✚ If the *ma'moom* joins the *jama'ah* late while the imam is still to stand up from his *rukoo'*, he/she can say *takbeer* and follow the imam and that is considered the first *rak'ah*.

Occasions of Salat al-Ayat

1. Sun eclipse
2. Moon eclipse
3. Earthquake
4. Thunder, lightning, thunderbolt, fierce black and red winds, and suchlike if most people fear them

Procedure of Salat al-Ayat

Salat al-ayat consists of *two rak'ah*, in each *rak'ah* there are five *rukoo'*... one *surah* before each *rukoo'*.

Two Ways to Perform the Salat al-Ayat

- A) To recite *al-Hamad* and another complete *surah* before every of the five *rukoo's*
- B) To recite *al-Hamd* and a part of a *surah* which is divided to five parts and bow for *rukoo'* and then only another part of the divided *surah* before the other four *rukoo's*.