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Lesson 45

Standing and Recitation

Obligatory Acts of Salah:

Qiyam (Standing)

- Two types of standings are obligatory in Salat. One is a rukn (pillar) and one is not. The standing which is a Rukn is the one while saying Takbiratul Ihram and the one which is required before entering the position of Ruku (*Qiyam Muttasil Bi Ruku*). The other standing which is obligatory but not a Rukn is while reciting the chapters of Quran.
- Note: A pillar is an act which invalidates the Salat if one omits it or adds to it it forgetfully or knowingly.

Conditions of Qiyam (Standing):

1. Stand upright.
 2. Stand still and stable.
 3. It is not permissible to lean on something while standing.
- The first stage of offering Salah in sleeping position is to lean towards the right side towards the Qibla and perform Sujud and Ruku with Imaa (eye indications).
 - The next/last stage of offering Salah in sleeping position is to lie on the back and direct the feet towards the Qibla.

Obligatory Acts of Salah:

Qira'ah (recitation) – It is mandatory in Salah but not a Rukn.



Conditions of Recitation

1. For men, it is mandatory to recite the Surahs loudly in their Morning prayer, Maghrib prayer and Isha Prayer. For women, it is optional but prohibited if non-Mahram can hear her voice.
2. Bismillah of the Fajr, Maghrib and Isha prayer must be recited loudly by men. It is Mustahab for Zuhr and Asr prayer.
3. In the third and fourth rak'ah of Zuhr, Asr and Isha, and the third rak'ah of Maghrib, it is optional to recite Tasbihaat or Surat al-Fatiha. Tasbihat must be recited once mandatorily or thrice, as per recommendation.
4. Correct recitation of the Arabic words is a condition for Qira'ah.

Rulings of Recitation

1. According to the Shia school of thought, one must recite a complete Surah after Surat al-Hamd in the first two rak'ahs of the prayer.
2. It is prohibited to recite the chapter that have verses of obligatory prostration in the prayer. Those chapters are Al-Alaq, Al-Sajdah, Al-Najm and Fussilat.
3. Normally, we are required to recite only one Surah after Al-Hamd in every rak'ah. However, there are two Surahs which, if recited, must be recited along with the Surahs that come after them. Those chapters are Al-Feel and Al-Quraysh, Al-Dhuha and Al-Inshirah.

- Qunut is highly recommended but not mandatory.
- Ayat al-Kursi cannot be recited in mandatory prayers because one must recite a complete Surah.
- If someone forgets to recite Al-Fatiha and begins with another chapter, he must stop the recitation and begin reciting Fatiha.
- If the Imam made a mistake, those offering the prayer behind him must correct him by giving him a cue through a Zikr.