The Clarified Ruling
Of
Mistakes Done In Salāt

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To
Every muslim
Who is keen to perform
The most important article
Of Islam sincerely and properly in
Accordance with the prophet’s (ﷺ)
Sunnah and hence gaining
the best rewards from
his Rabb (Lord) (ﷻ)
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Preface

All praise be to Allāh (￿) who guides to the straight path and righteous deeds through which a muslim wins his pleasure in this life and His Paradise in the Hereafter.

Being the second most important article of Islām, the first being the Shahādatain [the two statements of testification], Salāt has seized the attention of the well-versed muslim scholars who dedicated a great deal of their effort writing about it: its ruling, rewards, the manner in which it is done properly in accordance with the prophet’s (￿) Sunnah and mistakes people commit when doing it.

One of those Salafī scholars who wrote about Salāt in details is our Shaikh Mashhūr Hasan Āl-Salmān, may Allāh (￿) preserve him from all kinds of evils. The Shaikh compiled an invaluable book titled with “Al-Qawlul Mubīn Fī ’Akhtā’īl Musallīn”.

Being so beneficial, easy to be understood, so flexible when dealing with the mistakes people do in their Salāt, and satisfactory to all muslims’ needs concerning the actions of Salāt, the book has been edited more than once.

One more important feature of the book is that it is so comprehensive. It deals with the mistakes people do in their Salāt regarding the clothes worn for Salāt and covering the private parts, the places in which Salāt could be done, the manner of doing Salāt, doing the congregational Salāt in the mosque -from the moment they hear the ’Athān till the end of their Salāt (Taslīm)-, the mistakes done after Salāt, mistakes done in special Salwāt and other relevant issues.

Discussing such mistakes, the Shaikh quoted many of other scholars’ opinions, views and discussions referring the reader to their sources. To conclude, the book is an encyclopedia on the subject.
Feeling that the English speaking muslims are in equal need for the book just like the Arabic speaking ones, the Shaikh thought of getting it translated about a year ago, precisely on April 5th, 2002.

I was much honoured that the Shaikh asked me to do this job for him, though at first I was hesitant due to the enormity and greatness of the book; a book which includes invaluable knowledge coming out from great ‘Ulamah (scholars) whose knowledge stems from the Qur’ān and the prophet’s Sunnah.

I call unto Allāh (ﷻ) to forgive me any mistake I may have done unintentionally in the translation and I call unto Him to make it in my Balance of good deeds in the Hereafter; He is Samī’, Mujeeb.

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Notes On Translation

1. Any word, phrase or sentence put between brackets [ ] is an addition from the translator to the original text for the purpose of more clarification.

2. Any word, phrase, sentence or paragraph between asterisks * * is of the author’s additions to the original book due to its great importance.

3. The Sahr‘i and Arabic idioms -which have no English equivalents- have been written in transliteration.

4. The translator has tailed the book with a glossary of these Sahr‘i and Arabic terms ordered alphabetically.
Author’s Introduction

Verily, praise be to Allāh (ﷻ) We praise Him, seek His help, guidance and forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Allāh from the evils of our own selves and our evil deeds. Whosoever Allāh guides none can misguide and whosoever Allāh leads astray none can guide. I bear witness that there is no Ilāh worthy of worship but Allāh alone who has no partner and I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger.

Allāh (ﷻ) says:

‘O you who believe! Fear Allāh (by doing all that He has ordered and abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared and die not except in a state of Islam (As Muslims).’

(1) Sūrat Al-Imran (verse no. 102).
(2) Sūrat An-Nisa (verse no. 1).
‘O you who believe! Be dutiful to Allāh and fear him and speak always the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allāh and his Messenger (ﷺ) he has achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from Hell-Fire and be admitted to Paradise)’. (1) (2)

To proceed,

Verily, the best of speech is the speech of Allāh (ﷻ) [The Holy Qur’ān] and the best of guidance is that of Muhammad (ﷺ). And the worst of affairs are those invented [in religion]. And every innovation in religion is misguidance and every misguidance will [lead its doer to] be in Hell fire.

This book “The clarifying Discussion of Mistakes Done in Salāt” discusses many mistakes that are commonly committed by praying Muslims. The authenticity of some of which is not established; on the contrary they are mere innovations. And others are some optional or obligatory acts that are not done in their proper positions or in the appropriate manner. No doubt that plotting away false beliefs and misconceptions from peoples’ minds and hearts by establishing truth instead, is on of the greatest paths of calling to that which is one good [i.e. calling to Allāh (ﷻ)].

I also included in my work some of the obligatory deeds, Sunan [optional ones] and duties that are being deserted by many muslims an attitude that diminishes the rewards of their Salāt or even incurs sin on them selves if the deserted deed is of the obligatory ones.

Dear reader, verily, Salāt is one of the five articles of Islam and the first article to be observed after testifying the two

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(1) Sūrat Al-Ahzab (no. 70-71).
(2) This is Khutbatul Hajah [commencement speech]. The prophet (ﷺ) used to begin his speeches with it and teach it to his companions. This speech was narrated from six of the prophet’s companions (ﷺ) and many Imams [scholars of religion] documented it in their compilations amongst of whom are: Muslim in his “Sahih” (vol. 6 / pp. 153, 156-57), Abu Dawud in his “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 287) (no. 1097), An-Nasa’i in “Al-Mujtaba” (vol. 3 / pp. 104-5), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 2 / pp. 182-3), At-Tayalisi in “Al-Musnad” (no. 338), Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 7 / p. 146), (vol. 3 / p. 214) and Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 585).
statements of testification [as is mentioned in one of the prophet’s (ﷺ) ahādīth; he (ﷺ) said: ‘Islam is based on the following five principles: 1. To testify that there is no Ilāh but Allāh and Muhammad (ﷺ) is the Messenger of Allāh. 2. To (properly) perform the compulsory Salāt. 3. To pay Zakat. 4. To perform Hajj. 5. To observe Sawm.’ [Al-Bukhari narration] and if it is observed properly the rest of the muslim’s deeds would be considered valid otherwise one’s deeds would be considered void.

Consequently, Salāt, should be observed with great care; pure from any innovated acts and violations of its rules which the ignorants do. Due to all of this and due to the necessity of guiding those who are ignorant amongst the Muslims and due to the obligation which Allāh (ﷻ) enjoined on us, namely to enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil, due to all these things, this book was authored.

The book constitutes seven chapters:

* **Chapter One**

Mistakes regarding the clothes with which muslims offer their Salāt and veiling the private parts. These mistakes include the following points:

* Doing Salāt wearing tight clothes that display the shape of one’s private parts.
* Doing Salāt wearing light [transparent] clothes.
* Doing Salāt while the private parts [or parts of them] are uncovered.
* Letting the Izār down to the ground in Salāt.
* Covering one’s mouth in Salāt.
* Tucking clothes up in Salāt.
* Uncovering one’s shoulders in Salāt.
* Doing Salāt wearing clothes that bear pictures [of living creatures]and other relative issues.

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* Chapter Two:

Is related to places on which Salāt is observed. Six mistakes are mentioned here; the first of which was originally innovated and practiced by the Rafidah, it is prostrating oneself on the soil of Karbulā’, or keeping a stone of its land on which one prostrates believing of gaining rewards. Further mistakes are mentioned in the following order:

* Doing Salāt towards places that bear pictures, or on a carpet adorned with pictures and decorations.

* Doing Salāt towards or on graves.

* Assigning a particular place in which Salāt is offered in the mosque.

* Mistakes related to the Sutra.

* Deviating from the direction of Qiblah when doing Salāt.

* Chapter Three:

It discusses many mistakes regarding the manner in which Salāt is done, from the moment one stands to do Salāt till Taslim. It tackles the following six points:

* Articulating Niyyah loudly and articulating it with the first Takbir.

* Reciting all the ‘Athkār of Salāt and Qur’an.

* Mistakes that are committed during standing in Salāt, and these include:

1. Not raising hands when saying the first Takbir [Takbirul Ihram], when bowing down in Ruku’ and when rising up from the bowing posture.

2. Letting arms down [when reciting Fātiha].

3. Abandoning reciting Dua’ Al-Istiftah [The opening invocation] and seeking refuge with Allāh before reciting Fātiha.
4. Repeating the *Fatihah* more than once.

5. Raising one’s eyes towards the sky or any direction other than the prostration place.

6. Closing one’s eyes during *Salāt*.

7. Moving a lot during *Salāt*.

   * Mistakes done when bowing down and rising from bowing; these include:
     1- Abandoning reciting these postures’ remembrances and keeping silent instead.
     2- Performing Ruku and Sujūd with no quiescence or tranquility.
     3- Oft-repeating Qunūt while deserting it at times of afflictions.

   * Mistakes done during prostration. These include:
     1- Reaching not the ground completely.
     2- Doing prostration so fast with no tranquility.
     3- Mistakes concerning the manner of prostration.
     4- Believing in the necessity of unveiling the parts one uses in prostration.
     5- Believing in the necessity of prostrating on the ground or a particular type of it.
     6- Raising something for the patient to prostrate on [if he/she is too weak to reach the ground].
     7- When doing *Sujūd As-Sahw* [The prostration of forgetfulness], some people recite the following [innovated statement]: ‘*Subhāna Allāh* who forgets not, nor does he sleep’.

   * Mistakes done during sitting for *Tashahhud*; these include:
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1- Saying: ‘As-Salamu ‘Alaika ayyuha an-naby’.

2- Adding to the statement of Tashahhud, or in the Salāt ‘Ala an-Naby, the word ‘Sayyiduna’ [our master], and other related issues.

3- Denouncing the act of moving the index finger in As-Salāt ‘Ala An-naby [itashahhud].

4- Three mistakes done in the Taslīm.

* Chapter Four

Discusses mistakes done in the mosque during the congregational Salāt. This chapter is divided into four sections:

* The First: Discusses the mistakes done after hearing the ‘Athan till the Iqamah, some of which are the following:

1- Mistakes done by some Mu’aththinūn and those who hear them.

2- Pacing to the Salāt interlocking one’s fingers.

3- Getting out of the mosque when hearing the ‘Athān.

4- Wasting time with idle talk while the Imām is starting the prayer.

5- Abandoning Tahiyyatul Masjid, the Sutrah and the Sunnah Qabliyyah.

6- Reciting Surat Al-Ikhlas before reciting the Iqamah.

7- Doing optional Salāt at the time when the Iqamah for the obligatory Salāt is being recited.

8- Doing optional Salāt that has no specific reason after dawn breaks except for the two Rak’ahs [Sunnah Qabliyyah] of the dawn Salāt.
9- Eating garlic, onions or any other bad scented plant or food -before coming to the mosque- which causes harm for those who do Salāt in the mosque.

* The Second:

Mistakes done during the Iqāmah till Takbīratul Ihrām, these include:

1- Mistakes done by those who recite the Iqamah and those who listen to it.

2- Leaving gaps in the rows.

3- Abandoning the first row, giving chance to those ignorant [of the Holy Qur’an and religious rulings of Salāt] to stand there.

4- Doing Salāt in disconnected rows.

5- Reciting long invocations before Takbīratul Ihrām with innovated statements or jargon.

* The Third:

Mistakes done when reciting Takbīratul Ihrām till Taslīm, these include:

1- Mispronouncing the Takbir during Salāt.

2- Mistakes regarding reciting Basmalah loudly or secretly.

3- Reading Fātihah improperly.

4- Reciting some [innovated invocations] while the Imām is reading the Fātihah and after reading it.

5- Mistakes related to the Ta’mīn.

6- Preceding the Imām in the acts of Salāt or doing them simultaneously with him.

7- Reciting Takbīratul Ihrām by the Masbūq while bowing.
8- Defering catching up with the Imām by the Masbūq in order to recite Dua’ul Istiftah.

* The Fourth:

Mistakes pertaining to the beliefs about the rewards of the congregational Salāt, and the evil consequences that touch the one who deserts it. This section includes the following points:

1- The reward of performing Salāt in Baitul Maqdis [In Jerusalem].

2- Performing congregational Salāt in places other than mosques.

3- Establishing more than one congregational Salāt in the same mosque.

4- Deserting doing Salāt behind an Imām who follows a different Mathhab.

5- The threat addressed to those who desert congregational Salāt.

The fifth:

Deals with mistakes done after doing the Salāt be it congregational or individual, these include:

1- Mistakes done during Taslim and shaking hands after it.

2- Mistakes done in the manner of reciting Athkār and deserting them for reciting invocations.

3- Getting out of the mosque before the Imam moves away from the direction of the Qiblah.

4- Performing optional Salāt just after the obligatory one with no separation whatsoever between them.

5- Reciting ‘Athkār using one’s left hand or the rosary.

* Other related issues:
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1- Prostrating oneself when reciting post prayer Athkār.
2- keeping awake late at night after ‘Ishā’ prayer.
3- Reciting post prayer Athkār in congregation.
4- Passing in front of those who pray.

* Chapter Six:

Consists of mistakes done during Friday Salāt and the threat against those who abandon it. This chapter includes the following points:

1- Deserting Friday Salāt for the sake of attending football match.

2- Abandoning Friday Salāt by those who guard kings and rulers by standing at the doors of mosques holding weapons.

3- Abandoning Friday Salāt by the bridegrooms.

* Mistakes that diminish the rewards of Friday Salāt:

a. Coming late to the mosque.

b. Not bathing, applying perfume nor using the Siwak before coming to the mosque.

c. Talking to others while the Imām is delivering his speech. Some may even walk around people asking for charities or providing people with water.. etc.

d. Reciting Qur’ān, greeting back people or invoking a blessing upon those who sneeze while the Imām is delivering his speech.

e. Sleeping during the speech.

f. Turning one’s back to the Imām and the Qiblah during the speech.

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g. Playing with stones, rosary…etc. while the *Imām* is delivering the speech.

h. Stepping over sitting muslims causing harm to them.

1. Sunnah Qbliyyah before Friday Salāt; misconceptions and refutation.

2. Mistakes related to *Tahiyyatul Masjid* on Friday, these include:
   
a. Abandoning *Tahiyyatul Masjid* when getting into the mosque and the *Imām* is delivering his speech.

   b. Some *Khutabs* order people to leave it if they are delivering their speeches and advise people to do it between the two speeches.

   c. Delaying performing *Tahiyyatul Masjid* for the sake of repeating the ‘Atanah after the *Muʿaththin*.

3. Mistakes done by some *Khutabā’*:
   
a. Verbal mistakes.
   
b. Practical mistakes.
   
c. Mistakes done in Friday Salāt.

7. Mistakes done in the post Friday Salāt [Sunnah Baʿdiyyah].

* Chapter Seven:

   Discusses mistakes done by those who have specific excuses, the special Salawāt and other related issues.

   Finally, I tailed the book with some fabricated ‘*Ahādīth*- that are often recited by many people during their Salāt -so that muslims be ware of.
The methodology followed in the book:

- First: discussing the most common mistakes, clarifying what is right and what is wrong, and choosing the most important of which to be discussed in details.

- Second: These mistakes were presented and discussed in away that suits every reader’s comprehension capacity.

- Third: The reader’s attention is attracted to the point that not all the mistakes discussed in this book render the Salāt of those who commit them as null and void, or that they would surely incur sin upon themselves.

Some of these mistakes fall under the controversial issues between ‘Ulama. However, I considered the point, the ‘Ulamah disagreed about, as a mistake provided there is an authentic proof of its illegality or there is no proof of its legality at all, for as regards acts of worship the general principle states that: every act of worship is nul and void unless there is a legal proof [from the Qur’an or Sunnah] of its legality. (1)

The aim of this book is to display those acts that are contrary to the Prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and to establish the authentic Sunnah and the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner in practicing it. Indeed the prophet’s (ﷺ) guidance is the best of guidance.

In this book, the dear muslim brother will find that many acts of worship muslims do in their Salāt are contrary to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah, and from which I hope every muslim would keep away in order to feel the great impact of Salāt in their hearts and the sense of serenity it provides for their minds, its great power of delivering a muslim from his afflictions in this life and the Hereafter, its blessing of plotting away the muslim’s sins and upgrade his rank to the highest levels.

Every muslim should get to know evil not for its sake but to get away from it, the very thing the poet affirmed:

(1) I payed much care in mentioning the scholars’ opinions and statements regarding the issues they all agreed about.
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I get to know evil not for its sake
but to get away from it
He who knows not evil and what is fake
will surely fall in it.

This concept is born out from Huthaifah’s (ﷺ) Ibn al Yaman statement: ‘People used to ask the prophet (ﷺ) about good deeds, and I used to ask him about evil lest I fall in it’.

Consequently, it is of a great importance to get muslims know the mistakes -whether verbal or practical- that got into their religion lest they fall in them believing that they will be rewarded for doing them. And the most important of these mistakes and misconceptions to be clarified are those done in Salāt which is the greatest act of worship muslims observe and present to Allāh (ﷻ) as a gift in the best manner.

Those who perform Salāt in its best manner will be granted serenity in their hearts, tranquility in their minds and happiness in their lives, it is indeed an act that gets away with sadness and depression and a safe resort to which a muslim flees at times of afflictions, provided it is done in its best manner.

The case is however versed for those who practice it full of innovated acts and mistakes. Allāh (ﷻ) says:

‘And seek help in patience and As-Salāt and truly it is extremely heavy and hard except for Al-Khāshi’un (The true believers in Allāh (ﷻ)). They are those who are certain that they are going to meet their Rabb and that unto him they are going to return’. (1)

Salāt has become heavy and hard on some people because their hearts are not filled with the adoration to Allāh (ﷻ); their

(1) Sūrat Al-Baqarah (verse no. 45-46).
hearts lacked the feeling of His greatness, and they are not occupied with things He loves. Verily, every slave performs his Salāt in a manner compatible with his love to Allāh (ﷻ).

Imām Ahmad said: ‘Their [the muslims’] portion of Islām is equal to the portion of reward they gain from Salāt and their love to it. Now you could know your self bondman of Allāh. Be ware of confronting with Allāh (ﷻ) with no reverence of Islām in your heart.’

He also said: ‘Know that if a man performed Salāt perfectly and properly then noticed other people doing it improperly or preceding the Imām in his acts and kept silent, he is surely sharing him in his sin. The former should teach the later the proper way of doing Salāt’.

Dear muslim reader, read my words carefully, once your are convinced with them and your heart absorbs them with complete faith, work hard to teach them to other muslims especially the members of your family, your students and other muslims lest you share them their sins, we seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) refuge from this.

Finally, it is not for any muslim to use any disagreement amongst scholars regarding any matter in religion such as those discussed in this book or similar issues-as a vehicle to excite disputes amongst muslims the thing which leads them to disunity amongst them and abandonment of one another for this is forbidden on muslims. On the contrary, we should all help one another in that which is good and piety and clarify the truth with its authentic proofs. This all should be accompanied with sincerity of the hearts that are free of envy or grudge against any muslim. We should keep

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(1) “As-Salāt” (p. 42), “As-Salāt and the ruling regarding those who abandon it” (pp. 170-71) by Ibn Al-Qayyem.
(2) “As-Salāt” (p. 40).
(3) Refer to our book “Al-Hajr Fil Kitābi was Sunnah” or “İdā’atush Shumū’ Fī Bayān Al-Hajr al-Mashrū‘ wal Mamnū’” for more clarification of the proofs that state clearly the prohibition of abandoning other muslims and its negative effects on the individuals as well as communities. The book also discusses the legal abandonment.
away from whatever causes enmity and disunity amongst Muslims. Allāh (ﷻ) says:

‘And hold fast, all of you to the rope of Allāh (ﷻ) (the Qur’an), and be not divided among your selves’. (1)

The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) likes three things for you: 1. To worship Him alone without ascribing partners to him, 2. To hold fast to His Rope (Islām) all together and never disunite amongst yourselves, 3. and to give advice to those whom Allāh (ﷻ) made as your rulers’. (2)

So we should all-as Muslims- fear Allāh (ﷻ) and walk on the path our righteous predecessors trod; that is holding steadfast to the truth and preaching it, advising one another to that which is good and righteous, being keen on knowing the truth with its authentic proofs, and all of this should be accompanied with love of each other and faith, keeping away from desertion because of minor issues, the proof for which may not be clear for some of us, the thing that may lead to disagreement in opinions and consequently in rulings.

We call into Allāh (ﷻ) with His Most Beautiful Names and Exalted Attributes to increase guidance in us and in all other Muslims, grant us the ability to understand our religion properly, grant us patience to hold fast to it, help us in defending His religion and preaching it, verily He (鲐) is the most capable of that, Al-Qadīr, Al-Azīz.

May Allāh (鲐) send his Salāt on our prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), on his companions and those who followed his guidance and exalted his Sunnah till the Day of Judgment’. (3)

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(1) Sūrat Al-Imran (no. 103)
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 3 / p. 1340) (no. 1715) and Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 369).
(3) All that between the inverted commas is the saying of shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz adopted form his book “Thalāthata Rasa’il fi As-Salāt” with little editing (pp. 15-16)
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Prelude

Muslim narrated in his “Sahīh” through a series of narrators traced back to Abī ‘Uwānah An-Nahdī. who said: “‘Umar (ﷺ) sent for us when we were in Athrabījān: ‘O ‘Utbah Ibn Farqad! [The pleasures you enjoy] are not the fruit of your hard work or your father’s or mother’s; [they reached you through other Muslims’ exertion in winning them] so satisfy the needs of Muslims in their own dwellings with that you satisfy your self in your own dwelling.”(1) And be ware of extravagence in enjoying these pleasures, beware of the costumes of the disbelievers and be ware of wearing silk.’(2)

‘Alī Ibn Al-Ja’d narrated in his “Musnad” that: ‘Umar (ﷺ) said: ‘Wear the Rida’, the Izār and the slippers but keep away from the boots [disbelievers wear] and [tight] Sarāwīl, ... wear the costumes your father Ismā’il used to wear and be ware of extravagance in clothes and the costumes of the disbelievers...’.(3)

(1) Abū ‘Uwanah clarified in his “Sahīh” the reason behind ‘Umar’s letter sent to Ibn Farqad, he narrated: “‘Utbah Ibn Farqad sent with a slave of his baskets full of Khabīs coated with Labbūd to ‘Umar (ﷺ). Upon seeing them ‘Umar (ﷺ) addressed the slave saying ; ‘Do all muslims enjoy the like of this in their own dwellings (in Athrabījān) ? The slave answered in the negative. ‘Umar (ﷺ) then said: ‘I’ll never eat from it’. Then he (ﷺ) sent the letter to Ibn Farqad ... etc.

(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukārī: in “The Book of clothes”, chapter: “Men wearing silk and the portion that is permissible”, (vol. 10 / p. 284) (no. 5828, 5829, 5830, 5834 and 5835) summarized,

Muslim: The Book of clothes and Adornments, chapter: “The prohibition of using gold utensils or silver utensils and the prohibition to wear silk clothes and gold for males” (vol. 3 / no.462),
An-Nasā’ī: The Book of adornments, chapter: ‘The allowance to wear silk clothes’, (vol 8 / p. 178),
Abu Dāwūd: The Book of clothes, chapter: “Wearing silk clothes” (vol. 4 / p. 47) (no.4042),
Ibn Mājah: The Book of clothes, chapter: “The allowance to wear clothes with little silk in them” (vol. 2 / p. 1188),
Ahmad: In his “Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 91) (no. 92), and Abū ‘Uwānah in his “Musnad” (vol. 5, pp. 456- 60)

(3) Narrated by: ‘Ali Ibn Al-Ja’d in his “Musnad” (no. 1030, 1031) and Abū ‘Uwānah in his “Musnad” (vol. 5, no.456,459,460) through an authentic chain of narrators.
Wakī’ and Hannād narrated in the Book of “Zuhd” through a chain of narrators traced back to Ibn Mas‘ūd, to have said: ‘People do not wear in the same manner unless when their hearts [ideas and conceptions] are the same’.\(^{(1)}\)

The purport of Ibn Mas‘ūd’s words are born out from the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘whosoever imitates a group of people [in their way of eating, drinking, clothing…etc] is indeed one of them’.\(^{(2)}\) This is precisely what induced ‘Umar (○) to order muslims to abandon wearing boots and Sarāwīl and ordered them to wear the ordinary Arab clothes to preserve their original [Islamic] personalities and characteristics and never follow the foot steps of the disbelievers.

Verily, imitating the disbelievers in the manner they dress or in other matter is a sign of muslims’ weakness and their inability to commit themselves to their religion. It is also a sign of their being affected with the plague of absorbing whatever they receive, i.e. their souls and minds are shaky, the like of them is the like of a liquid the main property of which is to adopt the shape of whatever utensil in which it is poured. In addition to this, such imitation is a disdained act the hediousness of which is the like of the act of he who relates himself to a father other than his real one. And those who do this hedious act are neither attached ot the muslim ʿUmmah, in which they were born, nor considered of the disbelieving nation which they like most to be attributed. Allāh (ﷻ) says:

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by: Wakī’ in “Az-zawāid” (no. 324) and Hannād in “Az-Zuhd” (no. 796).
In this ‘Athar’s chain of narrators there is laith Ibn Abī Safīn who is a weak narrator.

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Abu Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (vol. 4 / p. 44) (no. 4031), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol.2 / pp. 50, 92) At- Tahāwī in “Mushkal al- Āthār ” (vol. 1 / p.88), Ibn ʿAsākir in “Tārīkh Dimashq” (vol. 19, p. 169), Ibn Al- Aʿrābī in “Al- Mu’jam” (vol. 110. p. 2), Al-Harāwī in “Thām Al-Kalām” (vol. 54, p.2), and Al- Qudāʾī in (vol. 110, p.2), Al-Harawīn in “Thām Al-Kalām” (vol. 54, p.2), and Al-Qudāʾī in “Musnad Ash-Shihāb” (vol. 1 / p. 244) (no. 390). This hadīth is an authentic one, refer to “Nasb Ar- Rāyah” (vol. 4 / p. 347), and “Takhrīj Ahādīth Iḥyāʾ ʿUlūm Ad-Dīn” (vol. 1 / p. 342) and “Irwāʾ Al-Gaflī” (vol. 5 / p. 109).
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‘(they are) swaying between this and that, belonging neither to these nor to those’.

A question may be raised at this point ‘why didn’t muslim scholars fight such hedious habits and acts before they spread dangerously??’

The answer is this: indeed many of our reverend scholars stood firmly in the way of such hedious acts, however, their attempts were in vain since [most] muslims, who are weak in their position in comparison with the disbelieving people and countries felt enormously attracted to the later’s habits, way of living and fashions. What makes things worse is that many of those who claim to be knowledgeable in religion got involved in these acts too, and consequently became a bad example for other muslims. We seek Allah’s refuge from this.

What makes it even worse are those who abandon Salāt. They do so because -as they claim- the movements done in it cause wrinkles to appear in their trousers, the thing which makes them look untidy!!

In addition to all this is practicing the following mistakes:-

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(1) Sūrat An-Nisā’ (no.143).
(2) Refer to “Al-Albānī’s comments on hadith no. (1704) of the “Sahīhah”, Ahmad’s Shākir comment on hadith (no. 6513) of “Musnad Ahmad”, the Book about “Clothes” for Al-Mawdūdī, “Important point regarding the costumes of muslims of today” and Rashīd’s Rida “Fatāwā” (vol. 5 / p.1829).
(3) Shaikh Abū Bakr Al-Jāzā’iri explained in full details in his book “Smoking: Subject matter and Ruling” (p.7) some of the negative effects of colonization on the previously colonized countries; he said: ‘Some of these effects are: raising dogs inside houses, the displaying of women their charms, men shaving their beards, wearing tight trousers with nothing wide over them, leaving the head uncovered, dealing courteously with deviants and hypocrites, abandoning enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil taking the conception of individual freedom as a cover’.
[1] **Performing Salāt wearing tight clothes that display the shape of one’s private parts:**

Wearing tight clothes is something religiously Ḥarām [forbidden] and medically not recommended for its negative effects on the body. Some of those who wear them are not even able to prostrate themselves in Salāt. If such clothes lead a *muslim* to abandon *Salāt* then wearing them is totally forbidden. It is indeed proved that most of those who wear tight clothes do not perform *Salāt*. And if they do, they perform it in the way the hypocrites do!!

Many *muslims* of today do their *Salāt* wearing tight clothes that shape their private parts or even display a part of them.

Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar related from Ashhab that the later held the opinion that if a person performed his *Salāt* wearing trousers and was able to wear something else, he should repeat it [for the one he did wearing trousers is invalid] within its time unless these trousers are thick. Some *hanafis* held the opinion that doing *Salāt* wearing trousers is something detested. (1)

Those reverend ‘Ulamah delivered such rulings concerning wide trousers, what would they have said had they seen the tight ones with which *muslims* of today do their *Salāt*?? The eminent scholar Al-albānī said: ‘Trousers have two main hedious things; the first; those who wear it are actually imitating the disbelievers. Muslims of old days used to wear wide trousers [*Sarāwīl*], like those [wide ones] some Syrians and Lebanese still wear. Tight clothes is one of the things the colonizing nations left behind in the colonized nations which the later adopted easily because of their ignorance [in religion] and simple mindedness.

The second is that this kind of [tight] trousers shapes one’s private parts- which extend from the knees up to the navel for males. The praying person should be far away from such disobedience especially when he prostrates himself to *Allāh* (ﷻ).

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(1) Fath Al-Bārî (vol. 1 / p.476).
The private parts of those who wear such clothes are clearly displayed (when they prostrate themselves in Salāt)!! what kind of Salāt is this before the hands of the Rabb??

Many young muslim men forbid women from wearing tight clothes because it displays the size of their bodies but they forget to apply the same rule on themselves. There is no difference between men and women concerning wearing tight clothes which display the size of one’s private parts. Young muslims should be aware of this.

Few are those who know and apply this rule on themselves’.(1)

If a muslim performs his Salāt wearing wide trousers, the Salāt is valid and correct. It is better thought to wear a Qamīs that covers the part of the body between the knees and the navel.

If it is longer to cover half of the legs or even the heels, it would be even better.(2)

(1) This is an answer to a question raised by Abū Ishāq Al-Huwainy from Egypt, and it was recorded in Jordan, on Muharram 1407 Hijra. Refer to Al-Albānī’s book “Hijāb Al-Mar’ah al-Muslimah Fil Kitab Wa Asunnah”, the fourth condition of the muslim woman’s Hijāb which is “It should be very wide so as not to display the size of her body or any part of it” (p.59.).

Muslim men and women share the same ruling, but it is widely violated by men of these days; most of them do their Salāt wearing tight trousers. There is no might but with Allāh (ﷻ). The prophet (ﷺ) “Forbade that a muslim performs Salāt wearing tight trousers with no Rīdā’ over it”. This hadith was narrated by Abū Dāwūd and Al-Hākim. It is a sound hadīth as is mentioned in “Sahīh Al-Jāmi’As-Sagīr” (no.6830), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’āni Al-’Āthār” (vol.1 / p.382). Refer to Shaikh Hmūd Tuwaijir’s book “Al-Idāh Wat Tabyīn Limā Waqa’a Fihī Al-Aktharūn Min Mushābahat Al-Mushrikīn” (pp.77-82).

(2) Taken from Shaikh Abdul Azīz Ibn Baz “Fatāwā” (vol.1 / p.69). This is also the ruling which the Permanent Committee for Scientific Researches and Religions Rulings delivered for a question raised about performing Salāt wearing [tight] clothes. The question is registered in the Department of Research (no. 2003). The answer for this question was as follows: ‘If these trousers do not display the size of the private parts due to their widness, nor are they transparent but thick, one’s Salāt is valid. If the case is the opposite; i.e. the trousers are tight or transparent that the private parts are displayed, then one’s Salāt is null and void. If only the size of one's private parts is clear when wearing such clothes, then one’s Salāt is detested except if one has no other alternative but wearing them. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to the right path.
Chapter One

[2] Offering Salāt wearing thin [transparent] clothes:

One is not permitted to perform Salāt wearing clothes that display the shape and size of the private parts as is the case with most of the new modals and fashions many people wear following their vain desires, enslaved to their hideous habits, induced by propagandists of dissoluteness who decorate in their eyes such fashions claiming that they suit the soul of the developed new world. (1)

Subsection Points:

[1/2] Offering Salāt wearing Pajamas:

Al-Bukhārī related through [an authentic] chain of narrators traced back to Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) to have said: ‘A man came to the prophet (ﷺ) and asked him about the ruling regarding offering Salāt wearing one garment. The prophet (ﷺ) answered: ‘Does each of you have two garments’? [i.e. not all of you have two garments, so offering Salāt in one garment is permissible].

A man came to ‘Umar (ﷺ) asking him the same question. ‘Umar (ﷺ) said: ‘whenever Allāh (ﷻ) expands his bounty on you[so you can afford more than one garment with which you could offer Salāt] you should do so ; a man may offer his Salāt wearing Izār and Ridā; Izār and Qamīs, Izār and Qabā, trousers and Ridā’, trousers and Qamīs, trousers and Qabā, Tubbān and Qabā or Tubbān and Qamīs’. (2)

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(1) Imām Rashid Rida’s “Fatāwā” (vol. 5 / p. 2056).
(2) Related by Al- Bukhārī, the Book of Salāt, chapter: Offering Salāt wearing the Qamīs, trousers, Tubbān and Qabā’ (vol. 1 / p. 475) (no. 365). It is also related by Imām Mālik in his “Muwatta’ ” (vol.1 / no.140,31), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (515), Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnah” (no.625), An- Nasā’i in “Al-Mujtaba” (vol.2 / p.69), Ibn Mājah in his “Sunnah” (no.1047), Al-Humaidī in “AL-Musnad” (no.937), Ahmad in his “Sunnah” (vol.2 / pp. 238-39), At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad” (no.355), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al- ’Āthār” (vol.1 / p.379), Al-Baghawī in “Sharh Al-Sunnah” (vol.2 / p.419), Abū Nu’aim in “Al-Hilyah” (vol.6 / p.307) and Al-Khattāb in “Talkhīṣ Al-Mutashābih” (vol.1 / p.442).
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‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar once saw Nāfi’ offering his Salāt individually in seclusion with one garment. Thereupon ‘Abdullāh said to him: ‘Haven’t I given you two garments?’ Nāfi’ answered in the affirmative. ‘Abdullāh then asked him: ‘Would you go out doors wearing one garment?’ Nāfi’ answered in the negative. ‘Abdullāh then said: ‘Allāh (ﷺ) is more entitled that one beautifies himself for’. (1)

Wearing Pajammas which one feels ashamed to go out to the market wearing them due to their thinness and transparency that they display one’s private parts falls under the same rule.

Ibn ‘Abdil Bar said in his “Tamhīd” (vol. 6/ p. 369): ‘Scholars recommend that a person should wear the best of what he has, apply perfume and use his siwāk, if he affords that, when he wants to offer Salāt’.

Concerning conditions required for the Salāt to be valid, one of which is the necessity to cover one’s private parts, Fuqahā’ said: ‘One’s clothes must be thick. Wearing transparent clothes for Salāt renders it invalid’. (2)

This ruling applies to both males and females, whether Salāt is performed individually or in congregation, whoever performs his/her Salāt while some or all of one’s private parts are uncovered—though covering them lies in one’s ability— one’s Salāt is rendered void even if the Salāt is done privately in a dark place for covering one’s private parts is something obligatory. Allāh (ﷺ) says:

‘O children of Adam! Take your adornment (by wearing your clean clothes), while doing Salāt’. (3) (4)

(1) Narrated by: At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al-’Athār” (vol. 1 / p. 377- 78). Refer to “Tafṣīr Al-Qurtubi” (vol. 15 / p. 239) and “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 1 / p. 621).
(3) Sūrat Al- ‘A’rāf (verse no. 31).
(4) “Ad-Dīn Al-Khālis” (vol. 2 / p. 101) and “Al-Tahmīd” (vol. 6 / p. 379).
[2/2] **Offering Salāt wearing thin clothes** like the Dishdasha, which displays the colour of one’s complexion, without wearing trousers under it.*

The aforementioned kinds of clothes - ‘Umar () stated - that screen one’s private parts are only examples, any other kind of clothes will be sufficient so long as they serve the same purpose. ‘Umar’s () statement also indicates that covering one’s private parts in Salāt is obligatory and that people at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time used to do Salāt in one garment due to their poverty. It also indicates that offering Salāt in more than one garment is better. The ‘Ulamah’s unanimous agreement concerning this matter was stated by Qādī ‘Iyād.(1)

The eminent Imām Ash-shāfi‘ī said: ‘If one performs his Salāt wearing thin [transparent] Qamīs, his Salāt is rendered invalid’.(2)

[3/2] He also said: ‘**The case is even more stringent regarding women.** If a woman offers her Salāt wearing a transparent garment and a Khimār [then her Salāt is invalid]. She should preferably wear a Jīlbāb over her Dir’ [garment] so that the Dir’may not describe the shape and size of her body.’ (3) This entails that a woman may not perform her Salāt wearing transparent clothes such as those made of Nylon, Shiphon… etc. This ruling is understood from the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘**There would in the latest generations of my ’Ummah [Islamic nation] women who wear clothes but still look naked...**’*

Ibn ’Abdil Bar said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) meant those women who wear such clothes that are so thin that they barely conceal their

* Short trousers are not enough, the trousers should be long enough to cover that part of the body between the navel down to the knees.
(2) Al-‘Umm (vol. 1 / p. 78).
(3) The previous reference.
* Narrated by Mālik in his “Muwatta’ ” (vol. 2 / p. 913) and Muslim in his “Sāhih” (no. 2128).
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bodies and private parts. They are clothed only by name but actually naked'.

Hishām Ibn ‘Urwhah related that once Al-Munthir Ibn Az-Zubair came from Irāq and sent as a gift for Asmā’ bint Abī Bakr a thin Quhiyyah cloth- a cloth made of fabrics manufactured in Qūhastān on the out skirts of Khurāsān. Asmā’ had been blind by then; she touched it with her hands and then said: ‘Faugh! [out of resentment] Return back his cloth to him’. Al-Munthir felt heart broken and said: ‘O mother! It is not transparent. ’she said: ‘If it is not, it still displays the shape of the body due to its thinness.’

As-Safārīnī said in “Githā’ul Albāb”: ‘It is forbidden for a male and a female to wear thin clothes that display one’s private parts. This is a unanimously agreed-upon opinion amongst the ‘Ulamah’.

Ash-Shawkānī said in “Nayl Al-Awtār” (vol. 2 / p.115): ‘A woman must screen her body with thick wide clothes that do not display in any way or manner the size or shape of her body. This is a pre-condition [for the validity of Salāt]”. This meaning was stated by many ‘Ulamah.

Some of them even stated that such clothes were never worn by the righteous predecessors.

[3] Offering Salāt while the private parts [or parts of them] are uncovered:

The following kinds of people fall in this mistake:

[1/3] Those who wear tight trousers and short shirts that when they bow down [for Rukū’] or prostrate themselves; a part of (1) Tanwīr Al-Hālik (vol. 3 / p.103).
(2) Narrated by Ibn sa’d in “At-Tabaqāt Al-Kubrā” (vol. 8 / p. 184) through an authentic chain of narrators. For more narrations on this issue, refer to “Hijāb Al-Mar’ah Al-Muslimah” (pp. 56- 9).
(3) Ad-Dīn Al-Khālis (vol. 6, p. 180).
(4) “Bulghat As-Sālik” (vol. 1/p.104) and Fatāwā Abdil Al-‘Azīz Ibn Bāz (vol. 1/p. 49).
(5) “Sharh Ad-Dardīr ‘Ala Mukhtasar Khalīl” (vol. 1 / p. 92).
their backs and a part of their private parts become uncovered, the thing which renders their Salāt invalid. We seek refuge in Allāh (ﷻ) from ignorance and those who are ignorant. They cause their Salāt to a loss because of such tight trousers imported from countries of disbelievers.\(^{(1)}\)

Attracting muslims’ attention to such a mistake, Shaikh Abdullāh Ibn Abdīr Rahmān Al-Jībreen said: ‘Many people do not wear wide thick clothes, they wear instead the Sarāwīl and Jibbah (i.e. Qamīs) that cover their backs and chests. When they bow down the Qamīs [shirt] shrinks upwards and the Sarāwīl [trousers] downwards the thing that causes the lower part of their backs to be uncovered and since this part is a part of one’s private parts, their Salāt is rendered invalid and void’.*

\[2/3\] Women who do not pay much attention to their clothes when they perform Salāt out of ignorance or carelessness:

The Jumhūr a greed unanimously that a woman must wear a Dir‘ and a khimār when she performs Salāt.\(^{(2)}\)

Some women may begin their Salāt while a part of their hair, arms or legs is uncovered, this renders their Salāt invalid and must be repeated - whether the time appointed for the Salāt has gone or not. This is the Jumhūr’s opinion which is born out from the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘A menstruating woman’s Salāt is not accepted unless she wears her Khimār’\(^{(3)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) “Tanbih Hāmma Alā Malābis Al-Muslimūn Al-Yawm” (p. 28).
\(^{(2)}\) “Al-Mujtama’” magazine, Kuwait, issue no. (855).
\(^{(3)}\) Narrated by: Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 6 / p. 150), Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunan” (no. 641), Al-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi” (no. 377), Ibn Mājah in his “Sunan” (no. 655), Ibn Al-Jārūd in “Al-Muntaqā” (no. 173), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 251), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 233) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahih” (vol. 1 / p. 380). Al-Tirmithī said: “This hadīth is Hasan [sound]”. =
The expression “menstruating woman” refers to any adult woman who gets her menses monthly; it is a general characteristic for adult women.\(^{(1)}\)

Umm Salamah was once asked: “with what should a muslim woman do her Salāt? She said: ‘She should do her Salāt wearing a khimār and a wide Dir’ which is long enough to cover her feet’\(^{(2)}\)

Imām Ahmad was asked: ‘How many clothes should a muslim woman wear for Salāt?’ He said: ‘Two clothes minimum; Dir’ and Khimār. The Dir’ should be long enough to cover her feet’.\(^{(3)}\)

Imām Shāfi‘i said: ‘when a woman intends to do her Salāt, she should cover the whole of her body except her face and hands…

The whole of the woman’s body, except hands and face, including her feet is considered as a private part. Regarding the obligation of covering one’s private parts in Salāt, men and women are the same. If a part of their private parts is uncovered - whether small or not, they knew about it or not, they must repeat their Salāt unless these parts were uncovered accidentally due to wind blowing.

\(^{(1)}\) Al-Hākim said: ‘According to Muslim’s conditions of authentic ahādith, this hadith is authentic’. Ibn Hibbān considered it authentic. Refer to “Nasb Ar-Rayah” (vol. 1 / p. 295) and “At-Talkhīs Al-Ḥabīr” (vol. 1 / p. 279).


\(^{(3)}\) Narrated by: Mālik in his “Muwatta’” (vol. 1 / p. 142), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 232-33) and said: ‘It was also narrated by Bakr Ibn Mudar, Hafs Ibn Gayyāth, Ismā‘il Ibn Ja‘far and Muhammad Ibn Ishāq from Muhammad Ibn Zayd from his mother from Umm Salamah’.

An-Nawawī considered this chain of narration as good in his “Majmū’” (vol. 3 / p. 172). Abdul Haq held the opinion that this narration is traced back to Umm Salamah as is mentioned in “talkhīs Al-Ḥabīr” (vol. 1 / p. 280) and in “At-Tahrīd” by Ibn Abdul Bar (vol. 6 / p. 397). Abudul Rahman Ibn Dinār traced the hadith to the prophet (ﷺ) as is mentioned by Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunan” (no. 640), Al-Hākim In his “Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 250) and Al-Baihaqī in As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 233).

Abū Dāwūd said: ‘This hadith is narrated by Mālik, Ibn ’Anas, Bakr Ibn Mudar, Hafs Ibn Gayyāth, Ismā‘il Ibn Ja‘far, Ibn Abī Thi‘b and Ibn Ishāq from Muhammad Ibn Zayd from His mother from Umm Salamah. Non of them traced this hadith back to the prophet (ﷺ), they only traced it back to Umm Salamah’.

(3) Misā’il “Ibrāhīm Ibn Hāni’” by Imām Ahmad (no. 286).
or falling of clothes. However, one should haste to cover them otherwise Salāt should be repeated. As for the man’s private parts they extend from navel down to his knees. The woman’s private parts are the whole of her body except her face and hands to the wrists.‘(1)

To conclude, women should pay much attention to the way they cover themselves in Salāt -not to mention when they go outside their homes. Many of them “cover the upper part of their bodies perfectly- I mean their heads, hair and necks -but regretfully, they do not pay much attention to the rest of their bodies; they wear thin, tight or short clothes that may not even reach the middle of their shins!! Sometimes, they cover their legs with nylon socks that make their legs even prettier. Offering Salāt in such clothes is something impermissible. They should instead take an example in those women who were the first to emigrate [from Makkah to Madīnah] when the verse about Hijāb was revealed , they hastily tore part of their garments and covered their heads and bosoms with.

We are not asking women of today to tear their clothes in order to cover their heads with, but we indeed ask them to prolong and widen them that they may cover the whole of their bodies’.(2)

I would like to dedicate the following paragraphs for concisely clarifying that a woman’s feet and legs are part of her private parts because many Muslim women -in some Islamic countries- commonly wear the short Jilbāb and do their Salāt wearing it. May Allāh (ﷻ) grant us prosperity in all our affairs. Allāh (ﷻ) says:

وَلَا يُضَرِّبْنَ بِأَرْجُلِهِنَّ لَيْسَ عَلَمُ مَا يَخْفُفُونَ مِنْ زِينَتِهِنَّ

‘And let them not stamp their feet so as to reveal what they hide of their adornment’.(3)

This verse indicates that a woman’s feet [are part of her private parts that] should be covered. Were the feet not of the private parts,
women wouldn’t have had to stamp them but simply display their anklets. But since legs should be covered, women resorted to wearing anklets and stamp their feet so as to let men know what they hide of adornment. Thereafter Allāh ( ﷻ) forbade them to do such an act.

Ibn Hazm affirmed the same in his Muhallā.(1)

Proofs from the Holy Sunna:

Ibn ‘Umar ( ) related: The prophet ( ﷺ) said: ‘who so ever lets his clothes hang below his ankles with conceit, Allāh ( ﷺ) will never look at him [with mercy] on the Day of Resurrection’.

Umm Salamah asked: ‘what should women do with the trails of their gowns?’

He ( ﷺ) said: ‘Let them be longer by one hand span’. (2) she said: ‘Their feet would be uncovered then’.

The prophet ( ﷺ) said: ‘Then let them be longer by one cubit, no more’.

In another narration, it is related that the prophet ( ﷺ): ‘allowed the mothers of the believers to brolong their garments by one hand span but they asked for more. He ( ﷺ) added another hand span. Women used to send their garments for us [mothers of the believers] and we used to measure for them the proper length’.(3)

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(1) “Al Muhallā” (vol. 3 / p. 216).
(2) That is one hand span lower than half of the shins. Other scholars said: ‘[one hand span] lower than the ankles”.
(3) The first part of the hadith, to the exclusion of Umm Salamah’s question, was narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīḥ”: The Book of clothes, chapter: whosoever lets his Izār hangs down out of conceit. (vol. 10 / p. 258 / no. 5791). It was fully narrated by: At-Tirmithī in “The Book of clothes”, chapter: Narrations regarding women hanging down the trails of their garments, (vol. 4 / p. 223 / no. 1731), he said: ‘This is a sound authentic hadith”, Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” in the Book of clothes, chapter: “the length of the woman’s garment? (vol. 4 / p. 65 / no. 4119), and Ibn-Majah the book of clothes, chapter: ‘How long should the trail of the women’s garment be?’ (vol. 2 / p. 1185 / no. 3581).

This hadith is authentic. Refer to “Silsīlat Al-Ahādīth As-Sahīhah” (no. 460). This narration is also supported by that of Anas’ which is related by Abū Ya‘lā In his “Musnad” (vol. 6 / p. 426) and At-Tabarānī in “Al-Awsat” as is documented in “Al-Fath” (vol. 10 / p. 259).
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The aforementioned hadīth shows the length of the cubit, the prophet (ﷺ) allowed for women. It is equivalent to two-medium-size hand spans.

Al-Baihaqī said: ‘This hadīth proves that women should cover their feet’.(1)

The word “ allowed” in the aforementioned hadīth and Umm Salamah’s inquiry about women’s trails refute the view that states that: ‘the a hādhīth that prohibits dragging one’s Izār are general and are restricted by other ahādhīth that launch the threat against those who only do such a thing out of conceit’.

The Refutation:

Had the prohibition in Ibn ‘Umar’s hadīth was only addressed for those who drag their garments out of conceit, Umm Salamah’s question would have been pointless. She understood that this ruling is for both males and females in general, whether out of conceit or not, thereafter she inquired about women’s trails due to her previous knowledge that women need to let their trails down to the ground in order to conceal their feet for they are of the private parts. The prophet (ﷺ) informed her that women have different ruling regarding letting down trails.

Qādī ‘Iyād reported the unanimous agreement that the prohibition to let trails down to the ground applies to men only because he (ﷺ) approved what came across Umm Salamah’s mind.

To conclude, regarding the length of the Izār men should wear; there are two limits:

Recommended one: it should preferably reach half of a man’s shins. Permissible one: It may reach a man’s heels, no more than that.

As for women’s trails, there are two limits too:

(1) At-Tirmithī said in his “Al-Jāmi’” (vol. 4 / p. 224): ‘This hadith allows women to hang down their trails to be able to cover themselves perfectly’.
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Recommended one: woman’s garment should preferably be longer than that of the man with one hand span.

Permissible one: the garment’s length could be longer than that of the man with a cubit.\(^1\)

Women used to carry out this ruling at the time of the prophet (ﷺ) and later generations.

Now you could understand the purpose of the obligation that was im-posed by Muslims on the zinmī women that they must not cover their legs and feet, i.e. to be distinguished form Muslim women as is mentioned in “Iqtidā’us Sirāt Al-Mustaqīm”.\(^2\)

[3/3] Some parents bring their children to the mosques while the later are wearing shorts:

Indeed, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Order [and train] your children to pray at the age of seven’.\(^3\) This order entails that parents should also order their children to apply all its conditions and articles too, so pay heed to this.\(^4\)

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\(^1\) “Fath Al-Bārī” (vol. 10. p. 259).
\(^2\) “Iqtidā’ As-Sirāt Al-Mustaqīm” (p. 59), Hijāb Al-Mar’ah al-Muslimah” (pp. 36-7), “‘Aham Qadayā Al-Mar’ah Al-Muslimah” (p. 82-3) and “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (vol. 1 / p. 750).

At-Tirmīthī considered the hadith as “Sound and authentic”. Ibn Khuzaːmah, Al-Hākim and Al-Baihaqī considered it as Sahīh, the later two also said: ‘It is authentic according to Muslim’s conditions [of an authentic hadith ].’ This hadith is also supported by a narration traced Back to Abdullah Ibn Amr, related by: Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 133), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 187), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “At-Musannaf” (vol 1. p / 347), Ad-Dāraquṭnī in his “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 230), Al Hākim in “Al-Mustadraz” (vol. 1 / p. 197), and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 84). This chain of narration is good.

\(^4\) From a commentary by shaikn Al-Abānī on “Jilbāb Al-Mar’ah walibāsuḥah in Al-Salāt” by Ibn Taymiyyah.
[4] Doing Salāt while the Izār is let down to the ground:

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that a man was once doing his Salāt and his Izār was let down. The prophet (ﷺ) said to him: ‘go and perform Wudū’. The man went and performed Wudū’. Another man -who was present- asked: ‘O Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ)! Why did you ask him to perform Wudū’? The prophet (ﷺ) answered: ‘He performed his Salāt while his Izār was let down to the ground. Verily, Allāh (ﷺ) does not accept [i.e. does not give reward for] the Salāt of he who performs it and his Izār is let down to the ground’. (1)

Abdullāh ibn ‘Umar related: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Allāh (ﷺ) does not look [with mercy] at the man who drags the trail of his Izār out of conceit’. (2)

Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) said: ‘I heard Allāh’s (ﷺ) Messenger (ﷺ) say: ‘whoever lets his Izār down in his Salāt out of conceit, his acts [of worship] are worthless and reward less in Allāh’s (ﷺ) sight’. (3)

Some ‘Ulamah interpreted the hadīth that ‘he has incurred sin on him self, he is not forgiven nor is preserved by Allāh (ﷺ) from

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(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in the book of prayer, chapter: Letting the garment down in Salāt, (vol. 1 / p. 172) (no. 638) and in the book of clothes, chapter: Narrations concerning the ruling of letting the Izār down, (vol. 4 / p. 57) (no. 4086), Ahmad in his “Musnad “(vol. 4 / p. 67), An-Nasā’ī in his “As-Sunan Al-kubrā”, the Book of Adornments, as in mentioned in “Tuhfatul Ashrāf “(vol. 11 / p.188). An-Nawawī said in “Riyādus Salihīn “(p. 795) and in “Al-Majmū ‘” (vol. 3 / p. 178), (vol. 4 / p. 457): ‘This hadīth is authentic for the conditions set by Muslim for the authentic hadīth apply on it”. Ath- Thahabī held the same opinion in “Al-Kabā’ir “(p. 172). Great sin no.52 “letting Izār down out of conceit” with my documentation of the hadīth. In my second verification of this hadīth, I clarified its weakness.

(2) Narrated by Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh “(vol. 1 / p. 382) in the chapter titled with: Threats against those who let their garments down in Salāt, he said: ‘Ulamah disagreed regarding the hadīth’s chain of narrators; some said ‘It is related from Abdullāh ibn ‘Umar. I mentioned this chain in the chapter titled with “Clothes”.

(3) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd In his “Sunan” in: the Book of Salāt, chapter: letting Izār down in Salāt, (vol. 1 / p. 172) (no. 637). This hadīth is also mentioned in “Sahīh Al-Jāmi‘As-Saghīr “(no. 6012).
bad deeds’. Others stated: ‘He does not believe in that which Allāh (ﷻ) made lawful or in that which Allāh (ﷻ) decreed as forbidden’. Others said: ‘He is not following Allāh’s (ﷻ) religion, and so Allāh (ﷻ) disowned him’.\(^1\)

To conclude, the aforementioned hadīth states clearly the prohibition of letting one’s İzār down in Salāt out of conceit. This opinion is held by Ash-Shāfi‘ī and Hanbalī followers. It also indicates that if this act is not done out of conceit in Salāt, it is still a detested act.\(^2\) This opinion is held by Ash-Shafi’iah.\(^3\)

In his commentary on “Al-Muhallā “for Ibn Hazm, Shaikh Ahmad Shākir said: ‘The author hasn’t mentioned the hadīth which could be a hard evidence on the invalidity of the Salāt of the one who lets his garment down in it. Then he [Ahmad Shākir] mentioned the first hadīth then said: ‘...and this hadīth is authentic. An-Nawawī said in “Riyājudus Salihīn” that its chain of narrators is authentic according to Muslim’s conditions for authentic narrations’.\(^4\)

Ibn Al-Qayyim explained the meaning of the first hadīth saying: ‘This hadīth indicates that letting garments down is a sin, and whoever commits a sin is ordered to perform wudū’ and Salāt for doing Wudū’ extinguishes the fire of the sin [in one’s soul]’.\(^5\)

The prophet (ﷺ) may have wanted the man to pay head to the reason that made the prophet (ﷺ) order him do Wudū’ although he

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\(^2\) We have already shown the prohibition of letting one’s garment down-whether out of conceit or not-in the previous point. And whosoever lets his garment down purposelessly will eventually fell in this horrible deed. For more clarification, refer to “Majmū’ Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 22 / p. 144), “Fath Al-Bārī” (vol. 10 / p. 259), “Awn Al-Ma’būd” (vol. 11 / p. 142) and a treatise by Sa’d Al-Mız’el “Tabsir ’Ull Al-Albāb bimā Jā’a Fi Jar Aθh-Thiyāb” and another one by Abdullāh As-Sabt “Letting garments down “.

\(^3\) “Tanbihāt Hāmmah” (p. 23), “Al-Majmū’” (vol. 3 / p. 177) and “Nayl Al-Awtār”.

\(^4\) The commentary of Ahmad Shākir on “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 4 / p. 102).

\(^5\) “At-Tahthīb” Alā Sunab Abī Dāwūd “(vol. 6 / p. 50).
was already pure, and consequently to realize the sin he has committed. And this blessing of the prophet’s (ﷺ) comited to do Wudū’ - as an indication of external purity - leads to the purity of one’s psyche of the stain of conceit, for external purity surely leads to internal purity.\(^{(1)}\)

It is worth mentioning that this ruling regarding Isbāl [letting Izār down] applies also on letting down the Sarāwīl and Qamīs’.\(^{(2)}\)

A muslim, then, should pull up his clothes when ever they go down, and he will not be considered of those who let their Izār down intentionally.

Those who let their trails down intentionally to reach the ground, whether they by Bisht, Sarāwīl or Qamīs - they will surely fall in the circle of the threat mentioned in the a hadīth for they have no excuse in doing such a prohibited act. Accordingly, a muslim must be aware of letting his garment down and fear Allāh (ﷻ) of such a prohibited act. His clothes must not exceed his heels in order to be of those who act in accordance with the authentic a hadīth and to be of those who fear Allāh’s (ﷻ) wrath and punishment. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to the right path’.\(^{(3)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) Related by Al-Qārī from the words of At- Taybī. Refer to “Bathl Al-Majhūd” (vol. 4 / p. 296), “Dalīlul Falihīn” (vol. 2 / p. 283), “Ad-Dinul Khālis” (vol. 6 / p. 166) and “Al-Manhal Al-’Athb Al-Mawrūd” (vol. 5 / p. 123) Al-Qārī added: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) ordered the man to re perform the Wudū’ as a sign of rejection for what he did of letting his Izār down since the man didn’t realize his mistake at first. And there is an indication that the Salāt of him who lets his Izār down is not acceptable, but none of the reverend ‘Ulamah held this opinion because the hadīth is weak!! Had this hadīth been authentic, it is then abrogated for the great group of ‘Ulamah held opposite opinion’.

\(^{(2)}\) “Majmū’Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 22 / p. 144) by Ibn Taymiyyah.

\(^{(3)}\) All that is between commas is of the words of Shaikh Ibn Bāz-may Allāh (ﷻ) have mercy on him-when answering a question about the Hukm of letting garments down—whether out of conceit or not and whether this act is done out of necessity, coercion by parents if one is so young or following some kind of a habit. “Ad-Da’wah” magazine (no. 920) and the Shaikh’s Fatāwā (p. 219).
“Fatwa concerning Doing Salāt behind an Imām who is an innovator in Religion or who lets his Izār down”

By: Shaikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Bāz.

The Shaikh was asked: ‘Is the Salāt done behind an Imām who is an innovator or who lets his garment down valid?’

‘Yes, the Salāt behind an Imām who is an innovator or the one who lets his Izār down is valid. This opinion is the preponderated one amongst those of the ‘Ulamah’s. In case the Imām’s innovation in religion is of the kind that gets him out of the realm of Islām, then doing Salāt behind him is invalid.

Those responsible of appointing Imāms should do their best in appointing those who are pure of any act or belief of deviation or innovation for leading people in Salāt is indeed a great trust entrusted to those appointed as Imāms whom people take as their example.

Letting garments down is like other sins that should be abandoned totally for the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘The part of the foot the Izār covers below the ankles is in Hell Fire [i.e. It will be burnt in Hell]’. (1) Al-Bukhārī narration.

The Qamīs, Sarāwīl and the Bisht and the like all fall under this ruling. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Three [Kinds of] people to whom Allāh (ﷻ) will not talk [with pleasurable speech] nor look at [with mercy and kindness] on the Day of Qiyāma [Resurrection] , nor will He (ﷻ) purify them and theirs will be painful punishment (they are): the one who lets his garment down, the reminder of charities, and the trader who delivers false oaths in order to sell his goods’. (2) Muslim Narration.

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(1) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his Sahīh in the “Book of clothes”, chapter: The part of the foot below the ankles covered by the Izār will be in Hell, (vol. 10 / p. 256) (no. 5887), An-Nasā’ī in the Book of Adornment, chapter: The part below the ankles is in Hell, (vol. 8 / p. 207).

(2) Narrated by: Muslim in his Sahīh in the Book of Imān, chapter: The Threat Against those who let their Izār down, (vol. 1 / p. 102) (no. 106), Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunan” in the Book of clothes, chapter: The narrations concerning letting the Izār down, (vol. 4 / p. 257) (no. 4087), At-Tirmithī in his Sunan. The book of selling, chapter: those who deliver false oaths to sell their goods (vol. 3 / p. 516) (no. 1211),
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The punishment is even worse when one drags his garment out of conceit, and he will soon receive his punishment in this world. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘whoever hangs down his garment out of conceit, Allāh (ﷻ) will never look at him [with mercy] on the day of Resurrection’. (1)

Every [male] muslim should ward off what Allāh (ﷻ) made forbidden upon him, such as letting garments down to the ground and other sins’.

It indeed breaks our hearts - and the heart of every muslim who hates that Allāh’s (ﷻ) boundaries and laws be violated and who is keen on bringing happiness to other muslims - to see that this ruling is violated by both men and women. You see men letting down their garments and giving free rein for their women to shorten their garments in the way and manner they like, uncover their heads, necks and bosoms, apply perfumes out side their houses and walk out in the streets displaying their beauty and bodies for all people to see. We have no power nor might but with Allāh (ﷻ).

[5] Wrapping one’s whole body with one garment and covering one’s mouth in Salāt:

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related ‘that the prophet (ﷺ) prohibited that one wraps one’s whole body with one garment and cover one’s mouth in Salāt’. (2)

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1. The narrations of this hadīth were reported in the previous note.
Ibn Mas‘ūd, An-Nakh‘ī, Ath-Thawrī, Ibn Al-Mubārak, Mujāhid, Ash-Shāfi‘ī and ‘Atā’ all held the opinion that doing *Sadl* [i.e. wrapping oneself with one garment] in *Salāt* is prohibited.

The ‘Ulamah differed concerning the meaning of *Sadl*:

Some say: It means to let the garment down to reach the ground. This interpretation is of Ash-Shāfi‘ī(1) and it is synonymous to the *Ishbāl* discussed in the previous point [point four].

Imām Ahmad(2) held the opinion that *Sadl* means to place one’s garment over one’s shoulders then leave it hanged down with out putting one’s arms into its sleeves, the chance that the shoulders be uncovered is possible. This will be discussed later *In Shā‘a Allāh* (жно).

Ibn Al-‘Athīr, the author of “An-Nihāyah” said: ‘*Sadl* means to wrap one’s body with a garment putting his arms inside and does *Rukā* and *Sujūd* in such a state… This ruling also applies on the *Qamīs* and other [similar] garments’.(3)

This interpretation of the word is synonymous to “*Ishtimālus Sammā*” which Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) prohibited as Abū Sa‘īd Al-Khudrī related. (4)

Linguists say that *Ishtimālus Sammā* means to wrap one’s body with a garment with out leaving out lets for the arms to get out from.

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1. “Al-Majmū’” (vol. 3 / p. 177) and “Ma‘ālim As-Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 179).
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Ibn Qutaibah said: ‘It [the garment] was called *Sammāʾ* because it covers the whole body and makes it like the rock with no holes at all’.(1)

This misdeed leads to other mistakes such as:

[1/5] wearing jackets with out putting one’s arms into its sleeves:

Abū ‘Ubaid said: ‘The *Sadl* is wearing the clothes without inserting one’s arms into its sleeves.

If the arms are inserted into the sleeves then this is not *Sadl*’.(2)

Abū ‘Ubaid’s statement indicates that if the garment’s sleeves are totally connected to the garment itself and they are part of it, then it is not *Sadl* if one does not put one’s arms into its sleeves such as the case with “*Qabāʾ*” and “*‘Abāʾa*”.

As-Safārīnī reported: ‘Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah was once asked about wearing *Qabāʾ* without putting one’s arms in its sleeves, is it considered a detested act?’ He said: ‘The ‘*Ulamah* agreed unanimously that there is nothing wrong with that; it is not *Sadl* and it is not an act of the Jews’. (3)

The Shaikh’s opinion is born out from the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth narrated by Muslim and traced back to Wā’il Ibn Hujr. Wā’il once saw the prophet (ﷺ) when he stood to do Salāt; the prophet (ﷺ) said: “*Allāhū Akbar*”, wrapped himself with his garment then put his right hand on his left. When he wanted to bow down for (Rukūʾ), he (ﷺ) took his hands out of the garment and then raised them [for *Takbīr*]…’.(4)

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(1) “Fath al-Bārī “(vol. 1 / p. 477), “Sharh As-Sunna” (vol. 12 / p. 16)” “Gharīb Al-Hadīth” (vol. 4 / pp. 192-3) and “Al-Majmūʿ “, (vol. 3 / p. 173). Ash-shawkānī said in “Nayl Al-Awtār” (vol. 2 / pp. 67-8 ) -after having reported the different opinions about the interpretation of the word *Sadl-* ‘This hadith could be interpreted in different ways since *Sadl* covers the whole range of these interpretations. This is the strongest interpretation for the hadith’.


(3) “Ghithāʾ Al-Al Bāb “(vol. 2 / p. 156).

(4) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh “(no. 277) ; the summarized version.
[2/5] Covering one’s mouth in Salāt:

The prophet (ﷺ): ‘forbade that one covers one’s mouth while doing Salāt’. It is also a detested act for one to cover one’s mouth with one’s hand unless it is for suppressing yawnning for this is the Sunnah as narrated by Abū Sa‘īd Al-Khudrī that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When one yawns he should cover his mouth with his hand lest Shaitān enters through it’.¹ This ruling applies to both women and men, yet covering one’s mouth does not nullify Salāt.²

As for covering the nose in Salāt, two opinions were held. The first: It is a detested act for ‘Umar detested it. The second: It is permissible for the aforementioned hadīth forbade only covering the mouth not any other part of the face.³ However, covering the nose in Salāt entails covering the mouth. Accordingly, the first opinion is sounder. Allāh (ﷻ) knows what is best and right. Covering one’s mouth in Salāt is only permissible at times of necessity.⁴

[6] Tucking up clothes in Salāt:

Some muslims tuck up their clothes before they begin their Salāt which is something forbidden. Ibn‘Abbās related, ‘the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘I was ordered to prostrate on seven bones, was forbidden to tuck up my clothes and to collect my hair in Salāt’.⁵

² “Al-Majmū’”(vol. 3 / p. 179).
³ “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 1 / p. 623).
⁴ Al-Fatwā (vol. 1 / p. 83) by Abdul Azīz Ibn Bāz.
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Ibn Khuzaimah dedicated a chapter of his book “The Sahīh” for this issue and titled it with “Tucking up clothes in Salāt”.(1)

An-Nawawī said: ‘The ‘Ulamah agreed that it is a forbidden act to tuck up clothes, roll up sleeves or the like in Salāt’. (2)

Imām Mālik said -concerning rolling up sleeves, then performing Salāt in such a state: ‘If one did this act while working then started his Salāt in such a state, it is all right but if he did it intentionally for doing Salāt or during it then there is no good in it’. (3)

In my opinion, the prohibition mentioned in the hadīth is a general one whether one tucks up his clothes or collects his hair before or during doing Salāt.

An-Nawawī said: ‘Tucking up clothes or collecting hair is something detested. If one does Salāt in such a state, he has done something bad but his Salāt is correct and valid. Abū Ja’far, Muhammad Ibn Jarīr At-Tabarī held this opinion and related the ‘Ulamah’s unanimous agreement on it. Ibn Al-Munthir related from Al-Hasan Al-Basri that if one does such an act and then performed Salāt, he should repeat it’. (4)

Then he continued saying: ‘Al-Jumhūr’s opinion is that this prohibition is a general one whether it is done intentionally for Salāt or before it’. Ad-Dāwūdy, however, said: ‘The prohibition is addressed to those who do this act intentionally for Salāt. The sounder opinion is the first one, which was held by the Sahāba and others’. (5)

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(1) “Sahīh Ibn khuzaimah” (vol. 1 / p. 383).
(2) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 209).
(3) “Al-Mudawwanah Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 96).
(4) Sharh Sahīh Muslim (vol. 4 / p. 209).
(5) The previous reference.
[7] Uncovering shoulders in Salāt:

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related: Allāh’s (ﷻ) messenger (ﷺ) said: ‘No one should do Salāt wearing one garment and no part of it is on one’s shoulder’. An agreed upon hadīth.\(^{(1)}\)

Muslim’s narration states ‘on both shoulders’. Ahmad narrated both wordings.\(^{(2)}\)

Ibn Qudāmah interpreted the hadīth to mean that: ‘A person performing Salāt must cover his shoulders if he affords it’. This opinion is also held by Ibn Al-Munthir. It is related that Abū Ja‘far said, ‘The Salāt of the person who affords to cover his shoulder and does not do so is not accepted’.

The majority of the Fuqahā’ said ‘that covering one’s shoulders in Salāt is not a pre-requisite for its validity. Mālik, Ash-Shāfi‘i and the Hanafīs held this opinion for shoulders are not of the private parts of man, they are like the rest of the body’.\(^{(3)}\)

The prohibition stated in the hadīth entails that this act is forbidden and this has precedence over Qiyās.

Al-Jumhūr’s opinion states the validity of the Salāt one performs while covering not his shoulders; and so, the ‘prohibition [in the hadīth] means that such an act is detested not forbidden whether covering the shoulders lies under one’s ability or not’.\(^{(4)}\)

Al-Karmānī claimed that it is unanimously agreed upon that one is permitted to uncover his shoulders in Salāt, this is however untrue.\(^{(5)}\) His claim is refuted considering Ahmad’s and Ibn Al-

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in the book of prayer, chapter: Doing Salāt wearing one garment (vol. 1 / p. 471) (no. 359), Muslim in the Book of Salāt, chapter: Performing Salāt wearing one garment (vol. 1 / p. 368) (no. 516), Abū Dāwūd (no. 626), Ad-Dārimī (vol. 1 / p. 318) Ash-Shāfi‘i in “Al-Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 77), Ibn Khuzaimah (no. 765), Abū ‘Uwānah (vol. 2 / p. 61), At-Tahāwī (vol. 1 / p. 282) and Al-Baihaqī (vol. 2 / p. 238).

\(^{(2)}\) “Al-Musnad” by Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, (vol. 2 / p 243).

\(^{(3)}\) Al-Mughnī (vol. 1 / p. 618).

\(^{(4)}\) “Sharḥ Sahīh Muslim “by An-Nawawī (vol. 4 / p. 232).

\(^{(5)}\) “Fath Al-Bārī “(vol. 1 / p. 472).
Munthir’s opinions, some of the Salaf,(1) some ‘Ulamah(2) and some of those well versed in religion’s rulings.(3)

Ibn Hajar criticised Al-Karmānī’s statement saying: ‘He forgot what he himself mentioned of An-Nawawī’s relating Ahmad’s opinion. Ibn Al-Munthir also related from Muhammad Ibn Ali that such an act [i.e. uncovering one’s shoulders in Salāt] is not permissible.

At-Tirmithī’s statement indicates the existence of disagreement amongst ‘Ulamah concerning this issue. At-Tahāwī dedicated a whole chapter in his “Sharh Al-Maʿānī”(4) and reported in it that Ibn ‘Umar considered this act as prohibited, so did Tāwus and An-Nakhī. Other ‘Ulamah reported the same opinion from Ibn wahl and Ibn Jarīr. Shaikh Taqy Ad-Dīn As-subkī related that Ash-Shāfīʾi considered covering shoulders in Salāt as something obligatory; As-Subki agreed with him. However, most of Ash-Shāfīʾi books report a contradictory opinion’. (5)

Al-Qādī said: ‘It is related that Ahmad’s statement regarding this issue indicates that such an act [covering the shoulders] is not a condition in Salāt. Muthannah related this from Ahmad when the later gave the ruling regarding the one who does his Salāt wearing Sarāwīl and a garment that covers only one shoulder. Ahmad said: ‘This is detested’.

Ahmad was then asked: ‘Must this man repeat his Salāt?’ He replied in the negative.

Ahmad’s opinion; however, bears many possibilities one of which is that he believed that the one who covers one of his shoulders has carried out the ruling of the hadīth literally.

(1) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 4 / p. 232).
(2) “Al Majmū”(vol. 3 / p. 175).
(3) “JāmiʿAt-Tirmithī “(vol. 1 / p. 168).
(5) Fath Al-Bārī (vol. 1 / p. 472).
As far as the hadīth is concerned, one must do his Salāt with his shoulders uncovered and this has one meaning which is the obligation to cover one’s shoulders in Salāt and the prohibition in the hadīth entails the invalidity of the act of worship, just like the case with covering one’s private parts.\(^1\)

It is worth saying here that it is not an obligation to cover the shoulders completely in Salāt, a part of them suffices.\(^2\)

It is permissible that one covers his shoulders with a light cloth that displays the colour of the skin. For the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth orders that one should cover them with any kind of clothes - whether these clothes cover shoulders completely or part of them.\(^3\)

We have already stated Imām Ahmad’s opinion concerning the one who does Salāt while one of his shoulders is uncovered; he stated that one does not have to repeat his Salāt.

* The Fuqahā’s opinion concerning the validity of the Salāt of the one who places a rope or the like on his shoulders:

Al-Khirqī’s statement indicates that if one places a piece of cloth on his shoulders; this is not accepted form him for this piece of cloth is not considered as clothes literally. This opinion is also held by Al-Qādī. Ibn Qudāmah said: ‘The sounder opinion is that this act [placing a piece of a cloth on the shoulders] is detested for the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘when one does Salāt wearing one garment; he should cross its edges on his shoulders’. Narrated by Abu Dāwūd.

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\(^1\) Al-Mughnī (vol. 1 / p. 619).
\(^2\) It is worth noting here that many pilgrims and those who do ‘Umrah commit a similar mistake that they do Salāt after they do their tawāf while in a state of Ihram- and one of their shoulders is uncovered. This act should only be done in ‘Umrah Tawāf and one of the Tawāfs done in Hajj-Tawāf al-Quḍūm or Tawāf Al-Ifādah only, not in the Salāt after them. Women are excluded from this ruling for the whole of their bodies is a private part that should be covered.
\(^3\) “Al-Mughnī “(vol. 1 / p. 619).
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In addition, this order is originally stated for covering the shoulders and this order will not be achieved by placing a rope on them, for his is not literally called coverage.\(^{(1)}\)

According to what has been mentioned, you could now realize the mistake that many of those who do Salāt commit—especially in Summer—when they perform their Salāt wearing a flannel. Their Salāt according to the Ḥanbalī Mathhab and some Salaf is invalid, and it is detested according to the Jumhūr not to mention other mistakes they may commit such as doing Salāt wearing tight clothes or light transparent ones that display the shape of the private parts. We seek help from Allāh (ﷻ), we have no Rabb but Him alone.

[8] Doing Salāt wearing clothes that bear pictures:

‘Aishah said: The prophet (ﷺ) once did his Salāt wearing a Khamīsah with decoration on. When he (ﷺ) finished his Salāt, he said: ‘Take this Khamīsah and give it to Abū Jahm bin Huthaifah, and bring me the Anbijāniyyah lest it’s A’lām distracted me in my Salāt’.\(^{(2)}\)

The Anbijāniyyah—which he (ﷺ) ordered ‘Aishah to bring for him—is a thick garment with no decoration on unlike the Khamīsah. The word “A’lām”, the prophet (ﷺ) used to describe the Khamīsah means much more than just decorations and pictures.

At-Taybī said: ‘The hadīth about the Anbijāniyyah indicates that if pure hearts and noble souls are affected by pictures and

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\(^{(1)}\) The previous reference.
\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by al-Bukhārī in his Sahih in the Book of Salāt, chapter: Doing Salāt wearing a garment decorated with drawings, (vol. 1 / p. 482) (no. 373), Muslim in the Book of Mosques and places in which Salāt is done, chapter: To do Salāt wearing decorated garment is detested (vol. 1 / p. 391) (no. 556), An-Nasā’ī in the Book of Salāt, chapter: The allowance to do Salāt wearing decorated garment (vol. 2 / p. 72), Ibn Mājah the Book of clothes, chapter: the prophet’s (ﷺ) clothes (vol. 2 / p. 1176) (no. 3550), Abū ‘Uwānah in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 24), Mālik in “Al Muwatta” (vol. 1 / p. 91) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 423).
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decorations [in Salāt], then hearts and souls that are less in purity and nobility than the former [will be more distracted from it]’.(1)

‘Anas (ﷺ) said: ‘Aishah used to have a Qirām with which she used to screen one of the walls of her home. The prophet (ﷺ) Said: ‘Take this Qirām away from me; it’s pictures distracted me in my Salāt’. (2)

This hadīth seems to contradict the one narrated from ‘Aishah that ‘the prophet (ﷺ) did not enter the house in which there was a decorated curtain’. (3) The pictures, however, in ‘Aisha’s hadīth must have been of living creatures, unlike the pictures of the Qirām in Anas’s hadīth; they must have been just decoration or Arabesque. (4)

Anas’s hadīth indicates that if doing Salāt is detested in a place full of pictures, it is then more detested to do Salāt wearing clothes that bear pictures or decorations.

Al-Kastallānī said: ‘If the pictures distract one in his Salāt - especially when they are in front of him - they will distract him even more if they are on his clothes’. (5)

Al-Bukhārī titled one of his “Sahih” chapters with: “Doing Salāt wearing something that bears pictures is detested”. Al-‘Ainy commented on this title saying: ‘It means that this chapter is dedicated to clarify that doing Salāt in a house whose curtains or cloth sheets are decorated with pictures is detested, and it is even more detested if one does Salāt wearing clothes full of pictures’. (6)

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(1) “Umdat AL-Qarī (vol. 4 / p. 94) and “Fath Al-Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 483).
(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in the book of Salāt, chapter: “If one does Salāt wearing a garment that bears a cross or pictures, is the Salāt valid or not” (vol. 1 / p. 484) (no. 374) and the book of clothes, chapter: Doing Salāt wearing a garment full of decoration and pictures is detested, (vol. 10 / p. 391) (no. 5959).
(3) “Sahih Muslim” (vol. 3 / p. 1669) (no. 96).
(4) “Irshād As-Sārī” (vol. 8 / p. 484), “Umdat Al-Qārī” (vol. 22 / p. 74) and “Fath al-Bārī” (vol. 10 / p. 391).
(5) “Irshād As-Sārī” (vol. 8 / p. 484).
(6) “Umdat Al-Qārī” (vol. 4 / p. 74).
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Al-Bukhārī included Anas’s hadīth in one of his Sahīh’s chapters which he titled with: “Does doing Salāt wearing a cloth that bears a cross or pictures renders it invalid? What is detested of all of this?” (1)

Ibn Hajar and Al-‘Ainy said that Al-Bukhārī’s inquiry implies that he wanted to attract our attention that this issue is of the controversial ones amongst ‘Ulamah; so he did not want to give a decisive ruling for it. This is Al-Bukhārī’s methodology when dealing with controversial issues.

The ‘Ulamah disagreed amongst themselves as to whether the prohibition from something renders the act of doing it invalid. Some say if this prohibition was directed to the act of worship itself or to one of its conditions or articles then doing this prohibition renders the worship invalid otherwise it is detested. (2)

To conclude, there is still disagreement amongst the ‘Ulamah as to whether doing Salāt wearing clothes that bear pictures is valid or not. The Jumhūr decided that this act is detested. (3) And this view is supported by ‘Aisha’s narration; she said: ‘I used to have a cloth that bears pictures. I used to spread it for the Prophet (ﷺ).

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(1) Sahih Al-Bukhārī (vol. 1 / p. 484).
(2) ‘Umdat Al-Qārī (vol. 4 / p. 95). And Fath Al-Bārī (vol. 1 / p. 484).

Ibn Hajar stated in his “Fath” (vol. 10 / p. 391) that: ‘Doing Salāt to the direction of something that bears tiny pictures or pictures with no heads is not detested’. In my opinion, Al-Ismā’īl’s narration supports Ibn Hajar’s view.

Al-Ismā’īl related from Ibn ‘Abbās that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘The picture is forbidden because of the head; if the head is effaced or cut off, then the picture is no more called as such’. This hadīth is Sahīh [authentic]. Refer to “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 1921) and “Sahīh Al-Jāmi’” (no. 3864).

However, it is not expected that pictures on clothes are headless unless there is a line to be put on the neck to show that the head is cut off. But even this is not enough; the head of a statue should be totally cut off, and the head of the picture on papers or clothes should be totally wiped out.
Mistakes regarding Clothes worn for Salāt

to do Salāt on. He (ﷺ) said: ‘Take it away’. ‘I then sewn it into two pillows’. (1)

After relating the Hadīth, An-Nawawī said: ‘As for doing Salāt wearing clothes that bear pictures, a cross or decorations, it is detested. This also applies on doing Salāt towards their direction or on them’. (2)

It is worth mentioning the following point:

* The Ruling concerning the Salāt of those who bear pictures with them:

Imām Mālik was asked concerning a person who does his Salāt while wearing a ring that bears pictures. He said: ‘He must not wear it and must not pray wearing it’. (3)

Al-Bahūtī said: ‘It is detested for one to do his Salāt wearing a ring or carrying with him anything that bears pictures such as coins or the like’. (4)

Hanafi scholars; however, permitted that one could do his Salāt carrying coins that bear pictures.

As-Samarqandī said: ‘It is permissible that one does his / her Salāt carrying coins that bear pictures for they are too small to be seen’. (5)

The meanings the previous aḥādīth bear are so close; they all state that it is detested for one to do his Salāt carrying things that bear pictures or do Salāt towards pictures for they distract one from

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(1) Narrated by: Muslim in the “Book of clothes and Adornment”, chapter: The prohibition of making portraits of living creatures and the prohibition of keeping pictures on clothes that are of high quality, (vol. 3 / p. 1668), An-Nasā’ī in the Book of Adornments, chapter: The pictures, (vol. 8 / p. 213), and-Dārimī in his “Sunan” (vol. 2 / p. 384).
(2) Al-Majmū’ (vol. 3 / p. 180).
(3) Al-Mudawwanah Al-Kubrā (vol. 1 / p. 91).
(4) Kashshāf Al-Qinā’ (vol. 1 / p. 432).
being fully given to Salāt and concentrating in reciting its ‘Athkār, and most important they lessen the feeling of submission in it’.(1)

The ahādīth also ‘indicate that one should not look at any thing that may distract his full attention from Salāt; the prophet (ﷺ) stated this rationale in the Khamīsah hadīth.(2)

This rationale does not exist in case one does his Salāt while carrying coins that bears pictures. And since these pictures are not sanctified; they are put anywhere and move from one hand to another, I think there is nothing wrong with doing Salāt carrying them, Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.

When asked about the one who does his Salāt wearing a watch that bears a cross or pictures for living creatures, Shaikh ‘Abdul ‘Aziz bin Bāz said: ‘If these pictures are not clearly seen, then one is permitted to do Salāt wearing it, but if they are seen, then one is not permitted to do Salāt wearing it, the prophet (ﷺ) said to ‘Alī: ‘Leave not a picture without wiping it out’. The case is the same with watches that bear a cross; one should wipe it out or cover it with some kind of a paint. The prophet (ﷺ) ‘used not to see anything that bears a cross but wipes it out’. (3)

[9] Doing Salāt wearing clothes dyed with saffron:

‘Abdullāh bin ‘Amru (ﷺ) related: The prophet (ﷺ) saw him once wearing two sheets of cloths dyed with saffron, he (ﷺ) said to him: ‘This is of the Kuffār costumes, never wear them’. (4)

In another narration, the prophet (ﷺ) said to him: ‘Did your mother asked you to wear these?’.

I said: ‘Should I wash them?’.

(1) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 5 / pp. 43-4).
(2) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 1 / p. 44).
(3) Al Fatāwā by Abdul Azīz bin Bāz (vol. 1 / p. 72).
(4) Narrated by Muslim in the Book of clothes and Adornments, chapter: The prohibition for males to wear clothes dyed with Saffron (vol. 3 / p. 1647) (no. 2077), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 162, 207, 211), Ibn sa’d in “At-Tabaqāt Al-Kubrā” (vol. 4 / p. 265) and Al-Hākim in his “Mustadrak” (vol. 4 / p. 190).
The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Burn them’.

In a third narration, it is related that ‘Abdullāh did so.\(^1\)

Other narration states that the prophet (ﷺ) saw ‘Abdullāh wearing a Raytah dyed with Saffron. He (ﷺ) asked: ‘What is this Raytah you wear?’.

Abdullāh said: ‘I knew that the prophet (ﷺ) detested it. I went back home and threw it in the oven my wife was preparing for cooking food. On the next day, the prophet (ﷺ) asked me: ‘O ‘Abdullāh what did you do with the Raytah?’ I told him what I had done with it. He (ﷺ) then said: ‘You could have given it to one of your wives; women are permitted to wear clothes dyed with Saffron’.\(^2\) Anas (ﷺ) related that ‘the prophet (ﷺ) forbade that men use Saffron on their bodies’.

‘Alī (ﷺ) also said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) prohibited wearing clothes dyed with saffron’\(^3\).

Al-Baihaqī related from Ash-Shāfi‘ī that he said: ‘It is prohibited for any male -who is not in a state of Ḥārām- to use Saffron on his body, if he did he must wash it off; however, it is permissible for a man to wear clothes dyed with Saffron for ‘Alī has said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) forbad me and not you’.

He then Said: ‘This was narrated from many others than ‘Alī (ﷺ). Then he narrated Abdullāh’s bin ‘Amru narration and then said: ‘If this narration had reached Ash-Shāfi‘ī, he would have

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\(^1\) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 2077) to the exclusion of the phrase “I did so” and Al-Hākim in Al-Mustadrak (vol. 4 / p. 190) and said: ‘Its chain of narrators is authentic. This narration is supported by the following on.

\(^2\) Narrated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 196), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunan” (no. 4066), Ibn Mājah (no. 3603) and its chain of narrators is authentic.

\(^3\) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in the chapter of clothes, section: the prohibition for men to wear clothes dyed with Saffron (vol. 10 / p. 304) (no. 5846).

\(^4\) Narrated by Muslim in the chapter of Clothes and Adornment, section: The prohibition that a man wears clothes dyed with Saffron (vol. 3 / p. 1648) (no. 2078). An-Nasā‘ī in the chapter of Adornment, section: The prohibition to wear clothes dyed with Saffron (vol. 8 / p. 204) and Abū Dāwūd in the chapter of clothes, section: The prohibition of wearing silk (vol. 4 / p. 47) (no. 4044, 4048).
delivered a ruling in accordance with it in order to completely follow the *Sunnah*, as he always used to do’. (1)

Ibn Qudāmah said: ‘Doing *Salāt* wearing red garment is detested according to some of our scholars’. (2)

Ibn Al-Qayyim affirmed the same and then said: ‘How could one think that the prophet (ﷺ) wore pure red clothes?! By *Allāh*, *Allāh* (ﷻ) protected him from such an act. This misconception by some scholars was born out from the *hadīth* that stated that the prophet (ﷺ) wore a red *Hullah*. (3)

Explaining the meaning of *Hullah*, (4) Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘Some thought that the colour of the *Hullah* was pure red, on the contrary; it was a two-sheet, Yemeni-made cloths that were decorated with red and black lines like other *Yemenī Burds* which are known as *Hullah*. But pure red cloths are prohibited to be worn’. (5)

Ash - Shawkānī refuted Ibn Al-Qayyim’s opinion in “Sharhul *Muntaqā*” saying that: ‘The *Sahābī* -who is of the pure native Arab speakers- described the prophet’s (ﷺ) *Hullah* to be pure red and we should read his words as they literally mean; the *Hulla* was red coloured only. Resorting to figurative meanings, one needs a hard evidence.

The *Sahābī* - who described the colour of the prophet’s (ﷺ) *Hullah* - meant the linguistic meaning of red. Nothing in the Arabic

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(1) “Fath Al-Bārī” (vol. 10. p. 304) and “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 14 / p. 54) and he stated Al-Baihaqī’s statements and then said: ‘As for Al-Bahiqī’s, he clarified this issue clearly in his book “Ma’rifatus Sunnah” saying: ‘Some Salaf forbade that one should wear clothes dyed with Saffron, and it is the opinion of Abū Abdullāh Al-Hulaimī while some other scholars permitted it, in any case Sunnah must be followed, *Allāh* (ﷻ) knows best’.

(2) Al-Mughnī (vol. 1 / p. 624).

(3) Zād Al-Ma‘ād (vol. 1 / p. 139).

(4) At-Tabārānī in “Al-Awsat” (vol. 2 / p. 53) through achain of narrators who are all reliable and trust worthy as is mentioned in “Al-Majma’” (vol. 2 / p. 198), traced back to Ibn ‘Abbās that the prophet (ﷺ) used to wear the red Burdah on the Eid day’.

“As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 1279).

(5) The previous reference.
language supports the view of those who said that the word “red” means “red mixed with another colour”. Indeed, Shar‘meanings should be established upon hard evidences’.(1)

Ash-Shawkānī summarized his view eloquently and concisely saying: ‘This is of the controversial issues; the soundest of all opinions is the one that states the prohibition of wearing clothes dyed with red colour the origin of which is Saffron for it produces a certain range of red. Otherwise all red clothes the origin of their colour is not Saffron are permissible to be worn.(2)

So be ware, dear muslim brother, of wearing Saffron dyed clothes. Stick to the prophet’s (ﷺ) guidance and ward off violating the Shar‘rules. May Allāh (ﷻ) help us to love him and seek His pleasure; He is indeed Jawād, Karīm, Samī` and Mujeeb.

[10] Doing Salāt while one’s head is uncovered:

A man may do his Salāt with his head is uncovered unlike women; their heads are part of their private parts that should be totally covered.

However, a male muslim should preferably be in his most beautiful and neatest shape when he does his Salāt, so he should preferably wear a turban or any kind of head cover.

Uncovering the head in Salāt for no legal reason is one of the detested act especially in obligatory and congregational Salāt.(3)

Al-Albānī said: ‘I think, doing Salāt while the head is uncovered is a detested act for a muslim should be in his most beautiful Islamic appearance when doing Salāt. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Allāh (ﷻ) is more worthy that one beautifies oneself for’.”

(1) Nay Al-Awtār (vol. 2 / p. 92).
(2) As-Sayl Al-Jarrār (vol. 1 / p. 164-5).
(3) Muhammad’s Rashid Rida Fatwās (vol. 5 / p. 1849) and “As-Sunan wal Muftada ‘āt” (p. 69).

* The first part of the hadīth is “When one of you intends to do his Salāt, he should wear his best clothes, for Allāh (ﷻ) …”. This hadīth is narrated by At-Tahāwī in
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As-Salaf used to consider it a detested act to uncover one’s head, walk in the street and get into the mosque in such a state. This bad habit has actually got into our Islamic countries through colonization and Muslims regretfully adopted it blindly and hence loosing most of their Islamic characteristics. This [hadith](1) should not be taken as a pretext to abandon this Islamic tradition especially when doing Salāt.

As for some Egyptian Muslim brethren who claim that one is permitted to uncover his head [in Salāt] like he does in Hajj, this is indeed a false analogy. Uncovering the head in Hajj is one of its rites that no other act of worship shares. Had this kind of analogy been correct, then uncovering one’s head in Salāt would have been obligatory since it is so in Hajj. Those who claim the first part of this conditional clause should stick to its second part otherwise it should be totally abandoned and they had better do so’.(2)

It was not proved that he (ﷺ) did his Salāt while uncovering his head. If he (ﷺ) had done so, it would have been related by the Sahāba. Whoever claims that the prophet (ﷺ) did so must present the proof, for truth must always be followed.(3)

It is worth saying here that the one who does his Salāt while uncovering his head, his Salāt is correct although he has done a detested act as Al-Baghawī and many other ‘Ulamāh stated.(4)

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(1) The hadith states Sometimes, the prophet (ﷺ) used to take off his turban and place it in front of him in Salāt as a Sutra”. This is a weak Hadith. Al-Albānī said: ‘Ibn ‘Asākir was the only one to narrate it. I clarified its points of weakness in the “Silsilah Ad-Da’ifah” (no. 2538)… Had this hadith been authentic, it does not mean by any means to uncover one’s head all the time, it only indicates that he (ﷺ) used to do so if he had no Sutra, for taking Sutra is much more important than covering the head.

(2) Tamām Al-Minnah Fī At-Ta’līq Alā Fiqh As-Sunnah” (pp. 164-5).

(3) Ad-Din Al-Khālis (vol. 3 / p. 214) and “Al-Ajwibah An-Nāfī’ah ‘An Al-Masā’il Al-Waqi’ah” (p. 110).

(4) Al-Majmū’ (vol. 2 / p. 51).
Consequently, those who refrain from doing Salāt behind an Imām who uncovers his head, their act is improper although the Imām should be in his most beautiful shape in his Salāt, fulfilling what he could of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to the Right Path.

* Doing Salāt wearing shoes:

Many people think that doing Salāt wearing shoes is illegal and hence refusing to do it in such a state (1) although such an act is of the Sunnan, that are abandoned by many, the prophet (ﷺ) used to do.

In his “Sharh Ma‘ānī Al-Āthār” (vol. 1 / p. 511), At-Tahāwī said: ‘It is strongly proved through the authentic ahādīth that the prophet (ﷺ) used to do his Salāt wearing his shoes and he used to take them off only when there is impurity that got stuck on them. Accordingly, doing Salāt wearing shoes is legal’.

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(1) Shaikh Muqbil Ibn Hādī Al-Wadi‘ī -may Allāh (ﷺ) shower His mercy on him- explained the legality of doing Salāt wearing shoes in his treatise “Shar‘iyyat As-Salāti Fi Nī‘āl”, “The legality of doing Salāt wearing shoes”.

In pages (25-28), he discussed in details the evils of abandoning Salāt when wearing shoes and in pages (29-32) he presented the misconceptions of those who believe in the illegality of doing Salāt wearing shoes and [refuted them all].
Chapter One
* Prostrating oneself on the soil of Karbulā’ or a stone of its land believing in its holiness.

* Performing Salāt towards pictures or on carpet full of pictures and decorations.

* Performing Salāt on graves or towards them.

* Assigning certain spot in the mosque on which Salāt is always done.

* Mistakes pertaining to the Sutra.

* Deviation from the direction of Qiblah in Salāt
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[11] Prostrating oneself on the land of Karbulā’ or on a stone of its land when doing Salāt believing in its holiness and superiority:

The holiness of the land of Karbulā’ is not proved by any of the authentic ahādīth not to mention prostrating oneself on its land nor the superiority of prostrating oneself on a stone of its land when doing Salāt -as the Shi‘ah do.

If such an act [i.e. prostrating oneself on a holy land] were recommended, prostrating oneself on a stone taken from the land of the two Harāms [In Makkah and Madīnah] would have been more recommended. Indeed, this is of the Shi‘ah innovations in religion and their extravagant sanctification of the prophet’s (ﷺ) household and their traces. The Shi‘ah deviant minds believe that a human’s mind is the main source from which Shar‘rulings are delivered; whatever the mind decides as good or bad it must be as such. Sound minds, however, could easily recognize the falsehood of the narrations the Shi‘ah related about the holiness of the land of Karbulā’

The eminent ‘Ālim Al-Albānī Said: ‘I have read a treatise written by Sayyid Abdir Ridā Al-Mar ‘ashī Ash-Shahrastānī, one of the Shi‘ah, titled with “Prostration on the Husayniyyah land”.

The writer said: ‘The superiority of prostrating oneself on it [Karbulā’] was established through many narrations traced back to the prophet’s (ﷺ) household which affirm its holiness and the greatness of those buried in it [i.e. Al-Husain Ibn Fatimah bint Muhammad (ﷺ)].

The prophet’s (ﷺ) household affirmed that prostrating on it [the land of Karbulā’] illuminates all that is between this land down to the seventh one. In another narration: ‘[prostrating on the land of Karbulā’] reveals the seven layers of the unseen’, in a third one: ‘Allāh (ﷻ) Accepts the Salāt done on it more than any other place’.
Chapter Two

A fourth narration states: ‘Prostrating oneself on the soil of Al-Husain’s grave fills the seven earths with light’. (1)

Then the Shaikh [Al-Albānī] commented: ‘Indeed we know that such narrations are forged ones and the prophet’s (ﷺ) household members are free from them. Further more, these narrations have no chains of narrators which a Mḥaddīth could use to examine their authenticity. On the contrary, all these narrations are either Mursal or Mu’dal ones’.

The writer went on in his lies claiming that such narrations are not only documented in their [the Shi‘ī] books but also in the Sunnah ‘Ulam’s books; he says: ‘The narrations pertaining to the superiority of the Husayniyyah land and its holiness are not only documented in our books but also in the original books of the other Islamic sects [meaning the books of the Sunnah ‘Ulama] through their own chains of narrators, documented by their own ‘Ulamah such as: the narrations documented by As-Suyūṭī in “Al-Khasā’ is Al-Kubrā”, chapter: “the prophet (ﷺ) foretells the killing of Al-Husain”. In this chapter, As-Suyūṭī narrated more than twenty narrations from Al-Hākim, Al-Baihaqī, Abū Nu‘aim, At-Tabarānī(2) and Al-Haithāmī in Al-Majma’(3) and many other well-Known narrators’. (4)

You should know, dear muslim brother, that there is no single hadīth in Al-Haithamy’s nor in As-Suyūṭī’s compilations that indicates the holiness of Al-Husainīyyah land. The aḥādīth only affirm that Al-Husain (ﷺ) will be killed there. The Shi‘ā, however, stick to fabricated aḥādīth to support their claims!!

He [Sayyid Abdir Rida] went far to ascribe forged acts of worship to the prophet (ﷺ). He said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) was the first to prostrate himself on a disc of clay after ‘Uḥud battle took place between the muslims and the Mushrikūn of Quraish which resulted

(1) “As-Sujūd ‘Alā At-Turbah Al-Husainiyyah” (p. 15).
(2) In the original manuscript “At-Tabarī”.
(3) Majm ‘Az-Zawā’id (vol. 9 p.191).
in the death of Hamza, the prophet’s (ﷺ) uncle. The prophet (ﷺ) then ordered all Muslim women to weep Hamzah in their memorial gatherings. Muslims [the Sahābah] even took some of his grave soil in order to seek blessings by prostrating themselves on and making rosaries of its pebbles, as is stated in “Al-’Ard wat Turbah Al-Husainiyyah” [The land and soil of Al-Husain]. The prophet’s (ﷺ) companions - among whom were many Fuqahā’ - indeed did that’.

“Al-’Ard wat Turbah Al-Husainiyyah” is one of the Shi‘ah books which is full of forged facts and fabrications about the prophet (ﷺ) one of which is that he (ﷺ) was the first one to prostrate himself on a stone of the Karbala’ land. But, what is the relationship between this forged fact and the prophet’s (ﷺ) order to Muslim women to weep Hamzah (ﷺ)? although he (ﷺ) himself took a solemn pledge from muslim women not to weep their deaths - as is narrated by both Bukhārī and Muslim through a narration traced back to ’Umm ‘Atiyah.

Sayyid Abdir Rida built these two forged facts upon a third one which is that the prophet’s companions took some of Hamzah’s grave soil to prostrate on seeking its blessings!!

This is indeed a forged fact about the Sahābah (ﷺ) who are far away from doing such idolatry act. The writer, did not provide any authentic source from which he took these information; he only refers the reader to a book called “Al-Ard wat Turbah Al-Husainiyyah” which was written by one of the Shi‘ah whose name is unknown.

Sayyid Abdir Rida went on in his lies saying: ‘One of these [Sahābah] Fuqahā’ is Masrūq Ibn Al-‘Ajda’(d. 62) a reverend Tābi‘i and a reliable narrator of hadīth whose narrations fill the six Sihāh. This Tābi‘i used to take a brick of the Madīnah land to prostrate on when doing Salāt in his journeys!! as is related by the eminent hadīth narrator Abū Bakr Ibn Abī Shaibah in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2) chapter, “carrying something to prostrate on in

(1) As-Sujūd ‘Alā At-Turba Al-Husainiyyah. (p. 13).
journeys”. He [Abū Bakr] narrated this fact about Masrūq through two ways of narration.

Commenting on Sayyid Abdīr Rida’s claims, Al-’Albānī said: ‘Sayyid Abdīr Rida’s claims are a mixture of many lies; the first: the word “journeys” which he used is a general word which covers all kinds of journeys whether on mounts or by sea, the thing which contradicts the authentic fact about Ibn Masrūq’s journeys. The second: ‘Sayyid Abdīr Rida’s affirmed that Masrūq used to do such an act the thing which is not authenticated through any authentic narration. The only narration regarding this issue is a Munaquati’ one. The third: Sayyid’s statement “through two ways of narration” is not true; there is only one way of narration traced back to Muhammad Ibn Sīrīn which Ibn Abī Shaibah narrated in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2/ p.43/ no2) from Yazīd Ibn Ibrāhīm from Ibn Sīrīn who said: ‘I was told that Masrūq used to carry a brick with him to prostrate on when doing Salāt’.

Another narration from Ibn Awn from Muhammad states that ‘Masrūq used to carry a brick with him whenever he travels by ship to prostrate on when doing Salāt’.

These two ways of narration are actually one way; the difference is that the first one begins with “I was told”, while the second one does not, although both of their narrators are reliable ones.

“Al-Mustalah” principles state that any additional information confirmed in any narration must be accepted and taken into consideration; consequently, the first narration is considered a weak one for there is an unknown narrator in its chain and so cannot be ascribed to Masrūq as the Shi‘ah do.

The fourth: This Shi‘ī [Sayyid Abdīr Rida] has inserted in the narration that which is not originally part of it, that is “from the Madīnah soil”. Do you know why he did so?? He did so to convince the reader that it is legally permissible for a muslim to

(1) The previous reference.
take something of a holy land -such as Karbūlā’- to prostrate on when doing Salāt seeking its blessings!!

Since the original narration is not authentic; it is only of the Shī‘ah fabrications, you can easily realise the falsehood of their act.

How could one dare ascribe falsehood to the prophet (ﷺ) in order to support his false claims? The Shī‘ah are truly as many Imāms described them as being: ‘the most lying among the all sects’. (1)

Shaikh Alī Al-Qārī said: ‘A muslim is strongly recommended to abandon whatever the Rāfidah do or practice; such as prostrating oneself on a stone placed, on the carpet when doing Salāt. Indeed, according to the Junhūr -prostrating oneself on the ground is better than on the carpet, but since placing a stone on a carpet to prostrate on is an innovation which the Rāfidah inserted in religion and hence one of their symbols, a muslim should abandon such an act for two reasons:

The first: doing it implies one’s agreement with their Bid’ah. The second: avoidance of accusation’. (2)

[12] Performing Salāt in places or on a carpet full of pictures or decorations:

‘Aisha said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) performed his Salāt wearing a Khamīsah full of decorations. Having finished his Salāt he (ﷺ) said: ‘Give this Khamīsah to Abī Jahm Ibn Huthaifah and bring me the Anbiāniyyah for it [the Khamīsah] distracted my attention during the Salāt’’. (3)

(1) Silsilat Al- ‘Ahādith As-Sahihah (vol. 3 / pp. 162 -6).
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 373), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 556), An-Nasā’i in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 72), Ibn Mājah in his “Sunan” (no. 3550), Mālik in his “Al-Muwatta’”(vol. 1 / p. 91), Abū ‘Uwānah in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 24) and Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā”(vol. 2 / p. 423).
Interpreting the aforementioned hadīth, As-Sa‘īnī said: ‘The hadīth indicates that one should avoid doing Salāt in a place which is full of decorations, or the like, that distract one’s attention from being totally given to Salāt’. (1)

Al-‘Izz ibn Abdis Salām affirmed the same and said: ‘It is detested that one does Salāt on a carpet full of decorations or on a carpet of high quality for being in Salāt means being in a state of full humbleness and submission [to Allāh (ﷻ)] the very thing that induced the people at Makkah and Madīnah [i.e. the Salāf] to perform their Salāt on the ground and sand’.

Then he continued saying: ‘So it is better [for a muslim] to follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) deeds and sayings, all of them however tiny they may be, in order to win Allāh’s (ﷻ) guidance and love. And whoever deserts the prophet’s (ﷺ) acts has gone astray in proportion to his desertion’. (2)

‘Anās (ﷺ) said: ‘Aishah once screened one of her room’s walls with a Qirām. Upon seeing it, the prophet (ﷺ) ordered her to take away the Qirām and said: ‘its decorations distracted my attention from the Salāt’’. (3)

This hadīth urges muslims not to perform their Salāt in a place full of pictures or decorations, and includes the obligation to take away any thing that may distract their attention in their Salāt.

It also indicates that the Salāt done in a place full of pictures is valid for the prophet (ﷺ) continued his Salāt and did not repeat it. (4)

Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘No doubt, according to the Jumhūr Al-‘Ulamah that entering a church or any other place full of pictures and doing Salāt in it is strongly detested. This is indeed the truth’. (5)

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(1) “Subaul As-Salām” (vol. 1 / p. 151).
(2) Al-Izz’s Ibn Abdis Salām Fatāwā (p. 68).
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī (no. 374) and (no. 5959).
(4) “Nayl Al-Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 153) and “Subulus Salām” (vol. 1 / p. 151).
(5) Al-‘I Khtiyārātul ‘Ilmiyyah (p. 245).
Al-Murghiynānī - one of the Hanafi 'Ulamah - stated that the detestation of doing Salāt in places full of pictures or decorations is of several levels according to their direction: ‘the most detested case is when the pictures or decorations are in front of the one doing Salāt, the second degree is when the pictures are over one’s head, then to one’s right, then to one’s left and the least degree of detestation is when the pictures are at one’s rear’.\(^{(1)}\)

It is indeed detested that one does Salāt in a place or on a carpet full of decorations or pictures for one should be fully given to Salāt when he / she performs it and such things distract one’s attention from it. And this ruling applies on whatever distracts one’s attention from it. And this ruling applies to whatever distracts one’s attention from Salāt.

Accordingly; the Fuqahā’ believe that this ruling applies to all kinds of pictures, whether painted on walls or any other thing [such as clothes]. Besides distracting the praying Muslim from Salāt, doing Salāt in a place full of them resembles the act of those who worship idols.\(^{(2)}\) Such is the case regarding doing Salāt on a carpet full of pictures,\(^{(3)}\) even if they are stepped on.\(^{(4)}\)

* Proofs from the Sunnah:

(1) The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘The Angels [of mercy] do not enter a house in which there are pictures’.\(^{(5)}\)

An-Nawawī said: ‘The ‘Ulamah explained that the angels do not enter a house in which there are pictures because having pictures is one of the grave sins for they bear the idea of imitating Allāh’s (ﷻ) creation, and the idea of worshipping idols’.\(^{(6)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) Al-Hidāyah (vol. 1 / p. 295).


\(^{(4)}\) “Al-Insāf”(vol. 1 / p. 474) and “kashf Al-Qinā’”(vol. 1 / p. 325).

\(^{(5)}\) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 14 / p. 85).

\(^{(6)}\) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 14 / p. 84).
(2) The prophet’s (ﷺ) refusal to enter the Ka‘bah till all the pictures [and statues] in it were effaced [and destroyed].

Jābir (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) ordered ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattāb (ﷺ)- when Makkah was seized by Muslims - to efface all the pictures that were drawn on the walls of the Ka‘bah. Having been sure this was done, the prophet (ﷺ) entered it’. (1)

(3) Many times the Sahābah performed Salāt inside churches that were empty of pictures:

‘Umar addressed [the Nasārā (the Christians)] saying ‘We do not enter your churches only because of the pictures drawn inside them’. (2)

Ibn ‘Abbās used -sometimes- to pray in the church that was free from pictures. (3)

The word “pictures” in the aforementioned narrations means pictures of living creatures [humans or animals].

Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘The [forbidden] pictures are those of living creatures [humans or animals] - whether they are in the form of statues, engraved, drawn on walls or embroidered on clothes or beddings’. (4)

Some ‘Ulamah considered pictures of plants and trees not to be part of the prohibition. (5)

(1) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (no. 4156) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 7 / p. 268). Refer to “Majm ‘Az-Zawīd” (vol. 5 / pp. 172-4) for more narrations.

(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 531) as a Mu‘allaq but was connected by Abdir Razzāq in his “Musannaf” (no. 1611) and Al-Bukhārī narrated it also in “Al-Adab Al-Mufrad” (no. 1248).

(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 531) as a Mu‘allaq but was connected by Abdir Razzāq in his “Musannaf” (no. 1608), Al-Baghwī in “Al-Ja‘diyyāt” and in his compilation of ‘Ubadillāh’s Al-‘Aishī narrations as is mentioned in “Taghlīq At-Ta‘īlīq” (vol. 2 / p. 233), Al-Fatīh (vol. 1 / p. 532) and ‘Umdat Al-Qārī (vol. 4 / p. 4).

(4) “At-Tahthīb ‘Alā Sunan Abī Dāwūd” (vol. 6 / p. 78).

(5) “Badā‘i As-Sanā‘i’” (vol. 1 / p. 337) and “Sharh Fath Al-Qadīr” (vol. 1 / p. 294).
I believe that it is indeed detested to perform Salāt on carpets full of pictures of trees and plants because they distract one’s attention from being fully given to Salāt - as is understood from the hadīth about the Anbijāniyyah. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.

[13] Performing Salāt on or towards graves:

Jundab Ibn Abdullāh Al-Bajalī (ﷺ) said: ‘I heard the prophet (ﷺ) -5 days before his death- say: “I have no Khalīl amongst you for Allāh (ﷻ) chose me to be His Khalīl as He (ﷻ) had chosen Ibrāhīm (ﷺ). If I were to choose a Khalīl amongst you, I would have chosen Abū Bakr to be this Khalīl. Indeed, those before you had taken their prophets’ graves as places of worship.

Never take the graves as places of worship, indeed I forbid you to do that”. (1)

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘May Allāh (ﷻ) launch war on the Jews and the Nasārā [the Christians]; they took their prophets’ graves as mosques [i.e. places of worship; they worshipped them].’ (2)

‘Aishah said: The prophet (ﷺ) said -on his deathbed: ‘May Allāh (ﷻ) curse the Jews and the Nasārā (Christians); they took their prophet’s graves as places of worship’. (3)

Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Indeed, the worst of people are those who witness the last day of life, and those who take graves as places of worship’. (4)

(1) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sāhih” (no. 532) and An-Nasā‘i in “As-Sunan Al-kubrā” as is mentioned in “Tuhfatul Ashrāf” (vol. 2 / pp.442-3).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī (no. 437) and Muslim in his “Sāhih” (no. 530).
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī (no 4441) and Muslim (no. 529).
(4) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 435), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 3 / p. 345), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sāhih” (no. 789), Ibn Hibbān in “As-Sāhih” (no. 340, 341), Abū Nu‘aim in “Thikr Akhbār Asbābān” (vol. 1 / p. 142), Al-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu‘jam Al-Kabīr” (no. 10413) and Abū Ya’lā in “Al-Musnad” (vol.1 / p. 257) and Ibn Abī Khaithamah as is mentioned in “Al-Fatīhī” (vol. 13 / p. 19). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is good as Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah said in “Iqtidā’us Sirāṭil Mustaqīm” (p. 330). Al-Haithamī considered =
The aforementioned *ahādīth* state the following rulings:

[1/13] **The prohibition of taking graves-containing yard as places of worship**

This is a unanimously agreed upon ruling which entails the obligation of destroying mosques built on graves and the detestation of performing *Salāt* in them. *Imām* Ahmad even considered the *Salāt* performed in such mosques as invalid.

It is also detested to perform *Salāt* in a place where there are graves even if there is no mosque built on them for every place on which one performs *Salāt* is considered as a mosque. The *prophet* (ﷺ) said: ‘Never sit on graves nor perform *Salāt* towards them’.¹

He (ﷺ) also said: ‘Do some [of the none obligatory] *Salāt* at your homes and never make them similar to graves’,² since no *Salāt* is to be performed on, towards or beside graves.

Some *Fuqahā’* believe that the rationale behind the prohibition of performing *Salāt* in cemeteries is that they are places of impurities which render the *Salāt* done in them invalid. Nevertheless, the circle of the prohibition encompasses more than that; doing *Salāt* in cemeteries potentially resembles the act of worshipping idols.

*Imām* Ash - Shāfi‘ī said: ‘I detest that a creature [of *Allāh* (ﷻ)] be sanctified to a degree that his tomb becomes like a mosque [to which *Salāt* is performed] the thing that leads people astray’.³

¹Its chain of narrators as sound in “Al-Majma’” (vol. 2 / p. 27), Al-Bukhari also narrated it in his “Sahīh” (no. 7067) as Mu’allaq and Muslim (vol. 4 / no. 2268).
²Narrated by Muslim (no. 972).
³Al-‘Umm (vol. 1 / p. 246).
The prophet ﷺ stated this very rationale in his hadīth that says: ‘O Allāh! Never make [People take] my grave as an idol that is worshipped’.(1)

He (ﷺ) also told his “Sahābah” that the Kuffār [disbelievers] used to build a mosque on the grave of the righteous amongst them and engrave pictures on it. These are the worst of Allāh’s (ﷺ) creatures in Allāh’s (ﷻ) sight on the Day of Resurrection’. (2)

In the aforementioned hadīth, the prophet (ﷺ) mentioned these two [great sins]: [taking] graves [as places of worship] and [making] pictures. (3)

Accordingly;

[2/13] It is prohibited to perform Salāt in cemeteries at all even if they contain one grave only:

In “Iqtidā’ As-Sirātul Mustaqīm”, Shaikhul Islām [Ibn Taymiyyah] mentioned the disagreement -amongst Imām Ahmad’s followers- concerning doing Salāt in a mosque neighboring a cemetery, and the least number of graves to be existing in a place to be called cemetery: three or one is enough. The Imām’s followers held the two opposite opinions.

Holding the second opinion in his “Al-Ikhtiyārātul ‘I limyyah”; Shaikhul Islām then said: ‘The Imām’s and his followers’ statements bear no sign of disagreement; on the contrary, their generalizations and the proofs they presented indicate clearly that

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(1) Narrated by Mālik in “Al-Muwattā’ ” (vol. 1 / p. 172), Ibn Sa’d in “At-Tabaqāt Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / pp. 240-1) from ‘Atā’ Ibn Yasār through a sound chain of narrators. It is also narrated by Abdīr Razzāq in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 406), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 3 / p. 345) from Zayd Ibn Aslam through a good chain of narrators, Ahmad narrated it-in his Musnad-through a connected chain of narrators from Abī Hurairah (vol. 2 / p. 246), Al-Humaidy in “Al-Musnad” (no. 1025) and Abū Na‘īm in “Al-Hilyah” (vol. 6 / p. 283) and (vol. 7 / p. 317) through a sound chain of narrators. Al-Bazzār and Ibn Abdīl Barr considered the hadith as authentic. Refer to Sharh Az-Zārqu’āni ‘Alā Al-Muwattā’ (vol. 1 / p. 351) and “Tanwir Al-Hawālik” (vol. 1 / p. 186).

(2) “Sahīh Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 1 / no. 523-4) and “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 1 / no. 375-6).

(3) Refer to “Iqtidā’us Sirātul Mustaqīm” (pp. 329-30) and “Al- ‘Amru bil I’tibā’Wanniyū ‘An Al-Ibtida’”.

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doing Salāt even towards one grave is forbidden - which is the soundest of all opinions - for a cemetery is the place in which the dead are buried even if it consists of only one grave. Our Hanbalī Shaikhs stated that the area round the cemetery is part of it; consequently, Salāt must not be done there, so is the case with the area surrounding a single grave’. (1)

[3/13] There should be a barrier between the cemetery and the neighboring mosque in order that the Salāt in the later be valid. The wall of the mosque is not enough to be considered as a barrier between it and the cemetery. (2)

[4/13] the prohibition of doing Salāt in a mosque that is established over a grave is a general rule - whether the grave(s) is on its right, left, behind or front. The last one is, however, the worst of all cases for two reasons: the mosque is built on a grave and the grave is located to the front of praying muslims which is totally prohibited. (3)

[5/13] The aforementioned prohibition covers those graves which are above the ground level, unlike those which are at the bottom of the ground for the whole earth is a cemetery for the dead; Allāh (ﷻ) said:

﴿لاَّ يَتَحَدَّى الْأَرْضَ كَفَانَةً إِلَّاَّ حَيَاءَ وَأَمْوَاتَاهَا﴿
‘Have we not made the earth a receptable? For the living and the dead’. (4)

Ash-Sha‘bī said: ‘Its [the earth’s] bottom is [a container] for your dead and its surface is for your living’. (5)

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(1) “Al-Ikhtiyārītul ‘Ilmiyyah” (p. 25) and “Tamamul Minnah” (p. 298).
(2) The previous reference and “Tahthīrūs Sājid” (pp. 187-9).
(3) “Tahthīrūs Sājid” (pp. 190-1).
(4) Sūrat Al-Mursalāt (verse 25-26).
(5) Narrated by Ad-Dūlābī (vol. 1 / p. 129). Refer to “Murqāt Al-Mafātīhi” (vol. 1 / p. 456) and “Tahthīrūs Sājid” (pp. 113-4).
[6/13] **Doing Salāt towards the dead placed in the direction of the Qiblah:**

Shaikh Al-Qārī said: ‘This [doing Salāt towards the corp] is one of the bad deeds people of Makkah practice; they place the dead body near the Ka’bah then perform their [obligatory] Salāt towards it’. (1)

The eminent Shaikh Al-Albānī said: ‘This is indeed a hideous practice which has spread all through Ash-Shām [Syria], Turkey and other countries. I have recently seen a terrible photograph which shows a row of muslims doing Salāt and prostrating themselves towards a row of shrouded dead bodies of people who drowned in the sea’. (2)

It is worth mentioning here that the general practice of the prophet (ﷺ) was to do the Janāzah Salāt in the Musallā, not in mosques, so that muslims may not fall in such a hideous act against which the eminent Shaikh Al-Qārī warned’. (3)

Dear muslim brother, follow the footsteps of your Salāf in applying Tawhīd in all your acts and never join in your worship others with Allāh (ﷻ). **Allāh (ﷻ) said:**

> فمن كان يرجو لقاء الله فليعمل عملًا صالحًا ولا يشرك بعذابه أحدًا.  

> ‘Whoever hopes for the meeting with Allāh (ﷻ), let him work righteousness and associate no partner in worship of his Rabb’; (4)

[14] **Assigning one place in the mosque for doing Salāt:**

It is detested for any muslim - to the exclusion of the Imām - to stick to one place in the mosque to do the obligatory Salāt in. Abdur Rahmān Ibn shibl said: ‘Allāh’s (ﷻ) Rasūl (ﷺ) forbade that a muslim does his Salāt so fast like a crow when it eats, spreads his/ her arms [in prostration] as dogs do [when they sit]

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(1) “Murqāt Al-Mafāth” (vol. 2 / p.372).
(2) “Tahthīrus Sājid” (p. 35).
(3) “Tahthīrus Sājid” (p. 36).
(4) Sūrat Al-Kahf (verse 110).
and sticks to one place in the mosque when doing Salāt as camels stick to their resting places’.\(^{(1)}\)

Yazīd Ibn Abī ‘Ubaid said: ‘I used to accompany Salamah Ibn Al-‘Akwa’ to the mosque. He used to perform his Salāt towards the pole nearby the stand on which the Mushaf used to be placed. I enquired: ‘O Abā Muslim, I noticed that you are keen to do your Salāt towards that pole!’ He said: ‘Indeed. I saw the prophet (ﷺ) doing his Salāt towards it frequently’.\(^{(2)}\)

There is no contradiction between Yazīd’s hadīth and Abdur Rahman’s for the former assigns the place in which the prophet (ﷺ) used to do his non-obligatory\(^{(3)}\) Salāt and the Sahābī wanted to follow this Sunnah. So, Salamah’s hadīth specifies the generalisation in Abdur Rahmān’s hadīth. Indeed, the Sahābah - who are the most knowledgeable of the prophet’s (ﷺ) words- are the most knowledgeable of what is general and specific.

Yazīd’s hadīth indicates that a muslim should follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) acts and deeds and the times and places in which they used to be done.

Ibn Hajar describes the pole -mentioned in the hadīth- in his “Fathul Bārī” saying: ‘Some of our reverend Shaikhs stated that this pole is the one built in the centre of the Rawdah. It is known as the

\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3 / no. 428, 444), Ad-Dārimī in “As-Sunā’” (vol. 1 / p. 303), Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahīh” (no. 476), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Muţtabī” (vol. 2 / p. 214), Abū Dāvūd in “As-Sunā’” (no. 862), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunā’” (no. 1429), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 229) traced back to Tamīm Ibn Muhammad from Abdur Rahmān Ibn Shibl.

Al-Hākim said: ‘The hadīth’s chain of narrators is sound’, Ath-Thahabī held the same opinion although this is strange for he reported in “Al-Mīzān” (vol. 1 / p. 360) that Al-Bukhārī stated that Tamīm’s hadīth is doubted for ‘Uthmān Ibn Abdūr Raḥmān At-Tāra’ī stated from him’. !!

At-Tarā’ī died in 202H or 203H; Tamīm is a Tābi‘ī, so how could the former relate from the later. This is of Ath- Thahabī’s illusions. The truth is that no one narrated the hadith from Tamīm but Abdullāh Ibn Hākim who also narrated the previous hadith. The previous hadith is sound as is stated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 5 / no. 446, 447), Al-Baghwā in “Mukhtasar Al-Mu’jam” (vol. 9 / pp.31-2) and As-Sīlīlāh As-Saḥīḥah (no. 1168).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 502).

\(^{(3)}\) As is stated in some narrations, see: “Sharḥ Thulathīyyāt Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 781).
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Muhājirīn pole. It was narrated that ‘Aishah said: ‘If people knew about the [greatness of the] pole, they would fight each other to be able to do their Salāt towards it’, and that she told Ibn Az-Zubair about it who later on used to do his Salāt towards it frequently. Later on, I found this very information in “Tarīkhul Madīnah” by Ibn An-Najjār who said: ‘The Muhājirīn who emigrated to Madīnah from Quraish used to gather there’. The same was mentioned by Muhammad Ibn Al-Hasan in “Akhbārul Madīnah” long before Ibn An-Najjār.(1)

The prophet’s (ﷺ) words: ‘…and to stick to a place in a mosque to do Salāt, as camels stick to their resting places’ indicate that a muslim must not resemble animals -such as camels- in their behavior and stick to one place in the mosque for doing Salāt. (2)

Al-Bahūfī said: ‘According to the prophet’s (ﷺ) prohibition to act as camels regarding their sticking to their resting places, it is detested for any muslim -to the exclusion of the Imām [the leader of Salāt] - to stick to one place in the mosque to do one’s obligatory Salāt in. It is; however, permissible to do so when doing optional [supererogatory] Salāt as some narrations state’. (3)

Three rationales stand behind this prohibition, they are:

The First: Doing such act leads one to seeking fame and dissimulation.

(1) “Fath Al-Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 577). As-Safārīnī mentioned in “Sharh Thulāthiyāt Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 783) that when he performed Hajj in 1148 H., he went to the pole and found that a niche had been already built around it in order to be distinguished and easily seen by muslims. However, the pole had been moved a little bit from its original position. He [As-Safārīnī] asked Shaikh Muhammad Hayāt As-Sindī about the purpose of this movement; the later said: ‘As far as I know, the pole was moved from its original position in order that a muslim’s front-when he / she prostrates him / her self in that place-be at the same spot the prophet (ﷺ) used to stand’. As-Safārīnī then asked: ‘Why wasn’t a sign marked to make this purpose easily achieved?’ Muhammad said’ ‘it was indeed done; the sign is to make your shoulders on the same level with the pulpit’. As-Safārīnī joyfully said: ‘I was happy to the bottom of my heart that I could not utter a word’.

(2) See: “Tahthīb Sunnan Abī Dawūd” (vol. 1 / p. 408) by Ibn Al-Qayyim.

(3) “Kash shāf Al-Qinā’” (vol. 1 / p. 319).
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The Second: Doing it deprives a muslim from increasing the number of spots in which he does his Salāt and which would bear witness for one’s good deeds on the Day of Resurrection.

The Third: This act makes it hard for a muslim to do Salāt in any other place for this would mean changing a habit. If a muslim reaches this stage, one may abandon this worship [the Salāt].

[15] Mistakes regarding the Sutrah:

Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) said: “Never do your Salāt but towards a Sutrah and never let any one pass in front of you [while doing Salāt] even if you had to fight with him for Shaitan accompanies him’.

Abū Sa’īd Al-Khudrī (ﷺ) said: Allāh’s (ﷻ) Messenger said: ‘When you do your Salāt, do it towards a Sutrah and come close to it. And never let any one pass between you and your Satrah even if you have to fight him for the Divil is with him’.

In another narration, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘for the devil passes between it [the Sutrah] and him [the praying muslim].

Sahl Ibn Abī Hathmah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘when you do your Salāt towards a Sutrah, come close to it and never give a chance for Shaitān to render it invalid.

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(1) “Fathal Qadīr” (vol. 1 / p. 300) and “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 3 / p. 203).
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 260), Ibn Khuzaimah in “The Sahīh” (no. 800); the hadith’s wordings are his, Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 251) and Al-Baihaqī in As-Sunan Al-Kubrā (vol. 2 / p. 268).
(3) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 279), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunan” (no. 697), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunan” (no. 954), Ibn Hibban in the “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / no. 48, 49) and Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunan” Al-Kubrā (vol. 2, p. 267). Its chain of narrators is good.
(4) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 279), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / no. 2), At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 379), Al-Humaidī in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / no. 196), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunan” (no. 695), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / no. 62). Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahih” (no. 803), Ibn Hibbān in “As-Sahih” (vol. 4 / no. 49), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al-’Athār (vol. 1 / no. 458), At-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu’jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 6 / no. 119), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 no. 251), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / no. 272). The Hadith is authentic.
In another narration, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When you intend to do your Salāt, do it towards a sutrah and come close to it lest Shaitān passes in front of you’.\(^{(1)}\)

Commenting on Abū Sa‘īd’s narration, Ash - Shaw Kānī said: ‘It states the obligation of doing Salāt towards a Sutrah\(^{(2)}\)... Most of the ahādīth affirm this obligation to which we must adhere unless there are circumstantial evidences that may shift the prophet’s (ﷺ) order from being an obligation to a recommendation. As for the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘Those who pass in front of you shall not harm you [i.e. your Salāt]’, it must not be considered as one of the circumstantial evidences for avoiding whatever that could render one’s Salāt invalid or lessens its rewards is an obligation’.\(^{(3)}\)

The Sutrah protects one’s Salāt from being invalid in case a [grown up] woman, a donkey or a black dog passes in front of him/her - as is narrated in one of the ahādīth - and also prevents those who want to pass in front of him/her\(^{(4)}\) from doing so.

For the Sutrah’s great importance, the righteous Salaf (ﷺ) were keen to perform their Salāt towards it and urged other muslims to do the same and condemned those who did the opposite. ‘Umar (ﷺ) gives us a great example; Qurrah Ibn Iyās said: ‘‘Umar saw me performing Salāt between two poles. He took hold of me and directed me towards a Sutrah [one of the poles] and then said: “Do your Salāt towards it’’.\(^{(5)}\) Commenting on this event, Al-Hāfith Ibn Hajar said: ‘‘Umar intended to teach Ibn ’Iyās that he should do his Salāt towards a Sutrah’’.\(^{(6)}\)

Ibn ‘Umar said: ‘When you intend to perform your Salāt, do it towards a Sutrah and come close to it lest Shaitān passes in front of you’.\(^{(7)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) Ibn Khuzaimah’s wordings.
\(^{(2)}\) “Naylul ‘Awtār (vol. 3 / p. 2).
\(^{(3)}\) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 176).
\(^{(4)}\) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 300).
\(^{(5)}\) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 577) and Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 370).
\(^{(6)}\) “Fathul Bārī “(vol. 1 / p. 577).
\(^{(7)}\) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1/p. 279) through a sound chain of narrators.
Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) said: ‘Four are of the characters of the hard-hearted people: to do one’s Salāt without taking a Sutrah… or to hear the ’Athān and not attending the congregational Salāt in the mosque’. (1)

‘Pay heed, dear muslim brother - may Allāh guide me and you to the right path - to the series of the prophet’s (ﷺ) orders of the necessity of taking a Sutrah in Salāt. Verily, obeying his (ﷺ) orders leads to obeying Allāh (ﷻ) for he (ﷺ) received these rulings through the Wahy. And reflect on the Sahābah’s care to follow them- as did the second great Caliph ‘Umar (ﷺ) and Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) who considered abandoning it as one of the serious sins that equals abandoning the congregational Salāt’. (2)

‘Anas (ﷺ) said: ‘I saw the prophet’s Sahābah rushing towards the poles of the mosque -to perform the two Rak‘ah obligatory Salāt (3) - between the sunset ’Athan the prophet’s (ﷺ) coming [to lead the Salāt]. (4)

Nāfi’(ﷺ) said: ‘Ibn ‘Umar -who never did his Salāt but towards a Sutrah’ (5) used to do it towards one of the mosque’s poles. In case they are all occupied [with praying muslims] he used to ask me to turn my back to him as a Sutrah’. (6)

Salamah Ibn Al-‘Akwa’used to heap up stones and perform his Salāt towards them. (7)

The previous ‘Athar indicates the affirmed obligation of performing Salāt towards a Sutrah whether in indoor or outdoor places. This is the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah, as Ash-Shawkānī stated. (8)

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(1) Narrated Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 61) and Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2, p. 285). The hadith is Sahīh [authentic].
(2) “Ahkāmus Sutrah Fi Makkah and else where” (pp. 13-4), Ibn Al-Qayyim publication.
(3) This is the narration of Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 620).
(4) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 503).
(5) Narrated by Abdir Razzaq in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 9) but there is a weak narrator in its chain of transmitters.
(6) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 279) through and authentic chain of narrators.
(7) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 278).
(8) “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 6).
The eminent ‘Ālim, As-Safārīnī said: ‘It is indeed recommended that one does his/ her Salāt towards a surrah even if there is no chance of some one passing in front of him/ her’. Imām Mālik held the opposite opinion regarding the last part of As-Safārīnī’s opinion and Ibn ‘Aqīl Al-Hanbālī stated in his “Al-Wādīh” that the Sutrah should be a wall or something prominent. Imām Ahmad held the opinion that a Sutrah should be wide’. (1)

The soundest of all opinions is that the order of taking a Sutrah is a general and a comprehensive one that should not be restricted to certain times, places or shapes. The reasons previously mentioned [by the Imāms] are mere mental deductions that stand on no hard evidences. Imām Mālik’s opinion ignores the many ahādīth that assert the necessity of doing one’s Salāt towards a Sutrah. Besides, those whom you are not able to see i.e. -Shaitān- may pass in front of your as is clearly stated in the prophet’s (ﷺ) ahādīth and shown in his deeds’. (2)

Having mentioned some ahādīth about the obligation of performing Salāt towards a Sutrah, Ibn Khuzaimah said: ‘These are all authentic ahādīth which clearly state the obligation of doing Salāt towards a Sutrah. Abdul Karim claimed that Mujāhid narrated from Ibn ‘Abbās that the prophet (ﷺ) performed his Salāt in a desert (*) without having a Sutrah, and there were no buildings on ‘Arafah [mount] at that time.’ How could the prophet (ﷺ) do the opposite of that to which he ordered his Sahābah’. (3)

I believe that the lack of buildings does not entail not taking a Sutrah in Salāt; this is clearly stated in Ibn Abbās’ Athar. He (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) used to do his Salāt in Mina not towards a wall’. (4)

(1) “Sharh Thulathiyyāt Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 782).
(2) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 304).
(*) This is a weak hadith as Al-Albānī said in “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 305). He said: ‘It is fully narrated in “Al-Ahādīthud Da’ilah” (no. 5814) with another similar hadith.
(3) Sahih Ibn Khuzaimah (vol. 2 / pp. 27-8).
(4) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (no. 76, 493, 861, 1857, 4412), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / no. 341) and Mālik in “Al-Muwatta’ “(vol. 1 / no. 131), and others.
Ibn ‘Abbās said in another narration: ‘A staff was rooted before the prophet (ﷺ) while being on ‘Arfah and he performed his Salāt towards it. A donkey passed behind it’. (1)

Ibn At-Turkumānī said: ‘Lacking a wall does not entail the non existence of any other Sutrah, so on what basis did Imām Mālik hold such an opinion?!’ (2)

According to the previous discussion, we conclude the following points:

[1/15] Those who perform their Salāt without taking a Sutrah have indeed committed a great mistake, even if there is a slight chance of any body -or thing- to pass in front of them, as is the case when being in a desert. This ruling applies to Makkah and elsewhere. (3)

[2/15] Some ‘Ulamah held the opinion that one should place his Sutrah slightly to his left or right side and must not aim directly towards it. (4)

However, there is no hard evidence that supports such an opinion. (5) Nevertheless, all cases are allowed. (6)

It is worth saying here that:

[3/15] The height of the Sutrah should not be less than that of a saddle if one affords it.

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(1) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1. no. 243), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” (no. 840) and At-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu‘jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 11 / no. 243). Ahmad’s chain of narrators is a sound one.

(2) “Al-Jawharun Naqī” (vol. 2 / p. 273). See also: “Ahkāmus Sutrah “(pp. 88…).

(3) More about this in “As-Silsilah Ad-Da‘ifah wal Mawdu‘ah” (no. 928) and “Ahkāmus Sutrah in Makkah wa Ghairiha” (pp. 46-8), (120-6). As for the permissibility to pass in front of a praying muslim at times of need and dire necessity, this is something unescapable- especially at times of over crowdedness. At-Hāfith Ibn Hajr held this opinion as is stated in his “Al-Fath” (vol. 1 / p. 576) and so did Az-Zarqānī in “Sharh Mukhtasar Khalīl” (vol. 1 / p. 209). Allāh (azwj) knows best.


(5) For more details see: “Nasb Ar-Rāyah” (vol. 2 / p. 84) and “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (pp. 113- 5).

(6) “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (p. 45).
This was clearly mentioned in a hadīth transmitted by Talha (may Allah be pleased with him). He said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Do not pay attention to whoever passes in front of you while you are doing your Salāt so long as you have put a Sutrah the height of which is as that of a saddle’.

‘Aishah said: The prophet (ﷺ) was once asked about the height of the proper Sutrah - during Tabūk Battle - he (ﷺ) said: ‘[Its height is] as the height of a saddle’.

Abū Thar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When you intend to perform Salāt, nothing will suffice you as a Sutrah but that the height of which is as that of a saddle. Less than that; a donkey, a grown up woman and a black dog render your Salāt invalid if they pass in front of you’.

One of the eminent ‘Ulamāhs’ axioms concerning the prophet’s (ﷺ) speech is that the prophet (ﷺ) never deferred any piece of information needed from its proper time. Consequently, when the prophet (ﷺ) was asked about the sufficient height of the Sutrah, his answer was precise. Had less than that height been permissible, he (ﷺ) would have mentioned it.

The height of a saddle is nearly one cubit, a stated clearly by ‘Atā’, Qatādah, Ath-Thawrī and Nāfi’. The cubit equals the distance between the elbow down to the middle finger tip, that is about 46.2 c.m.

It had been already established that the prophet (ﷺ) performed his Salāt towards a thin staff and a spear. This proves that the height of the Sutrah is much more important than its width.

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(1) Narrated by Muslim (no. 499).
(2) Narrated by Muslim (no. 500).
(3) Narrated by Muslim (no. 510).
(4) “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (p.29).
(5) See “Musannaf Abdir Razzāq” (vol. 2 / p. 9, 14, 15), “Sahih Ibn Khuzaimah” (no. 807) and “Sunan Abī Dāwūd” (no. 686).
(6) “Lisān Al-‘Arab” (vol. 3 / p. 1495).
(7) “Mu’jam lughat Al-Fuqahā” (pp. 450-1).
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Ibn Khuzaimah said: ‘Authentic evidences prove that the height of the *Sutrah* should be taken into consideration unlike its width. One of these evidences is that he (ﷺ) performed his *Salāt* towards a spear, and surely its width is not as that of a saddle. Another evidence is his (ﷺ) order for the *Sahābah* (ﷺ) to take a *Sutrah* in *Salāt* even if it were an arrow’.(1)

Accordingly, if a muslim affords to take a *Sutrah* of any kind - be it a staff, piece of furniture, heap of sand or stones, as Salamah did, he should do so and must not take a line he draws on the ground to be his *Sutrah*.

It is worth mentioning here that the *hadīth* that states that a line on the ground suffices as a *Sutrah* in *Salāt* is a weak *hadīth*, as stated by Sufyān Ibn ‘Uyaynah, Ash-Shāfi‘i, Al-Baghawī and others. Commenting on such a *hadīth*, Ad - Dāraquṭnī said: ‘It is not authentic, not even sound’. Ash-Shāfi‘i said -in “Sunan Harmalah”: ‘Drawing a line on the ground to be as a *Sutrah* is a mistake, unless such an act is established in an authentic *hadīth*’. Mālik considered it in “Al-Mudawwanah” as: ‘Something null and void’.

The *hadīth* was also considered as weak by Ibn As-Salah, An-Nawawī, Al-‘Irāqī and others.(2)

Additional Points:

[4/15] the *Ma‘mūm* does not have to take a *Sutrah* in the congregational *Salāt* for this falls under the responsibility of the *Imām*. It is a widespread misconception that each *Ma‘mūm* is a *Sutrah* for the one behind, then what about the first row of the praying muslims?? Besides, this misconception entails that walking between rows is prohibited; the opposite of which is firmly established in many *ahādīth*. One of these *ahādīth* is narrated by Ibn ‘Abbās who said: ‘Al-Fadl and I once came to ‘Arafah riding a she donkey. The prophet (ﷺ) was performing his

(2) Refer to: “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 300-2), “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (pp. 98-102)”, “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 216) and “Tahthībut Tahthīb” (vol. 12 / p. 199).
congregational Salāt. We dismounted the she donkey, walked between the rows and joined other muslīms in their Salāt. (The she donkey passed in front of the first row).\(^1\) the prophet (ﷺ) said nothing to us.\(^2\)

It may be raised that the prophet (ﷺ) may not have seen the donkey passing in front of the first row. The answer to this is that the prophet (ﷺ) could even see that which is behind him. He (ﷺ) said to his Sahābah: ‘Do you see my Qiblah here, by Allāh (ﷻ)! Nothing that you do in Rukū’ or Sujūd that I can not see; indeed I can see you from my back.’\(^3\)

Ibn Abdil Barr said: ‘Ibn ‘Abbās’ narration specifies that of Abī Sa‘īd’s which says: ‘when you perform your Salāt never let anyone pass in front of you’, for the later hadīth concerns the Imām and the Munfarid [the one who does his/ her Salāt individually]. As for the Ma‘mūm, his / her Salāt is valid no matter who passes in front of him/ her as stated in Ibn ‘Abbās’s narration. This ruling is a unanimously agreed-upon one between the ‘Ulamah’\(^4\).

According to what has been mentioned, it is understood that the congregational Salāt is actually considered as one Salāt not numerous ones equal to the number of those who are doing it, so one Sūrah is sufficient.\(^5\)

\[^{5/15}\] If the Imām ignores taking a Sūrah, he has indeed done a great mistake; however, this does not entail that each Ma‘mūm should find a Sūrah for him / her self and to prevent anyone from passing in front of him/her.\(^6\)

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\(^1\) This sentence was narrated through a separate narration by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 1857).
\(^2\) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 504).
\(^3\) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 418, 471). See: “Ahkāmus Sūrah” (p. 22).
\(^4\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 572).
\(^5\) “Faidul Bārī” (vo. 2 / p. 77).
\(^6\) Refer to: “Ahkāmus Sūrah” (pp. 21-2).
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[6/15] A question may be raised: what should the Masbūq do when he / she performs the Rak‘āt he/ she missed with the Imām??

Imām Mālik said: ‘the Masbūq could come closer to any Sutrah he/ she could reach - moving left, right, forward or backward. In case the Sutrah is very far from him/ her, he/ she could stay in his/ her place and does his/ her best not to let any one pass in front of him/ her’.(1)

Ibn Rushd held the same opinion is his “Fatāwā” and added: “whoever passes in front of hem/ her has incurred a sin on him/ her self; unlike the one who passes between the rows in the congregational Salāt for the Imām is the Sutrah of the praying muslims. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to all that which is the best’.(2)

Many other ‘Ulamah held the same opinion.(3)

[16] Deviating from the Qiblah:

Unfortunately, most of our old mosques are not built precisely towards the Qiblah, their deviation from it is sometimes slight and sometimes great the thing which forced those responsible for them to place certain ropes on the ground to show the accurate direction of the Qiblah.

Other ropes were placed to urge muslims to straighten their rows in their Salāt and stand close to each other the thing which most muslims ignore and which indicates how ignorant muslims became of the proper manner of standing in congregational Salāt.(4) This will be discussed later in details. May Allāh ( سبحانه وتعالى) who is our only Rabb guide us to that which is the best.

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(2) “Fatāwā Ibn Rushd” (vol. 2 / p. 904).
(3) Refer to: “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (pp. 26-7).
(4) Refer to: “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 33- 4).
Chapter Three

Mistakes regarding the Manner of Performing Salāt

* Articulating the Niyyah simultaneously with Takbīratul Ihrām.


* Mistakes done in Qiyām:

   (Not raising hands when reciting Takbīratul Ihrām, when bowing down for Rukū‘ and when rising from bowing, letting arms down [when reciting Al-Fātiḥah], abandoning reciting Du ‘āul Istīfāḥ, and the Istī‘āthah before reciting Al-Fātiḥah, repeating Al-Fātiḥah more than once, raising one’s sight towards the sky or any other place except the place of Sujūd, closing ones eyes in Salāt, and moving a lot in it).

   * Mistakes done in Rukū‘ and rising from it:

   (Abandoning the ‘Athkār that should be recited in these two positions, doing Rukū‘ and qiyām so fast without quiescence, doing Qunūt so often and abandoning it at times of afflictions).

   * Mistakes done in Sujūd:

   (Not reaching the ground completely, doing Sujūd so fast, mistakes regarding the manner of doing Sujūd, uncovering the parts of the body used in Sujūd [in order to touch the ground], doing Sujūd on the ground only or part of it, raising something for sick people to do Sujūd on, reciting the following Du‘ā’ in Sujūd As-Sahw [forgetfulness Sujūd]: ‘Subhāna Man la Yashū Walā Yanām’.
* Mistakes done in the sitting for Tashahhud and in Taslīm:

(Saying: ‘as-Salāmu ‘Alaika Ayyuhan Naby’ in Tashahhud, adding the word “Sayyiduna” for the Tashahhud, other related issues, those who condemn others for moving their index fingers when reciting Tashahhud, three mistakes done when reciting Taslīm).
Mistakes regarding the manner of performing Salāt


[1/17] Articulating niyyah [for Salāt] is not an obligation not even recommended as the ‘Ulamah agreed. On the contrary it is considered as Bid’ah. If one does this believing in its legality in the Sahr’, though its ruling is displayed for him; he is indeed an ignorant that should be punished especially those who articulate it loudly causing annoyance for other muslims or say it more than once.

The following are some of the ‘Ulamah’s statements about the prohibition of articulating Niyyah [for Salāt]:

Qâdî Abur Rabî’ Sulaiman Ibn ‘Umar Ash-Shâfi‘i said: ‘Articulating Niyyah [for Salāt] and reciting Qur’an with the Imam are not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah’, on the contrary, they are detested acts. If articulating Niyyah causes annoyance for other muslims in Salāt, it is then considered Harām [forbidden]; believing in the opposite is one of the great mistakes. Besides, it is prohibited for any one to deliver rulings about things in religion without having the sufficient knowledge.

Abû Abudllâh Muhammad Ibn Al-Qâsim Al-Tûnisî Al-Mâlikî said: ‘Niyyah lies in the heart, so articulating it is Bid’ah not to mention causing annoyance for other muslims’.

Shaikh ‘Alâ’ud Din Ibn Al-‘Attâr said: ‘Articulating Niyyah loudly and causing annoyance for other muslims is Harâm. If no disturbance is caused then articulating it is considered Bid’ah. If this act was done out of dissimulation then it turns to be of the great sins. Those who condemn others for articulating Niyyah are on the right way unlike those who believe in its legality in the religion of Islâm; they indeed have committed an act of Kufr, or at least a disobedience if they do it out of ignorance. Every muslim should fight this Bid’ah according to one’s capacity for this act is not of
the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah nor did his Sahābah practice it nor those who followed their footsteps of the muslim ‘Ulamah’. (1)

As for articulating niyyah silently, it is not an obligation in Salāt, Tahārah nor in Sawm as the four Imams and other muslim ‘Ulamah held it.

Abū Dāwūd asked Imām Ahmad: ‘Should the one doing Salāt say any thing before reciting Takbīratūl Ihrām?’ Imām Ahmad answered in the negative. (2)

As-Suyūtī said: ‘It is Bid‘ah to articulate the niyyah for Salāt, it is not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah nor was it the way of his Sahāba (ﷺ). They used to recite Takbīr only [at the beginning of Salāt].

Allāh ( سبحانه وتعالى) said: ﴿لقد كان لكم في رسول الله اسوة حسنة﴾

‘Indeed in the messenger of Allāh ( سبحانه وتعالى) you have a good example to follow’. (3)

Ash-Shāfi‘ī said: ‘The existance of was-wasah [in one’s heart] concerning the niyyah for Salāt and Tahārah is the product of ignorance in the Shar’ or foolishness of mind’. (4)

Articulating Niyyah has many bad effects [on oneself and on others]; repeating articulating niyyah loudly many times after reciting Takbīratūl Ihrām is one of them.

Ibn Al-Jawzi dealt with this very issue saying: ‘It is of the Shaitān’s waswasah to repeat saying Niyyah more than once thinking that the previous one was null and void. Other muslims repeat reciting Takbīratūl Ihrām till the Imām reaches Rukū’, then they join him in it. This is indeed of the Shaitān’s waswasah to prevent the muslim form gaining full reward for his acts of worship. Some of those who suffer from Waswasah way swear that they will

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(1) See: “Majmū’atur Rasā’il Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / pp. 254 - 7).
(2) “Masā’il Imām Ahmad” (p. 31) and “Majmū’ Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 22 / p. 28).
(3) Sūratul ’Ahzāb (verse no. 21).
never say *Takbīr* but once, they may even swear they will divorce their wives or abandon their wealth if they recite *Takbīr* more than once. The benevolent *Sahrī‘ah* is indeed easy to be followed and is free from such defects. The prophet (ﷺ) never did such things nor did his followers’. (1)

Such *waswasah* is the product of the false belief that *niyyah* resides not in the heart but must be articulated. Indeed to bring to existence that which is already existed is something impossible.

Abū ‘Abdullāh Az-Zubairī -of the Shāfi‘i followers- misunderstood and misinterpreted Ash-Shāfi‘i’s statement and claimed that *Imām* Ash-Shāfi‘i believes in the necessity of articulating *Niyyah* in *Salāt*. Ash-Shāfi‘i’s statement says: ‘Doing *Hajj* and *Umrah* without articulating their *Niyyah* is correct unlike *Salāt* which its *niyyah* must be articulated to be considered valid’.(2)

An-Nawawī said: ‘Ash-Shāfi‘ī followers said that he [Abū ‘Abdillah] misunderstood Ash-Shāfi‘i’s statement; Ash-Shāfi‘ī meant by “*niyyah*” reciting *Takbīr* [atul *Ihrām*]’.(3)

Defending Ash-Shāfi‘i’s view, Ibn Abī Al-Izz Al-Hanafi said: ‘None of the four *Imāms* held that a *mūsin* must articulate his *niyyah*; it indeed resides into the heart, some late scholars held the opposite opinion and falsely attributed it to *Imām* Ash-Shāfi‘ī as An-Nawawī stated. This is something upon which there is a unanimous agreement’. (4)

Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to recite *Takbīr* whenever he stands for *Salāt* and say nothing before it. He (ﷺ) never articulated the *niyyah* for *Salāt* such as saying: ‘I intend to do *Salāt* so and so for Allāh’s sake facing the *Qiblah* four *Rak‘āt* being an *Imām* (or *Ma‘mūm*), at its due time (or *Qadā‘*), nor did he say’ I perform this *Salāt* done in such a time’. These are all *bida‘* which were not transmitted from the prophet (ﷺ) neither through

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(1) See: “Tablis Iblīs” (p. 138).
(3) See: “Al-Majmū‘” and “At-Ta ‘ālum” by Bakr Abū Zeid (p. 100).
authentic, sound, weak, connected or disconnected \textit{ahādīth}, nor were transmitted from his companions, not even approved by the \textit{Tābi‘īn}, nor any of the four \textit{Imāms}. Some late scholars misunderstood Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s statement and falsely attributed to him that he believes in the necessity of articulating \textit{Niyyah} in \textit{Salāt} unlike \textit{Sawm}.

The “\textit{Niyyah in Salāt}” according to Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s view refers to \textit{Takbīratūl Ihrām}. How could one imagine that Ash-Shāfi‘ī could ever teach \textit{muslims} something the prophet (ﷺ) and his companions never did.

If such an act were established in an authentic proof, we would surely comply with it for the prophet’s (ﷺ) and his companions’ guidance is the best of guidance and the most perfect, for it is taken from the only human who has the right to cast \textit{Sharī‘ah}, Mahammad (ﷺ).\(^{(1)}\)

To conclude:

It is unanimously agreed upon that articulating \textit{niyyah} is \textit{Bid‘ah},\(^{(2)}\) whoever claims it to be of the \textit{Sunnah} has indeed ascribed falsehood to \textit{Imām} Ash-Shāfi‘ī.

Proofs from the \textit{Sunnah}:

(1) ‘Aishah said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to begin his \textit{Salāt} with reciting \textit{Takbīr}’.\(^{(3)}\)

(2) Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said to the man who performed his \textit{Salāt} improperly: ‘when you perform your \textit{Salāt} do perfect \textit{wudū’}, face the \textit{Qiblah}, recite \textit{Takbīr} then read as much as you wish of the \textit{Qur‘ān}.\(^{(4)}\)

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(2) See: “Al-Ifsāh” (vol. 1 / p. 56), “Al-Insāf” (vol. 1 / p. 142), “Fathul Qadīr” (vol. 1 / p. 186), “Majmū‘ Al-Fatūwā” (vol. 22 / p. 223), and “Maqāsidul Makallafīn Fima Yut‘a‘abbadu Bihī Lirrabil ‘Ālamīn” (pp. 123, …).
(3) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 357) (no. 498).
(4) Its narrations will follow soon.

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(3) Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) said: ‘I saw the prophet (ﷺ) begin his Salāt with Takbīr raising his hands.’(1)

Many other ahādīth affirm that Salāt begins with reciting Takbīr and nothing before it. The Ulama agreed that if that which is in the heart is incompatible with what is articulated, it is the former that is taken into consideration not the later.(2) So what is the use of this articulation??

[2/17] It is worth saying here that it is impossible to articulate niyyah and recite Takbīr at the same time.

Ibn Abīl Izz Al-Hanafi said: ‘Ash-Shāfi‘i said: ‘One is unable to articulate niyyah and Takbīr and the same time. Those who claim the opposite ignore what sound sense affirms. Speech displays what is already existing in the heart. Several letters can never be articulated simultaneously, how could one articulate a statement and that which has already preceded it at the same time’??(3)

[18] Reciting Takbīr, Qur‘ān and the ‘Athkār silently:

[1/18] One of the most common mistakes when performing Salāt is reciting Takbīr, Qur‘ān and ‘Athkār by heart [silently] as if Salāt consists of only mere acts with no verbal actions!! Abū Bakr Al-Asamm and Sufyān Ibn ‘Uyaynah(4) held this view and considered that Salāt is valid even without articulating Takbīr!!

They both built their opinion on Allāh’s (ﷻ) verse that says: ‘And perform Salāt’. They considered the order in the ‘Āyah as a general one which the prophet (ﷺ) explained through his hadīth: ‘Perform your Salāt as you have seen me performing it’(5) and that which can be seen and perceived is only the acts not words.

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(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 221) (no. 738).
(2) This agreement among the ‘Ulama was related by An-Nawawī in “Al-Majmū‘” (vol. 1 / p. 367).
(3) Al-Itibā‘ (pp. 61-2).
(4) Related by Al-Kāsānī in “Badā‘i‘ As-Sanā‘i‘” (vo. 1 / p. 110).
(5) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in “As-Sahih” (vol. 1 / no. 155), (vol. 7 / no. 77) and (vol. 8 / p. 132), Muslim in his “Sahih” (vol. 1 / no. 465, 466) and Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 589).
Consequently, Salāt is a proper noun that refers to the acts done in it. According to this point of view, the one who is physically unable to do Salāt does not have to perform Salāt at all, and the dumb who is physically well must do it. This view is, however, an odd one which contradicts the rulings of the pure Sharī'ah tests; Allāh (ﷻ) said:

‘So recite as much of the Qur‘ān as may be easy for you’.\(^{(1)}\)

The order in this ‘Āyah is a general one which must be followed in accordance with the specification indicated in the following hadīth; the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Unless Fātihah is recited in one’s Salāt, it is considered null and void’\(^{(2)}\)

As for the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘Peform Salāt as you have seen me performing it’, the act of seeing here refers to all of the prophet’s (ﷺ) actions not the physical ones only. When the purport of all the previous texts are joined together, it is easily concluded

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(1) Sūrat Al-Muzzammil (verse no. 20).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / no. 236, 237), Muslim in his “Sahih” (vol. 1 / p. 295) (no. 394), Abdur Razzaq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 93), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 143), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 822), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi‘” (vol. 2 / p. 25), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 137), and “Fadā’il Al-Qur‘ān” (no. 34), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 837) and Ad-Dārīmī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 283).

Al-Hanafīyyah held the opinion that the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth, regarding the necessity of reciting Al-Fātihah in Salāt, does not specify the generality of Allāh’s order in Sūrah Al-Muzzammil; consequently the muslim doing Salāt has the choice to recite whatever is easy for him from the Qur‘ān-i.e. not necessarily Al-Fātihah. The well-versed ‘Ulamāh refuted this view saying that the apparent meaning of Allāh’s (ﷻ) order is that one has the choice to recite what ever is easy for him from the Qur‘ān; however, the intended meaning is to recite the Fātihah as is affirmed in ‘Ubādah’s narration. The general order in the Qur‘ān is, then, specified by the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth.

An-Nawawī said: ‘ The words in the verse” whatever is easy” refer to Fātihah for it is easy for every muslim to recite’. Refer to “Sahrh An-Nawawī ‘Alā Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 103), “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 242 - 3), “Ma‘ālim As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 207), and “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 213).

After all this, how could those who abandon reciting the Fātihah in Salāt seek Allāh’s pleasure by doing such a sin just only to contradict other people’s Mathhab.

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that Qur’ān must be recited in all our Salāt -as all ‘Ulamah and the Sahābah before them held’. (1)

Were reciting Qur’ān in Salāt secretly valid, the prophet (ﷺ) wouldn’t have told the Sahābi -who did his Salāt improperly- to recite whatever he wishes of the Qur’ān, for reciting necessitates the movement of the tongue literally and in shar’; Allah (ﷻ) said:

َلا تتحرَّك به لسانك لتمجل به

‘Move not your tongue concerning (the Qur’ān, O Muhammad (ﷺ) to make haste there with’ (2)

On the basis of this view, Some ‘Ulamah -who believe in the prohibition of reciting Qur’ān when one is in his/ her post sexual intercourse state, allowed such persons to recite it only by heart.

An-Nawawī said: ‘The one in post sexual intercourse state, the woman in her menstrual period and in her post partum state are permitted to read the Qur’ān only by heart without articulating it, so is the case with reading from the Musahf’. (3)

Muhammad Ibn Rushd Said: ‘As for reading Qur’ān by heart without articulating it by the tongue, it is not considered a real reading, for reading is the articulation of the tongue for which one is rewarded. Allah (ﷻ) said:

َلما كسبت وعليها ما اكتسبت

‘A person gets reward for that (good) he / she has earned, and is punished for what (evil) he / she has earned’. (4) The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Indeed Allah ( سبحانه وتعالى) over looks one’s evil intentions’. (5) Allah (ﷻ) does not punish a person for the evil one thinks to do till one does it, so is the case with that which is good; a Muslim is not rewarded for it unless he does it. Rewards for good deeds are indeed granted if one does them physically or verbally such as reciting the Qur’ān. (6)

(1) “Badi’i’ As-San’i’” (vol. 1 / p. 110).
(2) Sūratul Qiyāmah (verse no. 16).
(3) See: “Al-’Athkār” (p. 10).
(4) Sūratul Baqar (verse no. 286).
(5) Authentic hadith, see: “Irwā’ Al-Gafl” (vol. 7 / p. 139) (no.2062).
An-Nawawī said: ‘As for the Ma’mūm and the Munfarid, they should recite Takbīr in a low voice that they could hear themselves-provided they have good hearing faculty and do not suffer from any hearing problems. This ruling encompasses also the act of reciting Qur’ān, Takbīr, Tasbīh in Rukū’, reciting Tashahhud, Taslim and Du’ā’ whether in obligatory or optional Salāt. One will not be rewarded for his/her Salāt till one recites all its ‘Athkār in a low voice that one could hear. As for those having hearing problems, they could raise their voices till they could hear themselves otherwise they will not be rewarded for their Salāt. This opinion is held by Ash-Shāfi‘ī and his followers. His followers recommended that a muslim may raise his voice till one and the one beside hear it, no more than that, as Ash-Shāfi‘ī stated in Al ‘Umm’. (1)

Ash-Shāfi‘ī followers stated that the one who temporarily became deaf should move his/ her tongue when reciting the ‘Athkār in Salāt according to one’s capacity. (2)

The Jumhūr held the opinion that a muslim doing Salāt should recite its ‘Athkār in a voice he/she could hear. Mālik followers, however, stated that it suffices a muslim to move his / her tongue with them. But the recommendation is to raise his/her voice -in order to bring closer different opinions. (3)

According to previous discussion, one realizes:

[2/18] The falsehood of the view that the one who spends the night at his friend’s house and wakes up at night in a state of Janābah is permitted to do Salāt without having to move his tongue at all in order to drive away suspicion. This view does not hold water.

This view is held by some Hanafīs such as Abū Yūsuf who permitted the traveler or the guest to do Salāt in a state of Janābah

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(1) Refer to: “Al-Majmū’” (vol. 3 / p. 295).
(2) See: “Fatāwā Ar - Ramīlī” (vol. 1 / p. 140) and “Hashiyat Al-Qalūbī” (vol. 1 / p. 143).
(3) Refer to: “Ad - Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 2 / p. 143).
with out having to do Gusl to drive away suspicion. Ibn ‘Abdīn said: ‘This view contradicts the soundest of the Mathhab approaches’. (1)

[19] Mistakes done during the Qiyām in Salāt:

Some muslims do many mistakes during their Qiyām [standing] before the hands of their Rabb; sometimes they abandon the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and his manner in performing Salāt, sometimes they indulge in improper acts believing them to be of the Sunnah or just out of their imitation to their fathers [or other people]!!

The following are some of these mistakes:

[1/19]* Abandoning rising hands when reciting Takbīratul Ichrām, doing Rukū‘ and raising from it.

Some muslims abandon the Sunnah of raising their hands when reciting Takbīratul Ichrām, when doing Rukū‘, when rising from it, and after the first Tashahhud. They may even raise their hands at improper times and positions such as: raising hands when reciting the Takbīrat of the Funeral Salāt, (2) and the Takbīrat recited in the Eid Salāt! (3)

Those who do such acts depend on false ahādīth or the misinterpretation of other authentic ones such as:

(a) The false hadīth that states: ‘whomever raises his hands in Salāt, his Salāt is invalid’. (4)

(1) See: “‘Uqūd Rasm Al-Muftī” (vol. 1 / p. 49) accompanied with “Majmū‘at Rasā’il Ibn ‘Abdīn”.
(2) See: “Ahkāmul Janā’iz wa Bida’uha” (p. 116) and “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 5 / p. 128).
(3) This will follow in details, in Shā‘ allāh, in chapter seven.
(4) Narrated by Al-Jawraqānī in “Al-‘Abātī” (vol. 2 / no. 12) traced back to the prophet (ﷺ). He said: ‘This is a false hadīth’, in its chain of narration there is Ma’mūn Ibn Ahmad who is a wicked, lying fabricator and impostor.
(b) Ibn ‘Umar’s statement: ‘Raising your hands in Salāt like this is by Allāh (ﷻ) Bid‘ah. Indeed the prophet (ﷺ) never exceeded in Salāt this level, pointing to his chest’. (1)

Besides being weak, this hadīth does not concern the problem under discussion. Ibn Hibbān said: ‘Some of those who have no Knowledge in the science of hadīth nor its ranks held that it is a Bid‘ah to raise one’s hands in Salāt when doing Rukū‘ and when rising from it. Ibn ‘Umar’s original statement states: ‘Raising your hands in Du‘ā’ to the level of your ears is Bid‘ah, the prophet (ﷺ) never exceeded this level’. Hammad Ibn Zaid - who related this hadīth - interpreted the words “this level” to mean “to the level of his (ﷺ) chest”. Then he [Hammād] continued the rest of the hadīth and then added: ‘The ‘Arabs use the word Salāt to mean Du‘ā; the word Salāt in Hammād’s narration refer to Du‘ā the thing which proves my view’. Then Ibn Hibban narrated from Al-Hasan Ibn Sufyān through a complete chain of narrators traced back to Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) to have said: ‘By Allāh, the prophet (ﷺ) never

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(1) Narrated by Al-Jawraqānī in “Al-‘Abātil” (vol. 2 / no. 20) and Ibn Al-Jawzī in “Al-‘Ilal” (vol. 1 / no. 429). They both considered the hadīth as a weak one because of Bishr Ibn Harb [one of the narrators] who is a weak narrator. Al-Jawraqānī said: ‘This is a false hadīth narrated only by Bisher Ibn Harb from Ibn ‘Umr’. He then added: ‘Yahyā Al-Qattān does not relate his ahādīth, so does Ibn Al-Madīnī, for they are traced back to reliable narrators only by him.Besides, Ibn Al-Ma’īn considered him a weak narrator’.

This hadīth was considered as a weak one- because of Bishr Ibn Harb - by: Ath-Thahābī in “Al-Mizān” (vol. 1 / p. 315), “Mukhtasār Al-‘Ilal” (p. 635), and in “Ahādīth Mukhtārāh” (no. 73) and by Ibn Tāhir in “Tathkiratul Mawdū‘” (p. 3).

Some scholars held it Bid‘ah to raise one’s hands when doing Rukū‘ and raising from it depending on the prophet’s hadīth that states: ‘why do you raise your hands as if they are the tails of undomesticated horses, keep clam in your Salāt’. This view was, however, refuted by Imām Al-Bukhārī who said: ‘This hadīth pertains to Tashahhud not doing Rukū‘ or raising from it. The Sahābah (ﷺ) used to raise their hands when reciting Tashahhud saluting each other. Seeing this, the prophet (ﷺ) ordered them not to do so. Consequently, this hadīth must not be used as an evidence -as some ignorants do- concerning the issue under discussion for raising one’s hands in Rukū‘ and rising from it something well - known amongst the ‘Ulamāh’. (p.110) . See: “Al-Majmū‘” (vol. 3 / p. 403) and “Nylul Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 201).
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raised his hands beyond the level of his chest when reciting Duʿāʾ. (1)

Ibn ‘Umar’s (ﷺ) narration supports Ibn Hibbān’s opinion. It states as follows: ‘Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) used to beging his Salāt with raising his hands to the level of his shoulders, and do the same when raising himself from Rukū’. (2)

This hadīth was narrated by nearly fifty of the Sahābah (ﷺ), ten of whom were those who had received the glad tidings of being guaranteed admission to paradise. (3)

Imām Al-Bukhārī said: Both Al-Hasan and Humaid Ibn Hilāl stated, ‘the prophet’s Sahābah (ﷺ) used to raise their hands [in Salāt], all of them…’. (4) It was never affirmed that the contemporary Ulama in Hijāz and Irāq - such as Al-Humaidī, Ibn Al-Madīnī, ibn Ma’in, Ahmad Ibn Hanbal and Ishāq Ibn Rahawaih - reported that the prophet (ﷺ) and his Sahābah abandoned raising their hands [In Salāt]. (5)

Ibn Al-Qayyim (卟) said: ‘Pay heed to the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner in doing his Salāt; raising his hands when doing Rukū’ and when rising from it. After his death, his Sahābah (ﷺ) followed his example earnestly that Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) even used to throw pebbles on those who do not raise their hands in Salāt. [These

(1) “Al-Majrūḥīn” (vol. 1 / p. 186).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vo. 2 / p. 218) (no. 735), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vo. 1 / p. 292) (no.390), Mālik in his “Muwatta” (vol. 1 / p. 75) (no. 16), Ahmad in Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 147), Ash-Shāfi’ī in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 72), Ad - Dārīmī in “As-Sunnah” (vol. 1 / p. 285), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnah” (no. 721), At-Tirmīzī in “Al-Jāmi” (vol. 2 / p. 122), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnah” (no. 858), And Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnah” (vol. 2 / p. 26) and added: ‘He (ﷺ) did his Salāt in that manner till he passed away’.
(3) For more details see: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 220), “Al-Majmū” (vol. 3 / p. 399), “Al-Hidayah Fi Takhirj Ahādith Al-Bidāyah” (vol. 3 / p. 106), “Jalā-ul ‘ Aynayn Bitakhrīj Riwayatul Bukhārī Fī Juz’ Ra‘ā‘ul Yadayn” (p. 16, …), “Al-Mawdū‘ät” by Ibn Al-Jawzi (vol. 2 / p. 98) who rejected this forged hadīth and related the narration that is traced back to the prophet (ﷺ) via several Sahābah who reported the prophet’s (ﷺ) raising his hands. See also: “Ibkār Al-Minan” (p. 102, …).
(4) Al-Bukhārī, “Juz’ Ra‘ā‘ul Yadayn” (p. 26, …).
(5) The previous reference (pp. 109- 10).
narrations report the prophet’s practice as if it was done before one’s eyes’. (1)

Al-Marwazi said: ‘All the ‘Ulamah -to the exclusion of those in Al-kūfah- in all muslim countries unanimously agreed upon the legality of raising one’s hands [in Salāt]’. (2)

Ash-Shāfiʿī said: ‘whoever gets to know the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth -concerning raising one’s hands in Salāt when reciting Takbīr, doing Rukūʿ and raising form it- must follow his example’. (3)

Abdul Mālik Ibn Sulaiman said: ‘I asked Saʿīd Ibn Jubair about the ruling of raising one’s hands in Salāt. He answered: ‘It is an act with which you beautifies your Salāt’. (4)

Al-Kashmīrī affirmed this Sunnah saying: ‘You should Know that raising one’s hands in Salāt is something that is Mutawātir verbally and practically; no part of this ruling has been abrogated’. (5)

Dear Muslim brother, follow your prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnan -which is a Mutawātirah as Ath-Thahabi expressed- earnestly and leave aside idle discussions, worthless arguments and futile disputes that may lead some ignorant to even kill the ‘Ulamah who preach it, as once has happened with Imām At-Tartūshī!!

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(1) Refer to: “I‘lāmul Muwaqqi’in” (vol. 2 / p. 376). Ibn ‘Umar’s statement was narrated by Al-Bukhari in “Juz’ Raf‘ul Yadain” (no. 15), Al-Humaidi in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 277), Ahmad as in “The Masā’il of his son” (p. 70), Ad-Daraqutnī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 289), Al-Hākim in “Ma‘rifat ‘Ulum Al-Hadīth” (p. 218), As-Sahmi in “Tārikh Jurjān” (p. 433) and “Manāqib Al-Imām Ahmad” (p. 83) by Ibn Al-Jawzi. The hadīth is authentic.

(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 219 - 20).

(3) Mentioned by As-Subki in “Tabaqātush Shāfi’iyyah Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 100) in the biography of “Abū Ibrāhīm Ismā‘īl Ibn Yahyā Al-Muzani”.

(4) Related by Al-Bukhari in “Juz’ Raf‘ul Yadain” (no. 39) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 75). Its chain of narrators is authentic, as An-Nawawī said in “Al-Majmū‘” (vol. 3 / p. 405).

(5) “Faidul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 255) and “Naylul Farqadain” (p. 22).

(6) Refer to: “Siyar A’lāmun Nubalā’” (vol. 5 / p. 293).
Ibn Al-’Arabī Al-Mālikī said: ‘I once invited Shaikh Abū Bakr Al-Fihrī in Muharras Ibn Ash-Shawwa’ at Ath-Thagr. Abū Bakr was of those eminent Shaikhs who earnestly followed the prophet’s example in raising his hands in Salāt. He arrived at the Thagr where I teach. The Shaikh entered the mosque and stood in the first row. And I was standing at its end near a window looking over the sea to enjoy the breeze. In the same row, there were the chief of the sea crew Abū Thamnah, his deputy and some members of the crew waiting for the Imam to lead them in the Salāt. During his [Nāfilah] Salāt, the Sahikh raised his hands when doing Rukū‘ and when raising from it. Abū Thamnah addressed his companions: ‘Do you see what this eastern done?! Go and Kill him and throw his body in the sea and let no one see you’. Hearing this, I felt that my heart jumped into my throat and said to them: ‘Subhāna Allāh, this is the great Faqīh of our time, At-Turtūshī’.

They asked: ‘Why does he raise his hands then?’

I said: ‘This is the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and Imam Mālik’s Mathhab as is narrated by the scholars of Madīnah(∗). Then I tried to keep them calm and quiet till the Shaikh finished his Salāt. We, then, returned back to the residence at the Muharris. The Shaikh noticed my anger and inquired about the reason. I told him the whole thing. He, then, laughed and said: ‘Indeed, I wish to be killed following the Sunnah’.

I said: ‘You should not do this; you are in a town where if you follow this Sunnah you will be killed’. He then said: ‘leave aside this idle talk and lets discuss something more useful’.(1)

The Sunnah is to raise hands in Salāt without clinching fingers. The prophet (ﷺ) used to raise them to the level of his shoulders or to the level of his ear lobes simultaneously with reciting Takbīr,

(∗) Ibn Abdil Hakam said: ‘Ibn Al-Qāsim was the only one to relate from Mālik that he used not to raise his hands in Salāt. We believe in the opposite’. See: “Al-Qawānīn Al-Fiqhiyyah” (p. 64).

(1) “Ahkāmul Qur‘ān” (vol. 4 / p. 1900). It was also mentioned by Al-Qurtubi in “At-Tafsīr” (vol. 19 / p. 279) and Ash-Shātibī in “Al-I’tisām” (vol. 1 / p. 295).
before, or after it. Accordingly, one must not raise his hands in such a way as if he is calling unto Allah (ﷻ).

[2/19] Letting hands down, not on the chest or below it above the navel:

Sahl Ibn Sa’d said: ‘People were ordered [at the time of the prophet (ﷺ)] to put their right arms on their left in Salāt’. (2)

Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) said that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘We prophets were ordered [by Allāh (ﷺ)] to take our Suhūr very late at night, have breakfast [in Ramadān] at the early time of sunset, and to put our right hands on our left in Salāt’. (3)

The afore mentioned ahādīth show clearly that: (1) it is of the prophet’s (ﷺ) guidance to put the right hand on the left one in Salāt, and (2) whoever does not do so has committed a mistake. (4)

Ibn Abdil barr stated that ‘this is a unanimously agreed upon ruling amongst the ‘Ulamah taken from the prophet (ﷺ). It was also practiced by all the Sahābah and Tābi‘īn. Imām Mālik stated it in his “Muwatta’” as mentioned by Ibn Al-Munthir and others. Ibn Al-Qāsim reported that Mālik also held the opposite opinion and so did most of his followers, and that he [i.e. Imām Mālik] differentiated between the obligatory Salāt and the optional one. (5) Some of Mālik’s followers considered putting the right hand on the left in Salāt as detested when a muslim does it only to seek rest for his hands, as Ibn Al-Hājib explained. (6)

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(1) Refer to: “Zādul Ma‘ād” (vol.1 /p.202), (vol.1 /p.256), “Sharh An-Nawawi” (vol.4 /p.95), “Tāmamul Minnah” (p.173) and “Sifāt Salātun Naby” (pp.77-8). Hands should be raised facing the direction of the Qiblah as agreed upon amongst scholars. This was mentioned by Al-Halabi in “Sharh Munyatul Musalli” (p.300).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 224) (no. 740), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / no. 336) and Mālik in “Al-Muwatta” (vol. 1 / p. 159 / no. 47).
(5) In his “Bidāyatul Mujtahid”, Ibn Rushd reported this opinion only suggesting it to be Mālik’s Mathhab -as he believes.
(6) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 224) and “Naylul ‘Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 201).
Mālik’s followers also held the opinion that it is an optional Sunnah to put one’s right hand on the left in obligatory and optional Salāt, and that it is the soundest of opinions for people were ordered to do so during the prophet’s (ﷺ) time. (1)

Late Mālikī scholars held that it is recommended that the one doing optional or obligatory Salāt put his right hand on his left anywhere below the chest and above the navel be it for the sake of following Sunnah or for no certain purpose. In case one does this act for the purpose of seeking rest for his hands, it is then considered a detested act.

Al-Bājī, who is one of the mālikī eminent scholars, said: ‘Mālik’s opinion, regarding the detestation of putting one’s right hand on his left in Salāt, is intended to drive away the idea that some muslims may think of that such an act is one of the Salāt’s articles without which Salāt is rendered invalid’.

Reflecting on the previously mentioned opinions, one becomes certain that (1) all the ‘Ulamah agree upon putting one’s right hand on the left when doing Salāt, not letting then down, and (2) Imām Mālik’s opinion regarding letting hands down in Salāt, if it were proved to be authentic, was only intended to fight an illegal act which is seeking rest for the hands or believing that such an act is one of the Salāt’s articles. Some scholars, actually, misinterpreted Imām Mālik’s statement which is stated in “Al-Mudawwanah”, a misinterpretation which actually contradicts the other one stated in “Al-Muwatta” which affirms plainly the legality of putting one’s right hand on the left in Salāt. This very point was displayed in details by many mālikī ‘Ulamah and others in their compilations which are over thirty. (*)

Accordingly, … we earnestly urge our mālikī brothers to follow our prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and join other muslims in their manner of doing Salāt. (2)

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(1) See: “At-Tāju wal ’Ikīl” (vol. 1 / p. 536) and “Al-Qawānīn Al-Fiqhiyyah” (p. 65).
(*) See: ‘At-Ta’ālum wa ’Atharuhu ‘Alāl Fikr wal Kitāb” (pp. 90-100).
(2) See: “Mālā yajūzu Fihī Al-Khilāf Bainal Muslimīn” (pp. 48-9).
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It is of Sunnah also to put both hands on the chest as reported in Wā’il’s Ibn Hujr narration; he said: ‘I decided to watch the prophet’s manner in doing Salāt carefully. He (ﷺ) first stood up and said Takbīratul Ihrām, raising his hands to the level of his ear lobes. Then he (ﷺ) put his right hand on the dorsum of his left hand, the wrist and the arm’. (1) That is, he (ﷺ) put all his right hand on his left hand’s dorsum, wrist and arm. (2)

It was also affirmed that he (ﷺ) used, sometimes, to take hold of his left hand with his right one. (3)

The hadith affirms that it is of Sunnah to grasp the left hand with the right one, so is putting the right hand on the left. Joining between the two ways is, however; improper, i.e. putting and grasping, that is to put the right hand on the left seizing it with the thumb and the little finger letting he other three fingers spread- as is mentioned in some late scholars’ books. (4)

The afore mentioned two ahādīth affirm that putting the hands on the chest is the Sunnah, and all narrations that indicated the opposite are either weak or fabricated ones. (5)

Imām Ishāq Ibn Rahawaih followed this Sunnah earnestly as Al-Marwazi reported in his “Masā’il”: ‘Ishāq used to lead us in the Witr Salāt.. raising his hands in the Qunūt Du‘ā’’, which he used to

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(1) Narrated by Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 243) (no. 480), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / no. 98), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnah” (vol. 1 / no. 193)
Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol.4 / p.318), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnah, (vol.1 / no. 266)
Ad-Dānimī in “As-Sunnah” (vol. 1 / p. 314), Ibn Al-Jārūd in “Al-Muntaqā” (no. 208)
At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 89) and Ad - Dāraqutnī in “As-Sunnah” (vol. 1 / no. 290). The hadith’s chain of narrators is true, it was also authenticated by Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahīh” (no. 485), so did An-Nawawī and Ibn Al-Qayyim. See: “Irwā’ul Gafl” (vol. 2 / p. 69).
(2) See: “Naylul ‘Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 200)
(3) See: “Sifat Salatun Naby” (p. 79).
(4) Such as: “Hāshiat Ibn ‘Abdīn” (vol. 1 / p. 454).
(5) As narrated in “Sunnan Abī Dāwūd” from ‘Allī (rad) to have said: ‘It is of Sunnah to put the right hand on the left one is Salāt below the navel’. In this ‘Athār’s chain of narrators, there is Abdur Rahman Ibn Ishāq Al-Kūfī whom Ahmad Ibn Hanbal considered as a weak narrator. Al-Bukhārī said: ‘There is some doubt in its chain of narrators’. See: “Naylul ‘Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 203) and “Ibkārul Minan” (p. 116, …).
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recite before Rukū’. He used to put his hands on his chest or below it a little bit’. (1)

Abdullāh Ibn Ahmad reported nearly the same in his “Masā’il”(2) saying: ‘I saw my father putting his hands one on the other above the navel in Salāt’. (3)

The eminent Shaikh Ibn Amir Al-Hāj, who absorbed from his Shaikh Ibn Al-Humām his deep documentation and broad knowledge, said in “Sharhul Munyah”: ‘It is an affirmed Sunnah to put one’s right hand on the left one. There is no authentic narration that displays the place on which they should be put except the one related by Wā’il. Ibn Nujaim reported the same in his “Al-Bahrur Rā’iq” quoting from “Fathul Gafūr”. (4)

Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘Wā’il’s narration is the most authentic one regarding this issue. And it is compatible with Alī’s and Ibn ‘Abbās’ interpretation for the word “sacrifice” Allāh’s verse:

‘Therefore turn in prayer to your Rabb and sacrifice in (to Him only)’ to mean putting one’s right hand on one’s left both on one’s upper chest [for the word in Arabic can serve both meanings to sacrifice and one’s upper chest]’. (5)

The rationale behind such a manner is to show humbleness and submission to Allāh (￼), and it also helps a muslim have full concentration in his Salāt. Some scholars said that it is a symbol of valuing niyyah for a person usually grips the thing he/ she values most with his two hands; in our case it is the heart where the niyyah lies. (6) However, one should not place his hands on his heart believing that this would bring more submission. This, indeed, contradicts the prophet’s (￼) Sunnah.

(1) “Al-Masā’il” (p. 222).
(2) “Al-Masā’il” (p. 62).
(3) See: “Sifat Salātun Naby” (pp. 79 - 80). “Above the navel” means on the chest, as stated in “Ibkārul Minan” (p. 116).
(4) See: “IbKārul Minan Fi Tanqīd ‘Āthārus Sunnan” (p. 106).
(5) “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 1 / p. 204).
(6) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / 224).
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* Abandoning Du‘ā’ul Istiftāh and the Isti’āthah before reciting Fātiḥah:

It is indeed recommended for the one doing Salāt to begin his Salāt with [Takbīr followed by] reciting Du‘ā’ul Istiftāh and then Isti’āthah.

The Isti’āthah should preferably be recited in each Rak’ah complying with the general order in Allāh’s (ﷻ) verse:

»فَإِذَا قُرِæاَتُ الْقُرآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللهِ مِن الشِّيَاطِينِ الرَّجِيمِ«

‘when you want to recite the Qur’ān, seek refuge with Allāh from shaitān the out cast [i.e. by reciting Isti’āthah].’ (1)

This is the soundest of Ash-Shāfī‘ī opinions and is preponderated by Ibn hazm. (2)

[3/19] Repeating Fātiḥah more than once:

Repeating Al-Fātiḥah -or any part of it- more than once [in each Rak’ah] is detested for this was not the prophet’s (ﷺ) guidance nor his Sahābah (ﷺ). This opinion is held by the Jumhūrul ‘Ulamah and the four eminent Imāms. The ‘Ulamah, however, held opposite opinions as to whether repeating Al-Fātiḥah more than once renders one’s Salāt invalid; there is no authentic proof that supports the opinion that says it does, which is held by some of the Hanbalī followers. Al-Hanafī and Ash-Shāfī‘ī followers held that the doer of such an act should do the prostration of forgetfulness if one does such an act out of forgetfulness or intentionally as the Shāfī‘ī followers held.

According to the Hanafī followers, Salāt should be repeated to wipe out the sin incurred upon oneself due to repeating Fātiḥah intentionally. Mālikī followers considered such an act as Harām but one’s Salāt is not rendered null and void if it was done intentionally. However, they held that one should do the prostration

(1) Sūratun Nahl (verse no. 98).
(2) See: “Al-Majmū‘“ (vol. 3 / p. 323) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 176 -7).
of forgetfulness if it was done out of forgetfulness. There opinion seems to be the soundest of all. (1)

[4/19] Raising one’s eyesight up wards or else where except the place of prostration:

One of muslims’ mistakes when doing Salāt is raising one’s eyesight towards the sky, the Imām, to the left or the right, the thing which paves the way for waswasah and Sahwu to take place. A muslim is ordered [by the prophet (ﷺ)] to lower his/her gaze downwards to the prostration spot, except in Tashahhud in which case one’s eyesight should be directed to one’s [right] index finger only. It was affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) never moved his eye sight beyond his index finger. (3)

Al-‘Izz Ibn Abdis Salām was asked about those who believe that ‘the one doing Salāt should direct his eyesight toward his feet when doing Rukū‘, to his nose when doing Sujūd and to his lap in the sitting posture’, is their opinion supported by any hadīth, ‘Athar or even a rationale?'

He answered [as reported] in his Fatāwā (p. 68): ‘This is not true; their opinion is not based on any kind of evidence whether from the Qur’ān or Sunnah. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best’.

[Proofs from the Sunnah]:

(1) ‘Aishah said: ‘I asked the prophet (ﷺ) about the Hukm of looking here and there in Salāt. He (ﷺ) said: ‘This is the portion which Shaitān steals from one’s Salāt’. (4)
(2) ‘Anas (ﷺ) said: the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘what is the matter with those who raise their eyesight towards the sky in their Salāt, then he (ﷺ) spoke angrily saying: ‘Unless they stop doing such an act, their eyesight will be taken away form them’. (1)

(3) Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Unless those who raise their eyesights towards the sky when reciting Du‘ā’ in their Salāt stop doing such a thing, their eye sight will be taken away from them’. (2)

(4) Jābir Ibn Samurah (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Unless those raising their eye sights in Salāt towards the sky stop doing such an act, their eye sights will never be returned back to them’. (3)

The aforementioned ahādīth state clearly the grave threat addressed against those who raise their eyesight towards the sky in Salāt; accordingly, all the ‘Ulamah agreed on the prohibition of such an act. (4)

It is also detested for a muslim to look here and there in Salāt for no need, (5) as stated in the first hadīth, for this is from Shaitān who causes a muslim to be distracted form his Salāt. Such an act was refered to [in the hadīth] as “stealing” for Shaitān snaps a portion of a muslim’s Salāt so easily with out facing any sign of

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(1) Narrated by Al-Bukahri in the “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / no. 233), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / no. 7), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / no. 240) Ibn Mā-jah in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / no. 332) and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3, no. 109, 112, 115, 116, 140, 258).
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / no. 321), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / no. 39), and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / no. 367).
(3) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / no. 321), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / no. 240), Ibn Mā-jah in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / no. 332) and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / no. 90).
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defense form the part of the prayer. When a muslim looks here and there in his Salāt, Shaitān seizes this chance at once and steals some of the muslim’s attention lest he be fully given to his Rabb.\(^{(1)}\)

Such an act does not, however, nullify one’s Salāt except when one turns his back to the Qiblah, as Ibn Abdil Barr stated; he said: ‘The Jumhūr agreed that looking here and there does not render one’s Salāt null and void provided that it is slight’.

It is also detested for a muslim to perform his Salāt towards that which may distract one’s attention from Salāt or in a place full of pictures or even on a carpet attractively decorated, as was mentioned previously. This all distracts a muslim’s attention from being fully given to Salāt or fully directed towards the Qiblah.

[5/19] Closing one’s eyes in Salāt:

Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘Closing one’s eyes in Salāt is not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. It is proved that he (ﷺ) used to direct his eyesight towards his index finger when reciting Tashahhud nowhere else’.\(^{(2)}\)

Al-Fairūza’bādī said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to open his blessed eyes in Salāt; and never closed them as some “worshippers” do these days’.\(^{(3)}\)

Many ahādīth indicate that which Al-Fairūz’abādī affirmed such as: he (ﷺ) once stretched his hand -during doing Salāt Al-Kusūf- to pick grapes from Jannah which was presented for him, he (ﷺ) also once saw Hell-fire and the woman who was being tortured in it because of causing death to a cat, he (ﷺ) once walked towards his Sutra because there was an animal trying to pass in front of him, he (ﷺ) also pushed away a boy and a little girl who were trying to pass in front of him, he (ﷺ) used to return Salām to those greeting him using his hand, he (ﷺ) once saw Shaitān in his Salāt [trying to

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\(^{(1)}\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 235).
\(^{(2)}\) This was previously fully narrated.
\(^{(3)}\) “Sifrus Sa’ādah” (p. 20).
distract his attention] and he (ﷺ) strangulated him. All these ahādīth affirm that he (ﷺ) used to keep his eyes open in his Salāt.

The ‘Ulamah differed amongst themselves regarding the ruling of this act in Salāt; Imām Ahmad and others considered it a detested act for this was the act of the Jews, others considered it as something permissible for it helps a muslim be fully transcend into serenity which is the soul of the Salāt.

The soundest of all opinions is that one should open one’s eyes in Salāt, provided that this does not distract one’s attention from it.

Closing eyes in Salāt is however, recommended in case one is unable to be fully given to Salāt due to some decorations or distractors in front of him. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best. (1)

[6/19] Moving a lot in Salāt:

Moving a lot in Salāt without dire necessity deprives one from gaining the full reward for it. Some examples of such movements are the following: interlocking fingers, playing with one’s nails, moving feet a lot, adjusting the turban or the hat, looking at the watch, … etc.

‘Indeed, being fully given to Salāt is its soul and essence to which every muslim should pay much attention. Some scholars held that a muslim is permitted to only move three times; this opinion is, however, based on no authentic proof traced back to the prophet (ﷺ), it is only a mere mental deduction of some ‘Ulamah. Moving a lot in Salāt is detested such as: scratching the nose, playing with one’s beard or clothes… etc, they could even render one’s Salāt as void of its rewards.

Little movement does not, however, nullify one’s Salāt although every muslim is urged to keep calm in Salāt in order to get its full reward’. (2)

(1) See: “Zādul Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 294), Al-Fatāwā (p. 147) by Al-‘Īz Ibn Abdis Salām, and “Sifrus Sa‘ādah” (p. 20).
(2) “Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Bāz (vol. 1 / p. 87).
This is indeed supported by the prophet’s *hadith* which he addressed to his *Sahābah* seeing them moving in *Salāt* purposelessly, he (ﷺ) said: ‘*why do you raise your hands in Salāt as restless horses do with their tails?! Keep calm in your Salāt*’.\(^{(1)}\) Accordingly, it is a mistake to hold the Mushaf following the Imām while the latter is reciting Qur’ān to check his recitation though some of those who hold the Mushaf could blearly read.

It is worth mentioning here that the *hadith* that is related by a wide sector of muslims which states that the prophet (ﷺ) said - regarding the person who was playing with his beard in *Salāt*: ‘*Were this person’s heart fully given to Salāt, he would have kept calm in it*’; this *hadith* is a forged one.

Having narrated it in his “Al-Jāmi ‘us Sagīr” (vol. 5 / no. 319) from Al-Hākim, As-Suyūtī, stated that it is weak.

Al-Manāwī said: ‘Az-Zain Al-’Irāqī stated in “Sharh At-Tirmīthī” that in this *hadith*’s chain of narrators there is Sulaimān Ibn ‘Amru -Abū Dāwūd An-Nakḥī- whom all scholars considered as a weak narrator. This ‘*Athar* is traced back to be a saying of Ibn Al-Musayyab.

Ibn Qudāmah stated in “Al-Mugnī” the same and said that it is traced back to Sa‘īd Ibn Al-Musayyab.

In his “Musannaf”, Ibn Abī Shaibah narrated it and in its chain of narrators there is an unknown man, his son said:

‘In its chain of narration there is Sulaimān Ibn ‘Amru who is a weak narrator as agreed upon amongst scholars’. Az-Zayla’ī reported nearly the same from Ibn ‘Adī who reported that scholars agreed that Sulaiman is a fabricator of *ahādīth*’.\(^{(2)}\)

I believe that this narration is traced back to Sa‘īd -as Ibn Al-Mubarak stated in “Az-Zuhd”- from an unknown narrator; accordingly, the *hadith* is considered a forged one if traced back to

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 430), Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1544), An-Nasā’ī in “Al Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 72).

\(^{(2)}\) “Faidul Qadīr” (vol. 5 / p. 319).
the prophet (ﷺ) and weak -or even *Maqtū*[disconnected] if traced back to Sa’īd. (1)

Reciting *Al-Fātiḥah* so quickly in *Salāt* is another mistake some *muslims* commit in their *Qiyām*. Some may not even utter its letters fully, ignoring all the phonetic rules of recitation.

This will be discussed in details when dealing with the congregational *Salāt, Inshā’ allāh*.

**[20] Mistakes done in Rukū‘ and when raising from it:**

Some *muslims* commit mistakes when doing *Rukū‘* and when raising form it; some of these mistakes are of the ‘*Arkān* and others are of the *wājibāt*. The following are some of these mistakes.

**[1/20] Delaying reciting the ‘*Athkār*:**

According to the *Jumhūr*, it is detested that a *muslim* defer reciting the affirmed ‘*Athkār* when moving from one *Rukn* to the other in *Salāt* such as: reciting *Takbīr* for *Rukū‘*, or saying ‘*Sami’llāh liman Hamidah*’ [Allāh (ﷻ) hears whoever thanks him] after totally raising one self from it. The *Jumhūr* held that the *Sunnah* is to recite the ‘*Athkār* in their proper places; for example, a *muslim* must start reciting the *Thikr* then do the *Rukū‘* or *Sujūd* immediately afterwards. (2)

The *Mālikī* followers considered the act of deferring the recitation of ‘*Athkār* [from their proper positions] as unrecommended.

Accordingly, a *muslim* must not ignore reciting the *Takbīrāt* when doing *Salāt* or recite them in their improper positions.

According to the *Hanābilah*, ignoring the ‘*Athkār* in *Salāt* intentionally renders one’s *Salāt* as null and void, and if it is done out of forgetfulness one must do *Sujūd As-Sahw* for reciting these ‘*Athkār* in their proper positions is an obligation in *Salāt*. (3)

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(1) See: “Silsilatul Ahādīth Ad - Da‘ifah Wal Mawdū’ah” (no. 110).
(2) The proofs are mentioned in point no. [3 / 37].
This is the soundest of all opinions for the prophet (ﷺ) ordered the Sahābī - who misperformed his Salāt - to recite the Takbūrāt, as was narrated by Abī Dāwūd and others through a chain of narrators traced back to Rufā‘ah Ibn Rāfi‘. (1) Besides, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Perform your Salāt as you have seen me performing it’. This is a general order that encompasses all the deeds done in Salāt.

In “Naylul Awtār” (2) and “As-Saylul Jarrār”, (3) Imām Ash-Shawkānī affirmed that all the orders stated in the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth - concerning the Sahābī who misperformed his Salāt - are all obligatory acts that any muslim must observe in his Salāt. He also stated in “An-Nayl” that the Takbūrāt are affirmed in some narrations [traced back to the prophets(ﷺ)] but he forgot to mention them in his “As-Sayl” and consequently included them (vol. 1 / pp. 227 - 8) with the Sunnan!! Subhānā Allāh (ﷺ) who never forgets nor errs.

Imām Ahmad is one of those Imāms who considered these Takbūrāt as obligatory acts in Salāt as reported by An-Nawawī in his “Al-Majmū’”. (4) The later held an opposite view to that of Imām Ahmad using as an evidence the generality of the prophet’s order stated in the former hadīth but not encompassing all the narrations of the hadīth regarding the Sahābī who misperformed his Salāt.

An-Nawawī said: ‘The hadīth concerning the Sahābī who misperformed his Salāt refutes Ahmad’s view [that states the obligation of reciting Takbūrāt in Salāt]. The prophet (ﷺ) did not order that Sahābī to recite the Takbūrāt in Salāt save Takbūratul

(1) See: “Sunna Abī Dāwūd” (vol. 1 / p. 227).
(2) (vol. 2 / pp. 222 - 4).
(3) (vol. 1 / pp. 210- 213). Ibn Daqīq ‘Ilid reported the same from Ash-Shawkānī; he said: ‘We need first to gather all the narrations of this hadīth [concerning the Sahābī whom the prophet (ﷺ) taught the proper way of doing Salāt] and recognize all these acts mentioned in them all. If a stronger proof contradicted one of these narrations we put the stronger one under application. And if another narration stated another order which is not mentioned in this hadīth, it should be accepted and applied’. Ibn Daqīq Al-‘Ilid said -prior to the aforementioned statements: ‘Any act about which the Fuqahā disagreed regarding being an obligatory act or not, we should consider it to be obligatory provided that it is mentioned in the hadīth’. (4) (vol. 3 / p. 397) related by Ibn Hajar in “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 270).
Ihrām’!! An-Nawawī had been inattentive to Abū Dāwūd’s and others’ narrations. (1)

The Takbīrāt were clearly stated in many ahādīth such as the one narrated by Abū Hurairah (ﷺ): he said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to begin his Šalāt with Takbīr, [recite Qur’ān] then say Takbīr when bowing and then raise himself from bowing saying `Rabbana lakal Hamd` -in another narration- `Rabbana walakal Hamd` -then recite Takbīr when going down to Sujūd [prostration] and another one when rising from it, and do the same in the second prostration. He (ﷺ) used to do this in all his Šalāt. In the four Rak‘ah Šalāt, he (ﷺ) used to recite Takbīr when standing to do the third Rak‘ah. (2)

The rationale that stands behind such an act [i.e. reciting the Takbīrāt] is to attract the muslim’s attention that Allāh (ﷻ) is greater than any of his creatures and His ‘Ilm and power encompass all his creation; consequently, a muslim must be fully occupied with Šalāt and his heart be fully given to it with deep submission to his Rabb seeking His pleasure. (3)

[2/20] Another similar mistake many muslims commit in their Šalāt is the abandonment of the Thikr which should be recited when rising from Rukū‘.

Having related the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states that the prophet (ﷺ) used to say -when rising from Rukū‘“Sami‘ Allāhu Liman Hamidah” and when completely stands from Rukū‘ “Rabbana walakal Hamd”, and after relating the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which says: ‘Perform your Šalāt as you have seen me performing it’, An-Nawawī said: ‘This entails that every muslim should say both statements [in both positions], whether one is an Imām or a Ma’mūm, just like the Thikr recited in Rukū‘ and other ‘Athkār [recited in Šalāt]. The soul of Šalāt is indeed to mention Allāh (ﷻ) in every position and with every movement. Those who

(1) See: Tamāmul Minnah (pp. 186- 7).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in the “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 272) (no. 789).
(3) Shaikh Ibn Bāz’s commentary on “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 270).
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neglect any of these Athkār has caused one of these positions to be empty of remembering Allāh (ﷻ).

As for the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘when he [i.e. the Imām] says: “Sami‘allāhu Liman Hamidah”, you [ma‘mūmin] should say, “Rabbanā walakal Hamd”, the Shāfi‘iyyah interpreted it to mean ‘you should say ‘Rabbana Walakal Hamd’ after reciting that which you have already been taught, i.e. ‘Sami‘allāhu Liman Hamidha’. The prophet (ﷺ) attracted the Sahābah’s attention to the later statement [‘Rabbana Walakal Hamd’] because he (ﷺ) used to recite it secretly in Salāt unlike the former [i.e. Sami‘allāhu Liman Hamidah] which he (ﷺ) used to recite loudly for all the Ma‘mūmin to hear.

Indeed, the Sahābah deeply comprehended the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states, ‘Perform your Salāt as you have seen me performing it’, and keenly applied the general order of taking him (ﷺ) as their model.

They followed the prophet (ﷺ) in reciting ‘Sami‘allāhu Liman Hamidah’, since they could easily hear him doing so, and were ordered to recite ‘Rabbana Walakal Hamad’ for it was recited secretly, so there was a need to attract their attention to it. Allāh knows best’. (1)

It is crystal clear that Abū Hurairah’s (าะ) narration states the two statements; one recited when rising from Rukū’ and the other recited when fully standing from it.

If a ma‘mūm does not recite the first statement when rising from Rukū’, he will resort to the second one as the majority, of muslims do; as soon as the Imām says, ‘Sami‘allāh Liman Hamidah’ the ma‘mūmin says, ‘Rabbana Walakal Hamad’ while raising from Rukū’ the thing which totally contradicts the Sunnah. In case a mamūm says, ‘Rabbana Walakal Hamad’ after totally rising from Rukū’ so as to avoid doing the aforementioned mistake, he would fall in another one which is doing a part of Salāt [i.e. rising from Rukū’] empty of any remembrance. (2)

(2) “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 190- 1).
The lack of quiescence in Rukū‘ and when rising from it:

Zaid Ibn Wahb related that Huthaifah once saw a man [doing Salāt] performing his Rukū‘ and Sujūd so fast. He [Huthaifah] said to him, ‘You have not performed Salāt, and if you died on such a state, you would die on a state opposite to the pure Fitrah with which Allāh (谴) sent Muhammad (ﷺ).’

This ‘Athar indicates the obligation of being in a state of quiescence in both Rukū‘ and Sujūd, the lack of which renders one’s Salāt invalid. This event resembles that which happened at the time of the prophet (ﷺ) and was related by Abū Hurairah (ﷺ); he (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) entered the mosque and then a man followed him and performed Salāt. Having done the Salāt, the man came to the prophet (ﷺ) and greeted him. The prophet (ﷺ) returned the greeting and said, ‘Go back and perform Salāt again, for indeed you have not performed Salāt [in such a manner]’. He (ﷺ) said this three times [after each of which the man repeated his Salāt in the same manner he did before]. The man then said: ‘By him who sent you with the Truth, I can’t do better than that. Teach me [how to perform Salāt properly].

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / pp. 274 - 5) (no. 791). Ahmad’s narration states as follows, ‘How long have you been observing Salāt? The man answered: ‘For forty years’. Considering the apparent meaning of the words in this narration, one seems to doubt it; that is why Al-Bukhārī hadn’t mentioned it in his “Sahīh”. Huthaifah died in 36 H; accordingly, the man should have begun observing Salāt 4 years or more prior to Hijrah and Salāt had not been imposed on Muslims yet. The words “For forty years” may carry a figurative meaning that suggests exaggeration, as Al-Hāfith inferred in his “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 275).

I actually heard many Khutābā’ and those who preach mention this narration [of Ahmad] frequently with a little difference. They say, ‘Huthaifah asked the man: How long have you been observing Salāt? The man said: ‘For sixty years’. Huthaifah then said: ‘Indeed you have not observed [the proper] Salāt for sixty years’.

The number mentioned in this narration is an avowed falsehood, for it entails that this man has been observing Salāt even before the prophet (ﷺ) was sent with the message of İslām.

Accordingly, you should - dear Muslim brother - be alert of such narrations. For more details see: “At-Ta’ālum” by Bakr Abū Zeid (pp. 70-1).
The prophet (ﷺ) then said: ‘When you want to perform Salāt, do wudū’ perfectly, then stand to the direction of the Qiblah and recite Tākbīr. Then recite from the Qur’ān that which is easy for you. Then do Rukū‘ till you achieve quiescence in it, then rise from it completely, then kneel down and do Sujūd till you feel calm, then rise from it till you sit completely, then do another Sujūd till you feel calm. Follow these steps in all your Salāt’. (1)

This hadīth indicates the obligation of being in a state of quiescence in Salāt; whoever is not, has indeed failed to apply the prophet’s (ﷺ) order and Salāt remains as a debt on his account. Pay heed to the prophet’s (ﷺ) order to be in a state of quiescence in Rukū‘ and when rising from it. It is not enough just to raise oneself from Rukū‘ but to stand completely after wards. (2)

Unfortunately, many muslims fall in this mistake especially when doing supererogatory Salāt. Regarding this, Al-Qurtubī said: ‘A muslim should perform his Salāt properly and perfectly be it an obligatory or optional one. The optional Salāt would be an extra good deed that brings a muslim nearer to Allāh (ﷻ) as is narrated in the Qudsī hadīth that states: ‘My slave keeps coming nearer to Me by doing optional acts of worship till I love him…’.

The obligation of being in a state of quiescence in Salāt applies also to the optional Salāt especially when it is needed to compensate for the defects found in the obligatory one.

Those who fail to perform the obligatory Salāt properly, would surely fail to perform the optional one properly too.

Unfortunately, many people -even those well known by their performance of supererogatory acts of worship- fail to perform the optional Salāt properly due to their ignorance of its importance as if it is not of the acts for doing which one gains rewards!!

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in the “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / pp. 237, 276) (no. 757), (793), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 397), Abū Dāwūd in the “Sunnan” (no. 856), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 303), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 124) and Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1060).
(2) See: “As- Salātu Wa hukmu Tārikhā” (pp. 138- 9).
Chapter Three

The ‘Ulamah held that the Rukū’, Sujūd, rising from Rukū’ and sitting between the two Sujuds are all done perfectly when they are done properly.

This obligation is born out from the soundest and most authentic ahādīth, and upon which all of the ‘Ulamah agreed’. (1)

The following are some of the ahādīth that affirm the obligation of rising completely from Rukū’:

(a) Abū Mas’ūd Al-Badri (ﷺ) said: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘A muslims’s Salāt is not correct unless he stands after Rukū‘ and sits after Sujūd with his back upright’. (2)

This hadīth states clearly that rising from Rukū’ and Sujūd till one’s back is straight is an obligation [Rukn] in Salāt without which Salāt is rendered invalid. (3)

(b) Abū Qatādah narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘The worst of those who steal are those who steal from their own Salāt by doing its Rukū‘ and Sujūd improperly; they are not fully occupied with it’. [In another narration], he (ﷺ) said: ‘…their backs are not stretched straight in Rukū‘ and Sujūd’. (4)

Indeed those who steal from their religion are the worst of thieves.(5)

(c) Abdur Rahman Ibn Shibl said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) forbade [us from] the pecking of the crow [in Salāt], the spreading of [one’s] arms on the ground [in Sujūd] like lions do and from

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(1) “Tasfir Al-Qurtubi” (vol. 11 / pp. 124 - 125) and “At-Tathkirah” (p. 338).
(2) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musanad” (vol. 4 / p. 122), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 855), At-Tirmīzī in “Al-Jāmi’ ” (no. 265), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 870), and Ibn Hibban in his “Sahīh” (no. 501). See: “Sahīh Al-Jāmi’ As-Sagīr” (no. 7224), (7225) and “Mishkāt Al-Masābīh” (no. 878).
(3) “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tarikikhā” (p. 142).
(4) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / p. 310) and was authenticated by Al-Hākim and so did Ath - Thahabī, it is indeed authentic. See: “Sahīh Al-Jāmi’ As-Sagīr” (no. 966), (no. 986), “Mishkātul Masābīh” (no. 885) and “Sahīh At-Targīb waṭ Tarhīb” (no. 525)
(5) “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārikihā” (p. 145).
assigning a certain place in the mosque [in which one does his Salāt] the same way camels stick to their resting places’. (1)

(d) ‘Alā’ Ibn Abdir Rahman once called on ‘Anas Ibn Mālik at his home in Al-Basrah after the former performed Thuhr Salāt in the mosque. ‘Alā’ said: ‘Having entered ‘Anas’ home, he asked us whether we had performed ‘Asr Salāt’.

We answered: ‘we have just come back from the Thuhr Salāt’.

Then he ordered us to perform ‘Asr Salāt and we did. Then he said: ‘I heard the prophet (ﷺ) say: ‘This [delaying performing ‘Asr Salāt till its due time is about to pass] is the Salāt which the hypocrites do; they wait for the sun till it settles between the horns of Shaitān [i.e. it is about to set] then they perform the Salāt so quickly in the same way a bird pecks his food; they indeed do not mention Allāh (ﷻ) in their Salāt but little’. (2)

It indeed breaks one’s heart to see some praying muslims do the acts of Salāt so quickly that they recite the Thikr of Rukū‘ and Sujūd only once, move from one Rukn to the other like a thunder, and even say half of the Thikr in one position and the other half in the following position. This is indeed an act of mockery towards Salāt.

It is even related that once a man saw a lad doing his Salāt in tranquility and calmness; he hit him saying: ‘If your master were to send you in business would you be as slow in doing it as you are now?!’.

Doing Salāt quickly contradicts the general order in the verse

‘And ‘Aqīmuus Salāt’, (3) that is do it perfectly with perfect Rukū‘, Sujūd and recitation of Athkār.

(1) It was previously documented.
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 622), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 160), and An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 1 / p. 254).
(3) Sūratul Baqarah (verse 43).
A *muslim* will surely achieve *Falāh* [being granted what one wishes from *Allāh* (ﷻ) in this world and in the Hereafter] provided he does *Salāt* perfectly and be fully submitted to *Allāh* (ﷻ) in it. The Amount of *Falāh* one achieves is in proportion to his *Khushū’* [submission] in *Salāt.*

*Imām* Al-Qari said: ‘Most people ignored the act of rising from *Rukū’* and sitting after *Sujūd* not to mention ignoring being calm and serene in them as if these two acts were of the abrogated rulings in our religion; they even call those who do these acts perfectly as disseminators and seekers of reputation!!’

The following *ahādīth* present the proper manner for doing *Rukū’*:

(a) Ibn Abbās related that once a *man asked the prophet* (ﷺ) about [the acts of] *Salāt*; the *prophet* (ﷺ) answered: ‘when you do *Rukū’* hold your knees with your hands till you feel a sense of tranquility and when you do *Sujūd*, touch the ground firmly.’

(b) It was also related that *the prophet* (ﷺ) used to make his back straight when he does *Rukū’* that even if water were to be poured on it, it would settle.

Accordingly, a praying *muslim* must not hang his head loose in *Rukū’* but instead level it with his back for it was related that *the prophet* (ﷺ) used neither hang down his head nor lift it [high up above his back level] in *Rukū’*. And in *Rukū’* all one’s joints should settle in their positions in order to achieve *Tuma’nīnah* [quiescence].

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(1) “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārikīhā” (p. 170).
(2) See “Fusūlūn Muhimmah” (foil no. 76) - at Al-Ahmadiyyah library - Halab (no. 2668 - the general).
(3) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p 287). In its chain of narrators there is Sālih -the manumitted slave of Taw’amah- who had amnesia. However, Ibn Abbī Thi`b and many other old narrators related ahādīth from him before his memory became weak, so the hadīth is Sahīh [authentic]. See: “Silsilatul Ahādīth As-Sahīhah” (no. 1349).
(4) See: “Sifat Salātun Naby” (p. 134) and “Sahīh Al-Jāmi’ As saghīr” (no. 4732).
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(c) the prophet (ﷺ) said to the Sahābī who performed his Salāt improperly: ‘A muslim’s Salāt is not complete and correct unless he performs perfect wudū’ as was ordered by Allāh (ﷻ), then recites Takbīr…then does Rukū‘ till all his joints are settled and relaxed in their positions then raises himself from Rukū‘ reciting “Sami‘ allāhu Liman Hamidah”. And stands completely till his back is fully erect ….’ (1)

To conclude… ‘In order to achieve Tuma’nīnah in [Rukū‘] in Salāt, one has to do the following:

1- Holding the knees with one’s hands [in Rukū‘].
2- Spreading fingers.
3- Straightening one’s back.
4- Staying in the same posture as long as it takes till all the joints settle in their positions.

All of these act are affirmed in many [authentic] narrations’. (2)

The lack of Tuma’nīnah [in the Rukū‘ and Sujūd] has many negative effects on the muslim in this world and the hereafter, some of which are the following: (3)

(a) The cause of poverty. Indeed, achieving Tuma’nīnah in Salāt and doing it perfectly are important sources of lawful wealth and ignoring them closes the doors of goodness.

(b) Loosing one’s good reputation and respect -especially if one is of the ‘Ulamah- and people trust in one’s words and knowledge.

(c) Causing oneself to be insulted by others and one’s testimony be rejected.

(2) See: “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 189), “Ibkār Al-Minan”, section: Al-I’tidāl wat Tuma’nīnah Fir ruku ‘ was Sujūd” (p. 224,…), and “Mu‘addalus Salāt” by Muhammad Al-‘Afandī Ar-Rūmī Al-Barkaфи (d. 981 H.).
(3) Shaikh All Al-Qārī mentioned all of them in “Fusūlun Muhimmah” (foil 76, 77). It is now under publication.

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(d) Causing other people to fall in sins for whoever sees disobedience should advice its doer to abstain from it, if the former advised not the later, he would be committing a sin himself.

(e) The continuity of committing disobediences the thing which closes the door for forgiveness since doing disobediences publicly incurs two sins on oneself, the first committing the sin itself and the other doing it publicly.

(f) The obligation of repeating Salâ. If a muslim does not repeat Salâ, he would incur further sins upon himself.

(g) Being a bad example for other muslims who believe that he is doing the right thing. In this case, one would be leading people astray and he himself is going astray too.

(h) Doing things so fast is of the characteristics of shaitân and doing them calmly is a bounty from Allâh (ﷻ).

(i) Reciting ‘Athkâr at improper times and positions, and this is a detested practice - as is mentioned in “At-Tartakhâniyyah” and in “Al-Munyah” ; the author said: ‘..[by doing Rukû’ and Sujûd so fast], one has done two detested acts: the first, ignoring reciting the ‘Athkâr in their proper positions and the second; reciting them in other positions. For instance, some may recite the two statements of Rukû’ and rising from it when they go down to Sujûd for they ignored doing the proper Rukû’ and rising from it. And they may recite Takbir for Sujûd after doing it, the thing which contradicts the Sunnah’.

(j) Reciting the ‘Athkâr in an improper manner, which is Harâm [prohibited], one may even drop a letter the thing which may cause a change in the meaning of the words the thing which renders one’s Salât invalid.

You should learn, dear muslim brother, this general principle and try to measure other cases based on it. Imagine this:

On a day and night, a muslim performs five obligatory Salawât followed by their Sunnan, this means doing 32 Rak’ahs each of
which contains one Rukū and rising from it and one sitting posture between the two Sujūds. If a muslim ignores Tuma'nīnah in them, he would be doing 64 disobediences on one day and night, not to mention ignoring Tuma’nīnah in Rukū itself and Sujūd!!

[4/20] Another mistake done when rising from Rukū is the addition of the word “Wash-Shukr” to the Thikr that is recited in this position which says: “Rabbana Walakal Hamd”. This addition is not of Sunnah and was never affirmed to be said by the prophet (ﷺ).

[5/20] The frequent recitation of Du‘ā’ul Qunūt and abandoning it at times of afflictions:

Those who held the legality of the reciting Du‘ā’ul Qunūt [in Fajr Salāt always] built their opinion on an unauthentic hadīth which is related by ‘Anas to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) continued reciting the Qunūt in the Fajr [down] Salāt till he passed away’. (1)

The unauthenticity of the hadīth refers to Abū Ja’far Ar-Rāzī [one of the narrators] about whom Ibn Al-Madīnī said that he mixes narrations, Abū Zur’ah said: ‘He makes mistakes in relating ahādīth’ and Ibn Hibbān stated that he narrates weak narrations from well-known narrators. (2)

None of Ahlus hadīth takes his narrations -which only he narrates from the well-known narrators- into consideration. Besides, were this narration authentic it does not indicate what so ever the legality of the frequent recitation of the Qunūt [in Fajr Salāt] for the word ‘Qunū’ does not only refer to the special Du‘ā’ recited in the Salāt [before the Rukū], but also covers a range of

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(1) Narrated by Abdir Razzāq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 3 / p. 110), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musnaf” (vol. 2 / p. 312), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 162), Ad-Dāraqutnī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 2 / p. 39), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 201) and At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al-‘Āthar” (vol. 1 / p. 248).
various meanings such as: the long standing in Salāt [when reciting Qur’ān], being silent in it, the continuation of practicing acts of worship, reciting Du’ā’, reciting Tashīh and being in a state of quiescence in it.

\textit{Allāh} (ﷺ) said:

‘To him belongs what ever is in the heavens and the earth. To him are all Qānitūn [obedient to him].’

He (ﷺ) also said:

‘Is he who is Qānitun [doing Salāt] to Allāh (ﷺ) prostrating himself or standing [in Salāt] during the hours of the night, fearing the here after and hoping for the Mercy of his Rabb’.

He (ﷺ) said:

‘And she testified to the Truth of the words of her Rabb and in His scriptures and she was of the Qānitūn [obedient to Allāh (ﷺ)].’

Zaid Ib ‘Arqam reported that after the revelation of Allāh’s (ﷺ) verse,

‘and stand for Allāh (ﷺ) Qānitūn [i.e. be silent in Salāt except reciting its ‘Athkār],’

were ordered to quit idle talk in Salāt and listen [to the Qurān].

In addition, ‘Anas (ﷺ) narration does not state clearly that the prophet (ﷺ) did Qunūt, raising his voice with it and those behind him saying: ‘Āmīn’.

No doubt that reciting the following Du’ā’: ‘Rabbanā walakal Hamd, Mil’as Samāwātī, Wamil’al ‘Ard... etc.’ and praising our

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(1) Sūrat Ar – Rūm: (verse no. 26).
(2) Sūrat Az - Zumar: (verse no. 9).
(3) Sūrat At-Tahrīn (verse. No. 12).
(4) Sūrat Al-Baqarah (verse no. 238).
(5) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 3 / p. 59), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 539), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 18), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 949) and At-Tirmīzhī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 405) and (no. 2989).
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Rabb in it is considered Qunūt, prolonging the period of standing after Rukū‘ is also considered Qunūt, a third kind of Qunūt is to prolong the recitation from the Qur’ān, and the aforementioned Du‘ā’ is also considered Qunūt, so how was it decided that the Qunūt in ‘Anas’ narration refers to the last one?!

* Postulations and Refutation:

Postulations:

Some ‘Ulamah postulated that doing Qunūt in Fajr Salāt entails that he (ﷺ) used to recite this Du‘ā’ in Fajr Salāt only for all the Salawāt share the aforementioned kinds of Qunūt but ‘Anas only mentioned the Fajr Salāt to the exclusion of other Salawāt. Another postulation says that the Du‘ā’ recited in Qunūt is not dedicated for asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) curse on the kuffār and Allāh’s (ﷻ) mercy for the Mu’minūn, for he (ﷺ) abandoned this Du‘ā’ after reciting it for a month or so. Accordingly, this Du‘ā’ must be that well-known one [that begins with “Allāhumma Ihdīnī Fīman Hadayt].

Refutation:

Point one: The authentic narration -of Al-Bukhārī- states that ‘Anas (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) did Qunūt in both Fajr and Magrib Salāt. Al-Barā’ Ibn ‘Āzib narrated the same thing(1), so why to State Fajr Salāt to the exclusion of Magrib Salāt?!

If it were raised that the Qunūt done in Magrib Salāt was dedicated for asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) relief from certain affliction, Ahlul Hadith would answer: ‘Yes, indeed. So is the Qunūt done in Fajr Salāt; it was done for the same purpose- as was narrated by ‘Anas himself in the Sahīh to have said: ‘the prophet (ﷺ) did Qunūt for a month asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) wrath to be showered on one of the

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(1) Narrated by Muslim in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 470) (no. 305), At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad (no. 737), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / p. 285), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 202), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1441), At-Tirmīzī in “Al-Jāmi’” (vol. 401), Ad - Dāraquṭnī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 2 / p. 37), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al-’Āthār” (vol. 2 / p. 242) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 198).
Arab tribes [because they deceived and killed seventy of his companions], then he (ﷺ) abandoned it’.

Point two: ‘Anas (ﷺ) said that the Sahābah (ﷺ) never did Qunūt till the prophet (ﷺ) first did it when he asked Allāh’s (ﷻ) curse to be poured on Ra’l and Thakwān [two Arab tribes] as was narrated in the two “Sahīhs” from Abdīl ‘Azīz Ibn Suhaib from ‘Anas to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) sent 70 of his best recitors of the Holy Qur’ān, they were called the Qurrā’ [recitors], for a certain mission. Men from two ‘Arab tribes - Ra’l and Thakwān - attacked them near a well called Ma‘ūnah. The Qurrā’ explained to have been sent by the prophet (ﷺ) for a mission and not to fight ‘Arab tribes. The attackers, however, killed all of them. Having received the bad news, the prophet (ﷺ) did Qunūt for a month in Fajr Salāt asking for Allāh’s (ﷻ) curse to be sent down on them [i.e. the murderers]. Qunūt had not been done by any of us before this time. The prophet (ﷺ) was the first to do it’.

This hadīth entails that it was not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah to do Qunūt continuously. Besides, ‘Anas’(ﷺ) statements “The prophet (ﷺ) was the first to do it” and “He (ﷺ) did Qunūt for a month then abandoned it” indicate that this Qunūt was dedicated for asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) relief from afflictions, and he (ﷺ) did it for a certain period of time. This is similar to the Qunūt, the prophet (ﷺ) did in the ‘Ishā’ Salāt. He did it for a month also asking for Allāh’s (ﷻ) mercy for some people and his wrath on others - as narrated by Abū Hurairah (ﷺ). The prophet (ﷺ) said in this Du‘ā’: “Allāhumma ‘Anjīl Walīd Ibn Al-walīd, Allāhumma Anjī Salamah Ibn Hishām, Allāhumma Anjī ‘Ayyāsh Ibn Abī Rabī’ah, Allāhumma ‘Ushdūd Waṭ’atuka ‘Alā Mudar, Allāhumma Ij’alhā Sinān Kasīniyyī Yūsuf’.

(1) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 469) (no. 304), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 191), At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 1989), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1445), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 203) and At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Maʿānī Al-ʿĀthār” (vol. 1 / p. 245).

(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 489) (no. 1002) and Muslim (vol. 1 / p. 468) (no. 297).
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Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) said: ‘Days later, he (ﷺ) performed his Salāt without doing Qunūt. I asked him about the reason and he (ﷺ) said: ‘Do you not see; they [the people mentioned in the Du‘ā’] have all come to me [as muslims]’. (1)

So is the case with the Qunūt he (ﷺ) did in Al-Fajr Salāt, it was dedicated for asking Allāh’s (ﷺ) relief from a certain affliction, that is why it was done for a month only. (2)

To conclude, due to the Fuqahā’’s continuous interpretation for the word Qunūt to be the Du‘ā’ that begins with ‘Allāhumma Ihdinī Fīman Hadayt...’, and because of the misinterpretation of ‘Anas’ relation concerning the word Qunūt to mean this Du‘ā’ only, people believed that reciting it in Salāt was the prophet’s (ﷺ) continuous practice - the postulation which other ‘Ulama refuted deciding that it was not affirmed to be so. (3)

It is so strange how people abandon the true authentic ahādīth that affirm the legality of reciting Qunūt at times of afflictions and stick to ahādīth that are not even authentic. (4)

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(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 390) (no. 804) and Muslim in his “Sahih” (vol. 1 / p. 467) (no. 294).

(2) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 255), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 201), Ibn Mājah in his “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 394) (no. 1244), Al-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma‘ānī Al-‘Āthār” (vol. 1 / p. 241) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 197).

(3) See: “Zādul Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 275 - 83) with slight editing.

(4) It is mentioned in Abī Hasan Al-karji Ash-Sahfi’ī (d. 532H) biography that he used not to say Qunūt in Fajr Salāt saying that no hadīth affirms that he prophet (ﷺ) did so. This indeed indicates this ‘Ālim’s great knowledge and being free from blind conformity to the Mathhab.

This was reported in the biography of Abī Abdillāh Muhammad Ibn Al-Fadl Ibn Nathīf Al-Farrā’ in the “Siyar” (vol. 17 / p. 477) that he[,]Abī Abdillāh] used to lead people in Salāt in Abdullah mosque for 70 years and used to do Qunūt- since he was A shāfī‘ī. Then a man -from the Mālikīyyah- preceded him and led people in Salāt but never did Qunūt. Consequently, people abandoned him saying: ‘He does not do Salāt well’.
Despite the many afflictions that are attacking Muslim’s religion and their mundane wellfare, doing Qunūṭ has been abandoned. Because of their disunity and rejection to co-operated with each other, Muslims became as strangers in their own countries even in their Du’ā’ of Qunūṭ; consequently, ruling the country is wheeled not by them. Indeed, doing Qunūṭ at times of affliction in all the Salawāt is an affirmed Sunnah of the prophet (ﷺ) that is done after rising from the last Rukū’ and after reciting ‘Sami’Allāhu Liman Hamidah’(1) -as was narrated by ‘Anas and Abū Hurairah (ﷺ).

Al-‘Athram said: ‘I heard Abu Abdillāh say -when asked about doing Qunūṭ in Fajr Salāt- ‘The Imām should do Qunūṭ when Muslims are being under affictions, such as being afflicted with such disbelievers like Bābik,(2) and those behind him should say ‘Āmīn’.


Abū Thawr then commented: ‘what could be worse than that we are suffering from these days’.

Imām Ahmad then said: ‘So do Qunūṭ’. (3)

Abdullāh Ibn Ahmad Ibn Hanbal said: ‘I asked my father regarding doing Qunūṭ in Fajr Salāt - may one do it in the same manner the prophet (ﷺ) did; asking for Allāh’s mercy to be sent down on Muslims, and his wrath to be showered on the Mushrikīn?’

My father said: ‘No problem, the Imām could do so’. (4)

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(1) Ahmad’s Shākir commentary on “Jāmiʿ Al-Tirmithi” (vol. 2 / p. 252).
(2) See: “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārkihā” (p. 216). Bābik Al-Kharmī is the founder of the Babikiyyah sect - one of the disbelieving renegade sects.
(3) See: “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārkihā” (p. 216).
(4) Masā’il Al-Imām Ahmad (no. 345). See: “As-Salātu wahukmu Tārkihā” (p. 216).
Ibn Al-Humām said: ‘Muslims should try their best in doing Qunūt at times of afflictions for the prophet (ﷺ) never did Qunūt after the one he (ﷺ) did for a month [in Fajr Salāt]. Accordingly, it could be inferred that Qunūt should be done only at times of afflictions as was done [by the Sahābah] after his (ﷺ) death’. (1)

It was affirmed that Abū Bakr (ﷺ) did Qunūt when he launched war on Musailamah -the renegade. So did ‘Umar, ‘Alī and Mu‘āwiyyah (ﷺ) at times of afflictions.

An-Nawawī said: ‘It was related that ‘Umar (ﷺ) said in his Qunūt ‘O Allāh! Torture the people of the scriptures - the Jews and the Nasārā’ - for they were fighting muslims at his time. These days, one better say in his Qunūt: Allāh! ‘Torture the Kuffār’. It is more general’. (2)

[7/20] It was affirmed that the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahābah never said any thing- when the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite Qunūt - but ‘‘Āmīn’. Accordingly, one must not add other words to it, such as ‘Haq’ [the truth] or ‘Ash hadu’ [I bear witness], or turning one’s hands up side down (3) when asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) curse to be poured on the Kuffār and his mercy to encompass all Muslims.

[8/20] One of the mistakes many muslims make when reciting Du‘ā’ul Qunūt is to recite the word “Ya ‘izzu” as “Ya ‘azzu”.

As-Suyūtī was asked about the right pronunciation of the word “Ya ‘izzu”. He answered: ‘the right pronunciation of the word is “Ya ‘izzu” as is agreed upon amongst the ‘Ulamah of Hadīth and the linguists. I compiled a book under the title “Al-I’rād Wat Tawallī ‘Amman Lā Yuhsinu yusallī” then I renamed it as “Ath-Thubūt Fi Dabt Al-Qunūt”. (4)

It is also a mistake to pronounce the word as “Ya ‘uzzu”, so pay heed to this.

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(1) See: “Fathul Qadīr” (vol. 1 / p. 310), “Gunyatul Mutamalli Sharh Munyatul Musalli” (p. 420) and “Al-Mugnī” (vol. 1 / p. 792).
(2) See: “Al Ḥathkār” (p. 58).
(3) This is done when doing “Istisqā’ Salāt only”. See “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 517 - 8), (vol. 11 / p. 142).
(4) Al-Hāwī lil Fatāwā (vol. 1 / p. 35).
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[9/20] Wiping one’s face with one’s hands after reciting Du‘ā’ul Qunūt is not of Sunnah, ‘It is only done by the ignorants’ as Al-‘Izz Ibn Abdis Salām stated. (1)

[10/20] It is also a mistake ‘to recite Du‘ā’ul Qunūt only in the second half of Ramadān in Salāt Al-Witr’ as was held by Ash-Sahfi‘iyyah, Az-Zuhrī and both Mālik and Ahmad at the beginning then held the opposite opinion later on. They all built their opinion upon two weak ahādīth, the first was narrated by Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunan” (vol.2/p.65). Its chain of narration is disconnected for Al-Hasan -one of the narrators- narrated it from ‘Umar () but he never met him. The second hadīth was narrated by ’Anas () who said: ‘The prophet () used to do Qunūt in the second half of Ramadān…’.

Abul ‘Ātikah -who narrated it from ‘Anas- is a weak narrator, as stated by Shamsul Haqq Al-‘Athām ‘Ābādī who quoted the same from Al-Baihaqi’. (2) Doing Qunūt in the second half of Ramadān has indeed a special case as is indicated in “Sahīh Ibn Khuzaimah” (vol. 2/ pp. 155-6) (no. 1100). However, Qunūt should not be restricted to this time only and in Salāt Al-Witr; it could be done throughout the year.

[11/20] Reciting Du‘ā’ul Qunūt which begins with “Allāhummah Ihdiny Fīman Hadayt…” at times of afflictions is an avowed mistake for this Du‘ā’ does not suit the state of being under affliction; this Du‘ā’; however, should be recited in Witr Salāt only with no additions to it.

As for sending Salāt on the prophet () in the Du‘ā’ul Qunūt; it is not affirmed [to be of the prophet’s Sunnah]. Narrations concerning this point were considered weak by Ibn Hajar, Al-Qastallānī and Az-Zarqānī. In his “Fatāwā”, Al-‘Izz Ibn Abdis Salām said: ‘Sending Salāt on the prophet () when reciting Du‘ā’ul Qunūt is a practice that was not affirmed, so it must not be added to the Du‘ā’. The author of “Al-Fatāwā Al-Hindiyyah” said:

(1) See: “Al-Fatāwā” (p. 47).
(2) See: “Sharh Az - Zarqānī ‘Alā Al-Muwatta’” (vol. 1 / p. 216) and “Masā’il Ibn Háni’” (vol. 1 / p. 100) (no. 500).
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(vol. 1/ p. 110): ‘A muslim should not send Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) when reciting Du’ā’ul Qunūt as our ‘Ulamah stated and was documented in “Ath-Thahiriyyah”.

It is worth mentioning here that reciting Du’ā’ul Qunūt must be done before Rukū’ except at times of afflictions; it should be done after it. In Ramadān, however, and in case muslims were under afflictions one could do Qunūt before or after Rukū’ in the second half of Ramadān as was narrated by Ibn Khuzaimah. (1)

Those who do Qunūt frequently in Fajr Salāt - believing it to be of the Sunnah -commit further mistakes such as prolonging Du’ā’ul Qunūt and raising voices with it as if they are delivering a Friday speech. Indeed, evil does not give birth but to evil. We complain to none but to Allāh (ﷻ).

[21] Mistakes done in Sujūd:

Some muslims make many mistakes when doing Sujūd. The following paragraphs present some of them though most of these acts are of the Sunnah of Salāt.

[1/21] Not doing Sujūd perfectly:

Al-‘Abbās Ibn Abdul Muttalib narrated from the prophet (ﷺ) to have said: ‘I was ordered to prostrate my self on seven [bones].(2) the fore head and the nose, the hands, the knees and the feet’.(3)

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(2) In another narration ‘ Seven Ārāb’ which has the same meaning as bones.
(3) Narrated by Muslim in “As-Sahīh” (vol.1 /p.355) (no.491), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 1/ p. 320) (no. 631), At-Tirmithi in “al-Jāmi’” (no. 272), Abū Dauwd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 890), An - Nasa’i in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2/ p. 210), IBN Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 885), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1/ p. 206), Al-Baihaqi in: As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vo.. 2/ p. 101), Abū Nu ‘aim in “Al-Hilyah” (vol. 9/ p. 36), Al-Khatib in” At-Tārikh” (vol. 5/ p. 290) and Ibn Hibban in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 3/ pp. 193 - 4). Abū Zur ‘ah seemed not to find it in “Sahīh Muslim” as mentioned in “An-Nukat Ath-Thirāf” (vol. 4/ p. 266) although it is there, SubhānAllāh. In my verification of “Manwāfaqat Kunyatuhu Kunyata Zawjih Min As-Sahābah”, I mentioned other supporting narrations for the hadith (no. 11).
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This *hadīth* states clearly the seven bones that should be put completely on the ground when doing *Sujūd*.

Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘*Ulamah* differed regarding the obligation of prostrating oneself on the seven bones: Al-ʼItratu and Ash-Shāfiʻī in one of his opinions held that it is an obligation that one prostrates oneself on the seven bones. Abū Hanifah and Ash-Shāfiʻī later on and other *Faqahā*’ held that the obligation is to prostrate oneself on one’s forehead only. The former opinion is, however, the sounder[1] for the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘*Unless one’s nose touches the ground* [in *Sujūd*] *as one’s forehead does, one’s Salāt is not perfect*’. (2)

Accordingly, it is a mistake that one prostrates on one’s forehead ignoring one’s nose, or lifting one foot from the ground or putting it on the other and hence decreasing the number of the bones that touch the ground to six or five.

The prophet (ﷺ) said to the *Sahābī* who misperformed his *Salāt*: ‘*When you do Sujūd, do it perfectly*’. (3)

[2/21] Failing to achieve *Tuma’nīnah in Sujūd*:

While discussing the mistakes done in *Rukū*, it was mentioned that the prophet (ﷺ) considered the *Salāt* of the one who does not straighten his back when rising from *Rukū* and *Sujūd* as invalid and described him as being of the worst of thieves.

When doing *Sujūd*, one should do it perfectly till all his joints settle in their positions. The prophet (ﷺ) said to the *Sahābī* who misperformed his *Salāt*: ‘*When you perform Sujūd, do it* (1) See: “Naylul ’Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 288) with slight editing.
(2) Narrated by Al-Hākim in his “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 270). This *hadīth* is considered authentic, applying the Bukhārī’s conditions of the authentic hadīth, as Al-Hākim and Ath-Thahabī stated and so did Al-Albānī in “Tamāmul Minnah”.
(3) Narrated by Abī Dāwūd and Ahmad through an authentic chain of narrators as mentioned in “Sifat Salatīn Naby” (p. 149). Similar narrations were narrated by “At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi’” (vol. 1 / p. 57), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 287) from Ibn ‘Abbās. Both Al-Bukhārī and At-Tirmith considered this *hadīth* as Hasan [sound]. See: “At-Talkhīs Al-Ḥabīr” (vol. 1 / p. 105) and Al-Fathur Rabbānī” (vol. 3 / p. 254).

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perfectly and let your face and hands touch the ground firmly, till all your joints settle in their positions’.\(^1\)

In “Sifat Salātun Naby”, Imām Al-Albānī stated that ‘the prophet (ﷺ) used to put his nose, fore head, knees, and toes on the ground perfectly’.\(^2\)

*Tuma’nīnah* in *Sujūd* means to prostrate oneself on the seven bones -mentioned earlier- stretching the hands, bringing fingers close together, directing them towards the *Qiblah*, placing them [the hands] at the level of one’s shoulders or ears [alternatively], directing one’s toes towards the *Qiblah*, bringing the heels close together, erecting the feet, lifting arms from the ground and away from one’s sides till one’s armpits could be seen and stay still till all the joints are in their positions.

**[3/21] Mistakes regarding the manner of doing Sujūd:**

While discussing the previous point, we displayed the proper way of doing *Sujūd* which many Muslims fail to practice and, consequently, fail to follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner while being in the position in which one is the most near to Allāh (ﷻ) !!

While being in the State of *Sujūd*, some Muslims abandon the *Sunnah* of Tajāfī which is to lift one’s belly upwards away from one’s thighs and one’s arms away from one’s sides as far as possible provided one does not cause inconvenience to the one next to him. It also includes that one lifts one’s arms from the ground putting only his hands on it at the level of his shoulders or ears not at the knees. However, a Muslim must not exaggerate in doing Tajāfī by straightening his back to an extent that he looks like the one lying on the ground. This is indeed a detested exaggeration.\(^3\)

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\(^1\) Narrated by Ibn Khuzaimah in his “-Sahih” (vol. 1 / p. 322) (no. 638), through a good chain of narrators as is mentioned in “Sifat Salātun Naby” (p. 149).

\(^2\) See: “Sifat Salātun Naby” (p. 149).

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Tajāfī must be done in a moderate manner; stretching not one’s back too much nor huddling oneself too much.

Some muslīms behave like animals in their Salāt the thing that indicates their sense of carelessness towards it. Some of them may look here and there like a fox does, spread their arms on the ground like lions, do their Salāt so quickly in the same manner a crow does when eating, stick to a certain place in which one does his Salāt like a camel does regarding his resting place, sit on one’s buttocks spreading one’s feet like dogs do when they sit, or moving one’s hands to the left and to the right when reciting Tasfīm in the same manner horses move their tails.

Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘Our Sharī‘ah prohibited that a muslīm act in the same manner the Kuffār, animals, demons, bedouins or women [as for men] act. While being in Salāt, we [muslīms] are also forbidden to act in the same manner animals or the ignorants behave.‘

‘Anas (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Straighten yourselves when doing Sujūd; never spread your arms on the ground as dogs do’.

Explaining this hadīth, Imām An-Nawawī said: ‘The hadīth means that when prostrating, a muslīm must put his hands on the ground lifting his arms a way from it and totally a way from his sides that his armpits could be seen in case they were uncovered. This manner of doing Sujūd is recommended by all ‘Ulamāh, if it was abandoned one incurs a sin upon himself but his Salāt is valid, Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.

The ‘Ulamāh stated that the rationale behind such a manner of doing Sujūd is to show complete submission [to Allāh (ﷻ)] and it gives a sense of activity. On the other hand, spreading one’s arms on the ground -like dogs do when they sit- cast a sense of carelessness towards Salāt and not being fully given to it.’

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(1) Al-Furūsyyah (p. 10). See: “As- Salāt wahukmu Tārikhā” (p. 143).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 301) (no. 822).
(3) “Sahīh Muslim” Sharḥ An-Nawawī, (vol. 4 / p. 209).
It is of Sunnah that one’s feet be erected in Sujūd, heels be close together and toes be directed to the Qiblah.(1)

Unfortunately, this Sunnah has been abandoned by many Muslims. I hope that these few lines get them to remember it and put it under application. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to follow his prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah.

It is also a mistake to put one’s fists on the ground when doing Sujūd as some people do and so is the case with putting one feet on the other. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us and them to the right.

[4/21] Some hold that it is an obligation to uncover some of the parts upon which a Muslim prostrates himself while doing Sujūd, and that one must do Sujūd on the earth or whatever is of its kind.

‘Anas (ﷺ) said: ‘We used to perform Salāt led by the prophet (ﷺ) under the scorching heat of the sun. Whenever we did Sujūd, we used to spread a part of our clothes on the ground to prostrate on due to the ground’s burning heat’. (2)

Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘[The Fuqahā’] inferred from this hadīth the permissibility for the one performing Salāt to prostrate himself on a part of his clothes. An-Nawawī stated that this opinion was held by Abū Hanīfah and the Jumhūr. Ash-Shāfī’ī held the same opinion provided that the cloth on which one prostrates be separated from one’s own clothes.

There is no contradiction whatsoever between the aforementioned hadīth and the one that states: ‘We complained for the prophet (ﷺ) from the scorching heat of the ground that our foreheads and hands got hurt from, but he (ﷺ) did not respond to our complaint’. (3)

(1) So is the case with the fingers, they should be close together in Sujūd and be directed to the Qiblah.
(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 385), (542) and (1208).
(3) Narrated by Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / pp. 104 - 5, 107) through an authentic chain of narrators as stated by Ibn Al-Mulaqqin in “Tuhfatul Muhtāj” (vol. 1 / p. 309). The hadīth is also narrated in “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 1 / p. 433), “Al-Mujtabā” by An-Nasā’ī (vol. 1 / p. 427), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 222), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 5 / p. 108, 110) without the words “our foreheads and hands.”
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The Sahābah complained for the prophet (ﷺ) that he may delay performing the Salāt till the heat decreases when the sun declines; they did not ask his permission to use a piece of clothe on which one may prostrate for this was already permitted; for it is affirmed that he (ﷺ) used to perform his Salāt on a khumrah [piece of cloth]". (1)

The aforementioned hadīth that begins with “I was ordered to prostrate my self on seven [bones]...” indicates that one does not have to uncover these parts when doing prostration for prostration means that these parts should touch the ground.

Accordingly, doing Salāt wearing gloves is permissible, (2) just like wearing socks or shoes.

It was mentioned earlier -while discussing mistakes people make regarding the places on which they do Salāt- that it is a Bid‘ah to have a piece of the land of Karbūlā‘ on which one does one’s prostration. This Bid‘ah is practiced by the Rāfidah and their followers. And every muslim should abandon it for two reasons:

The first: to avoid doing Bid‘ah.

The second: to keep oneself away from accusation.

[5/21] placing something for the sick to prostrate on [in Salāt]:

‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) said: the prophet (ﷺ) once visited a sick and I accompanied him. When the prophet (ﷺ) entered the Sahābī’s house he found him doing Salāt, prostrating himself upon a stick, putting his forehead on it. The prophet (ﷺ) pointed to him to get rid of the stick, which the Sahābī did and took a pillow instead. The prophet (ﷺ) thereupon said: ‘Leave

(1) “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 2 / pp. 289 - 90).
(2) Al-Bukhārī narrated in his “Sahih” (vol. 1 / p. 492) from Al-Hasan to have said: ‘People [i.e. the Sahābah] used to do Sujūd covering their hands with a part of their clothes’ [due to the burning heat of the ground]. Abdur Razzaq narrated the same hadith through a connected chain of narrators (vol. 1 / p. 40) (no. 1566) and Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 266).
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it, if you are able to prostrate on the ground do so, otherwise bow down your head and make your Sujūd lower than your Rukūṭ. (1)

Al-Jumhūr held that it is detested that a sick person places something -such as a stick, a pillow or whatsoever- in front of him on which he could prostrate when doing Salāt.

Regarding this point, Imām Mālik said: ‘The sick should not lift something towards his forehead nor place a pillow on which he could prostrate in Salāt’. (2)

Imām Ash-Shāfi’ī said: ‘He [i.e. the sick] must not lift something towards his forehead in order to prostrate on it for in this case his act is not considered a real prostration for prostration should be done on the ground or on something placed on it -such as a pillow- and this will suffice him- Inshā’allāh’. (3)

Many of the Salaf abhorred the act of lifting something for the sick on which he could prostrate and considered it to be a Bid’ah for it was not practiced at the time of the prophet (ﷺ). The following ‘Āthār affirm this point:

(a) ‘Umar Ibn Muhammad Said: we visited Hafs Ibn ʿĀsim when he was sick. He told us that his uncle ʿAbdullāh Ibn ʿUmar visited him and saw that a pillow covered with a Khumrah was placed before him so that he could prostrate on it in Salāt. He ʿAbdullāh] said to Hafs: ‘Never do this my nephew. Prostrate yourself on the ground. If your are unable to do so just lower your head’. (4)

(b) He ʿAbdullāh Ibn ʿUmar] … was asked regarding the sick who prostrates himself on a stick in Salāt; he said: ‘Never prostrate to any other than Allāh (ﷺ); if one is able to do Salāt

(1) Narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu‘jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 12 / pp. 269 - 70) (no. 13082). Its chain of narrators is authentic and all the narrators are trustworthy and reliable as explained in “Sitsilat Al-‘Āhādīth As-Sahīhah” (no. 323).
(2) “Al-Mudawwanah Al-Kubrā” (vol.1 / p.77).
(3) “Al-‘Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 69).
(4) Narrated by Abī ʿUwānah in his “Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 338) through an authentic chain of narrators.
while standing, he should do so, if not then while in a sitting posture; if not then while lying down on the ground.’\(^{(1)}\)  

(c) Abdullāh Ibn Mas’ūd visited his brother when he was sick. He found him prostrating himself on a stick. ‘Abdullāh took away the stick and said: ‘This [practice] is of shiṭān. Put your face on the ground; if unable to do so just lower it’.

(d) Ibn Abī Shaibah narrated the same thing from Saʿīd Ibn Al-Musayyab and ‘Urwah Ibn Az-Zubair. Al-Hasan Al-Basrī, Yūnus, Shuraih Al-Qādī, ‘Atā’ Ibn Rabāh and many other Sahābah and Ṭābiʿīn abhorred such a practice.\(^{(2)}\)

This is indeed of Islām’s easiness and flexibility when dealing with the sick; indeed Allāh (ﷺ) never burdens a soul that which it can not bear. This very idea was clearly displayed through the prophet’s (ﷺ) practice; i.e. doing Salāt while in a sitting posture without having something be lifted for him on which he could prostrate. He forbade his Sahābah to do prostration on a pillow, a stick, etc., but instead to do the Salāt acts that which is under their capabilities. Indeed, the act of prostrating one self on a stick, a stone, a pillow… etc. is similar to the act of the idolaters who prostrate themselves to their idols and similar to the act of the people of Bid’ah. This same rationale is clearly displayed in ‘Abdullāh’s Ibn ‘Umar statement.

To conclude, the sick who is unable to do Salāt while standing should do it while sitting, if unable to do so then while lying on his side facing the Qiblah, if unable to do even that, he could do Salāt while lying on the back.\(^{(3)}\)

It is worth mentioning here, that using a chair in Salāt by those who are unable to do Sujūd on the ground is something permissible; however, one should stand for reciting Fātihah if he is able to do so.

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 271) and Abdīr Razzāq in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 472).

\(^{(2)}\) See: The last two references and “Al-Mugnī” (vol. 1 / p. 785) accompanied with its explanation.

\(^{(3)}\) See: “Ahkāmul Marād Fil Fiqh Al-Islāmī” (p. 70).
[6/21] the false addition to the Thikr recited in Sujūd As-Sahwu:

Some Muslims say in Sujūd Al-Sahwu ‘Subhāna Man Lā Yashū Walā Yanām’ [Glory be He who never forgets nor sleeps] which is a false addition that is not affirmed to be of Sunnah. Al-Qushairī said:(1) ‘It was not affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) recited a certain Thikr in Sujūd As-Sahwu save those ordinary ‘Athkār which he (ﷺ) used to recite in any other Sujūd. As for the statement that says: ‘Subhāna Man Lā Yashū Walā Yanām’; it is not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah nor is it of his Sahābah’s practice, nor is supported by an established authentic proof; it is indeed one of the Sūfī’s falsehood that should be strictly abandoned.

Religion should be taken from the authentic, pure, Sunnah-books. Documenting such a false statement in a compilation as part of religion is indeed grave falsehood’.(2)

[7/21] A misconception regarding the cause of Imām’s Sahwu [forget fullness]:

It is worth mentioning here that some people believe that the improper Tahūr which some of those led by the Imām had performed causes the Imām to fall in Sahwu and misrecite some of the Qur’anic verses in Salāt.

Those who hold such an opinion depend on a weak hadīth that runs as follows: ‘Shabīb Ibn Abī Rawh related that a man amongst the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahabah said that the prophet (ﷺ) once led muslims in Fajr Salāt and recited Sūrat Ar-Rūm making some mistakes during the recitation. Having finished the Salāt, he (ﷺ) said: “what is the matter with those who perform their Salāt with us without having performed perfect Tahūr?? Those indeed cause us make mistakes in Salāt’.

This hadīth is a weak one. In its chain of narrators there is Shabīb Ibn Nu’aím or Ibn Abī Rawh; his agnomen is Abū Rawh

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(1) In his “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtada’āt” (pp. 74- 5).
(2) “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtada’āt” (pp. 74- 5).
Al-Himsī. Ibn Al-Qattān stated that his reliability was not established by any of the hadīth ‘Ulamah and there is another defect in the hadīth it self.\(^1\) Besides, the purport of this ‘Athar contradicts the purport of Allāh’s (ﷻ) verse that says:

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\text{‘and whosoever does evil, it is against his own self’(2)}
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\[8/21\] The ruling regarding Sujūd As-Sahwu:

Some Fuqahā’ held that Sujūd As-Sahwu is a recommended act not obligatory one!! The sounder of all the ‘Ulamah’s opinions is, however, that it is a wājib [an obligation] for the prophet (ﷺ) ordered muslims to do it [when they forget part of their Salāt] and he (ﷺ) himself used to practice it whenever the need exists.

In “Majmū’Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 23/ p. 26), Ibn Taymiyyah (.Redirect) said: ‘It [i.e. Sujūd As-Sahwu] is an obligation for the prophet (ﷺ) ordered muslims to do it as narrated by Abū hurairah (ﷺ) to have said: ‘the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘whenever a muslim does his Salāt, Shaitān comes and cast insinuations inside him till the muslim forgets how many Rakʿāt he performed. If this happens to any of you, prostrate your self twice while still in the sitting posture [i.e. prior to Taslīm].’ Ibn Taymiyyah then mentioned another four ahādīth and added: ‘These five ahādīth are all authentic ones. They all include the prophet’s (ﷺ) order for muslims to do Sujūd As-Sahwu [when the need exists].

Once the prophet (ﷺ) forgot to recite the first Tashahhud, he did Sujūd As-Sahwu before reciting Taslīm. And once he recited Taslīm before completing the Salāt; he performed what he missed of his Salāt then recited Taslīm and finally did two Sujūds. And once he (ﷺ) performed five Rakʿāt instead of four, he did Sujūd As-Sahwu after reciting Taslīm and even after he talked with his Sahābah.


\(^2\) Sūrat Fusilat (no. 46).
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All the previous ahādīth affirm the prophet’s (ﷺ) continuous practice for Sujūd As-Sahwu and that he (ﷺ) never abandoned it when the need exists; the thing which affirms its being obligatory as Al-Jumhūr and the three great Imāms: Ahmad, Mālik and Abū Hanīfah held. Those who held the opposite opinion depend on no [comparably] hard evidence.

[9/21] Mistakes regarding the manner of performing Sujūd As-Sahwu:

The Fuqahā’ differed regarding the application of all the ahādīth [that deal with the manner of doing Sujūd As-Sahwu]; some held that it should be always done before the Taslīm regardless of the kind of forgetfulness that takes place. Others held that it should be always done after Taslīm. The soundest of all opinions is the one Ibn Taymiyyah held and stated in his “Fatāwā” (vol. 23/ p. 24): ‘The timing of Sujūd As-Sahwu differs according to the part of Salāt one forgets or doubts to have done. This is one of Ahmad’s views and Mālik’s opinion is relatively similar to it. Whoever forgets to do the first Tashahhud, should do Sujūd As-Sahwu before Taslīm and whoever double performs any part of Salāt should do Sujūd As-Sahwu after Taslīm. As for doubting whether a certain part of Salāt has been done, one should do Sujūd As-Sahwu after Taslīm if one doubts doing a certain part of Salāt then became sure that he has actually done it. In case one could not remember, then built on what he is sure to have done then he should do Sujūd As-Sahwu before reciting Taslīm. If one recited Taslīm and remembered that a Rak’ah or two were missed, he should perform the missing part of the Salāt then does Sujūd As-Sahwu after reciting Taslīm’.

Ibn Taymiyyah then added, ‘this opinion encompasses all the ahādīth and the rules of proper analogy could be used on cases for which there is no Sharīʿah text available’.

Those on whom Sujūd As-Sahwu is an obligation after Taslīm might sometimes forget doing it immediately after Taslīm. Some Fuqahā’ said that if one remembers doing Sujūd As-Sahwu after a
long period of time of doing Salāt, he does not have to do it. This long period of time they refer to does not, however, have limits. This opinion was held by Ash-Shāfi‘ī followers and Ahmad. Others stated that *Sujūd As-Sahwu* should be done provided that he does not get out of the mosque, otherwise this *Sujūd* is not considered as an obligation on him. Ahmad, Al-Hakam and Ibn Shibrimah, Al-Khiraqī and many others held this opinion.

A third party of *Fuqahā’* said that either the long period of time [after reciting *Taslīm*] or getting out of the mosque renders doing *Sujūd As-Sahwu* as non obligatory.

The soundest of all the opinions is the one held by Ahmad and Ash-Sāfi‘ī and stated by Shaikul Islām in “Majmū’Al-Fatwā” which states that one should do *Sujūd As-Sahwu* [if the need to do so exists] whether one remembers it after along time of doing *Salāt* or after getting out the mosque for no Shar’ proof specifies doing *Sujūd As-Sahwu* at a certain time or place.

Another mistake done by some praying *muslims* is reciting *Tashahhud* after doing *Sujūd As-Sahwu* and before reciting *Taslīm*! They build their practice on a weak *hadīth* that runs as follows: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) led his Sahābah in *Salāt* and forgot to do a part of it; consequently, he (ﷺ) did *Sujūd As-Sahwu*, recited *Tashahhud* and finally recited *Taslīm*’. This *hadīth* was narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in his “*Sunnan*” (no. 1039), At-Tirmithī in his “*Al-Jāmi’*”(no. 395), Ibn Hibbān in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 536), Ibn Khuzaimah in his “*Sahīh*” (vol. 2/ p. 134), Al-Hākim in “*Al-Mustadrak*” (vol. 1/ p. 323), Al-Baihaqī in “*As - Sunnan Al-Kubrā*” (vol. 2/ p. 355) and Ibn Al-Jārūd in “*Al-Muntaqā*”(no. 347) from Muhammad Ibn Abdillāh Al-’Ansārī to have said: “‘Ash’ath Ibn Abdil Malik told us that Muhammad Ibn Sīrīn told him from Khālid Al-Haththā’ from Abī Qilābah from Muhallab from ‘Imrān Ibn Husain to have said: ‘[the *hadīth*]’.

This narration is an odd and weak one despite Al-Hākim’s authentication for it considering the conditions the two Shaikhs [Al-
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Bukhārī and Muslim] put for the authentic hadīth and on which Ath- Thahābi agreed!

In my opinion, this hadīth is not authentic though ‘Ash’ath Ibn Abdil Malik is a reliable narrator; for Shaikh Muslim did not related any of his narrations and Shaikh Al-Bukhārī related them through Mu’allaq [disconnected] chains of narration in his “Sahīh”. Accordingly, the hadīth’s chain of narrators is incompatible with the conditions set by the two Shaikhs for authentic hadīths. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.

At-Tirmithī (ﷺ) said: ‘The hadīth’s chain of narrators is Hasan [good] and Garīb [i.e. narrated by a single narrator in one of the layers of its chain of narrators]’. In other copies, it is judged to be Sahīh [authentic].

I believe that even if the hadīth’s chain of narrators appears to be authentic, the narration regarding reciting Tashahhud before Taslīm is an odd one for Al-’Ash’ath Ibn Abdil Malik was the only one to mention it.

The authentic narration of the hadīth does not state reciting Tashahhud before saying Taslīm; ‘Imrān Ibn Husain said that once the prophet (ﷺ) performed three Rakʿāt for ‘Asr Salāt, then recited Taslīm. He (ﷺ) was told that he performed only three Rakʿāt. He (ﷺ) then performed one Rakʿah then recited Taslīm followed by two Sujūds and finally recited another Taslīm’. This hadīth was narrated by Muslim (no. 574), Abū ‘Uwānah (vol. 2/ pp. 198- 9), Abū Dāwūd (no. 1018), An-Nasā’ī (vol. 3/ p. 26), Ibn Mājah (no. 1215), Ahmad (vol. 4/ no. 427, 441), At - Tayālisī (no. 847), Ibn Khuzaimah (vol. 2/ p. 130), Ibn Hibbān (vol. 4/ no. 2663), Ibn Al-Jārūd (no. 245), At - Tahāwi in “Sharh Maʿānī Al-’Āthār” (vol. 1/ no. 442, 443), Al-Baihaqī (vol. 2/ no. 335, 354, 355 amd 359) through many ways traced back to Khālid Al-Haththā’, from Abī Qilābah from Abil Muhallab from ‘Imrān Ibn Husain that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘[the hadīth]’.

The hadīth was related -traced back to Khālid Al-Haththā’- by a group of narrators such as: Shu’bah, Waheeb, Ibn ‘Uyaynah, Ath-
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Accordingly, the hadith is authentic but without the statement of reciting Tashahhud. This is supported by Ibn Sîrin’s statement when he was asked about Tashahhud after doing Sujud As-Sahwu; he said: ‘I have never heard something [i.e. authentic hadith] about Tashahhud’. Ibn Al-Munthir stated the same too. Al-Baihaqi stated that ‘Ash’ath made a mistake in his narration. Ibn Al-Turkumani, on the other hand, held an opposite opinion to that of Al-Baihaqi’s as he stated in “Al-Jawharun Naqib” that the extra information ‘Ash’ath related is to be taken into consideration for it is related by a Thiqah [reliable narrator] and accordingly; it must be accepted.

What I have explained earlier in details; however, affirms that this is totally untrue as stated by Al-Hafith in “Al-Fath” that ‘Ash’ath’s addition is an odd one.

In addition, both An-Nasawi [in his Sunnan] (vol. 3/ p. 26) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahih” (vol. 2/ p. 134) narrated this hadith traced back to ‘Ash’ath through the aforementioned chains of narrators, such as that from Khâlid Al-Haththâ’, without the statement regarding reciting Tashahhud. This affirms that the extra information regarding Tashahhud is an odd [Shâth] one.

In “Al-Fath” (vol. 3/ p. 99) Al-Hafith said: ‘Abû Dâwûd and An-Nasawi narrated from Ibn Mas’ûd the narration that stated the necessity of reciting Tashahhud before reciting Taslim. And the same narration was narrated by Al-Baihaqi from Al-Mugirah. Both Al-Baihaqi’s, Abû Dâwûd and An-Nasawi’s narrations are weak. It may be raised that considering the three narrations that mention Tashahhud, the rank of their narrators ascends from being weak to Hasan [good], and this is not something impossible as Al’Alawi supported.

I believe that Al-Hafith by no means supports Al’Alawi’s opinion, on the contrary, he stated it as an expectation of what might those who reject the opinion that says that the narration [stating Tashahhud] is an odd one would postulate. However,
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mentioning Al-’Alā’i’s opinion by such a great scholar without commenting on its falsehood is an unwise act.

Let’s take a close look at both An-Nasā’i’s and Al-Baihaqi’s narrations and scrutinize them.

First: Ibn Mas’ūd’s () narration:

It was narrated by An-Nasā’i in his “Sunnan”, chapter: As-Salāt, as is mentioned in “Tuhfatul Ashrāf” (vol. 7/ p. 158), Abū Dāwūd [in his Sunnan] (no. 1028) and from the same way of narration, it was narrated by Ad - Dāraqutnī (vol. 1/ p. 378), and also narrated by Al-Baihaqī (vol.2/ 336, 355-6) from Muhammad Ibn Salamah from Khusaif from Abī ‘Ubaidah from his father Abdullah Ibn Mas’ūd that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘If you doubt while being in Salāt as to whether you performed three or four Rakāt, but you think you have performed four, recite Tashahhud, do two Sujūds before reciting Taslīm, then recite another Tashahhud and another Taslīm’.

Abū Dāwūd said: ‘Abdul Wāhid narrated if from Khusaif through a chained narrators that was not traced back to the prophet (ﷺ), so did Sufyān, Shuraik and Isra’il but they differed in the wording of the hadīth and did not provide their chains of narrators’.

I believe that Abū Dāwūd’s statements imply that those who narrated from Khusaif differed in their chain of narrators, most of them traced it back to Abdullah Ibn Mas’ūd not to the prophet (ﷺ).

Ath-Thawrī’s narration was documented by Abdir Razzāq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / no. 314 and 3499) from Ath-Thawrī from Khusaif from Abū ‘Ubaidah from Ibn Mas’ūd that the prophet (ﷺ) recited Tashahhud when he did Sujūd As-Sahwu.

Abdur Razzāq also narrated it [in his Musannaf] (vol.2/no.312) and Al-Baihaqī (vol. 2/ no. 345) from the same track of narrators, with the addition of Muhammad Ibn Al-Fadl to those mentioned by Abū Dāwūd to have mentioned the hadīth.
Ahmad also narrated it [in his Musnad] (vol. 1/ no. 429) and Ibn Abī Shaibah (vol. 2/ no. 31), they both said: ‘Muhammad Ibn Al-Fadl told us that khusaif told him that Abū ‘Ubaidah told him from his father [i.e. ‘Abdullāh Ibn Mas’ūd] to have said the hadīth using Ath-Thawrī’s same wording.

To conclude, five of the reliable trustworthy narrators related the narration in different wordings to that of Muhammad Ibn Salamah though the later is a trustworthy narrator. This difference is traced back to Khusaif Ibn Abdīr Rahmān whom Ahmad considered to be a weak narrator saying that ‘his narrations are not to be taken into consideration and he is not firm in relating ahadīth; his chains of narration are shaky’. This indicates that he traces the ahādīth back to the prophet (ﷺ) while they are actually Mawqūf [traced back to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahābah].

Abū Hatim described him as being a righteous narrator who mixes narrations together and who lacks a good memory.

Other ‘Ulamah considered him a trustworthy narrator; such as: Ibn Ma’tīn and Abū Zur’ah. Accordingly, tracing back the hadīth to the prophet (ﷺ) [instead of the Sahābah] is due to his weak memory.

To conclude, the soundest of all opinions regarding the hadīth is that it is Mawqūf and the rest of the chain of narration is disconnected for Abū ‘Ubaidah did not hear the hadīth from his father, so the hadīth is a weak Mawqūf one.

Al-Baihqī said: ‘This hadīth is not strong and the ‘Ulamah differed concerning as to whether it is Marfū’or Mawqūf and also differed regarding the wording of the hadīth itself [i.e. the Matn]. As-Shawkānī reported in “Nay Al-'Awtār” that - Al-Baihqī stated that the Matn of the hadīth is not strong.

Second: Al-Mugīrah’s Ibn Shu’bah narration:

Al-Baihaqī [in his Sunnan] (vol. 2 / p. 355) narrated the hadīth from ‘Imrān Ibn Abī Lailā from Ibn Abī Lailā to have said: Ash-
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Sha‘bī told me from Al-Mugīrah Ibn Shu‘bah that the prophet (ﷺ) recited Tashahhud after doing Sujud As-Sahwu.

Commenting on this chain of narration, Al-Baihaqī said that Muhammad Ibn Abdī Rahmān Ibn Abī Lailā was the only one to report it from Ash-Sha‘bī so this is not a satisfying narration. Allāh knows best.

‘Imrān the son of Muhammad the son of Abdī Rahmān Ibn Abī Lailā whom Ibn Hibbān considered as a Thiqah [reliable] is considered as an accepted narrator by Al-Hāfīth if another narrator relates the hadīth from the same chain of narrators. This was done by Hushaim Ibn Bashīr but with different wording. Hushaim narrated the hadīth from Ibn Abī Lailā from Ash-Sha‘bī to have said: ‘Al-Mugīrah Ibn Shu‘bah led us in Salāt. Having done the second Sujud in the second Rak‘ah he stood up [with out reciting Tashahhud]. Muslims behind him said Tasbih [i.e. Subhānīllāh to attract his attention to the mistake he has done] and he responded in Tasbih [to encourage them follow him is Salāt]. Having finished his Salāt, he recited Taslīm then did Sujud As-Sahwu while still in the sitting posture. Then told them that this is the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah’. This hadīth was narrated by At-Tirmithī (no. 364) but he did not mention that which ‘Imrān Ibn Muhammad mentioned from his father in Al-Baihaqī’s narration.

Sufyānuth Thawrī narrated Hushaim’s narration through the same chain of narrators. Ahmad narrated [in his Musand] (vol. 4/ p. 248) to have been told by Abdūr Razzāq that Sufyān narrated for him the hadīth. So this shaky Matn refers to Ibn Abī Lailā who had a very bad memory. At-Tirmithī reported that Ahmad said after narrating this hadīth: ‘Ibn Abī Lailā’s hadīth is not to be taken into consideration’.

Al-Bukhārī said: ‘Ibn Abī Laila is honest but I don’t relate his narration for he is of those whose narrations are shaky’. Al-Baihaqī stated in “Al-Ma’rifah” that his ahādīth are not taken into consideration if he is the only one to narrate them for he had a bad
memory and erred alot when narrating a hadīth. Ash-Shawkānī reported this in his “Naylul ‘Awtār” (vol. 3/ p. 139).

I believe that Al-‘Alā’ī statements that this hadīth could be considered Hasan considering the other chains of narrations, as Al-Hāfīth mentioned and reported, do not hold water for all these narrations are too weak that they can not support one another due to the great difference between them.

There is another hadīth traced back to ‘Aishah that the prophet (ﷺ) ordered her [that when she forgets in her Salāt] ‘to recite Tashahhud followed by Taslīm then do two Sujūds [Sujūd As-Sahwu] then recite Tashahhud once again’.

This hadīth was narrated by Al-Tabārānī. In its chain of narrators there is Mūsā Ibn Mutair who narrated the hadīth from his father. Mūsā Ibn Matair is, however, a weak narrator whose narrations were abandoned by many ‘Ulamah such as: Abū Hatim, An-Nasā‘ī and many others; Yahyā Ibn Ma‘īn even considered him a liar.

As for his father [Mutair], Abū Hātim said that his narrations are abandoned [by hadīth ‘Ulamah]. So, the hadīth is dropped down. Allāh knows best.\(^{(1)}\)

It is worth mentioning here, at the end of this discussion, that some Fuqahā‘ considered Sujūd As-Sahwu to be an obligation in some cases that no affirmed hadīth supports!! For example, some Fuqahā‘ considered that Sujūd As-Sahwu is an obligation for the Imām in case he forgets to recite Qunūt in Fajr Salāt, although doing Qunūt in Fajr Salāt is not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah as was previously discussed. Other Fuqahā‘ considered Sujūd As-Sahwu an obligation in case one proceeded Fātihah with verses from the Holy Qur’ān in the last two Rak’ahs although, as it was previously discussed, it is of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. Such opinions induced Abul Hasanāt Al-Laknawī to say in his “At-Ta’līq Al-Mumajjad ‘Alā Muwtta’ Muḥammad” (p. 102): ‘Some of our Shaikhs held

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strange opinions, one of which is that Sujūd As-Sahwu is an obligation on him who proceeded Fātihah with other Sūrahs or verses from the Qur’ān. Those who commented on “Al-Munyah” refuted this opinion, some of whom are: Ibrāhīm Al-Halabī, Ibn ‘Amīr Al-Hāj and others in a very convincing manner. Those who held such an opinion may not have heard the authentic hadīth [which permits a muslim to proceed the Fātihah with other Surahs from the Qur’ān in the last two Rak’ahs of Salāt] otherwise they would not have delivered such a ruling.

[22] Mistakes done while in the sitting posture, reciting Tashahhud and Taslim:

The second sitting and reciting the second Tashahhud are one of the ‘Arkān [sing. Rukn] of Salāt. Some muslims make some mistakes while doing them. The following points discuss some of them:


Al-Bukhārī (ﷺ) narrated in his “Sahīh” that Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) said: ‘….when you perform your Salāt, say [in Tashahhud]: “At-Tahiyyatu Lillāh was-Salawāt Al-Tayyibāt. As-Salāmu ‘Alaika Ayyuhā An-Naby Warahmatullāhi Wā Barakātuh...”(1)

Commenting on this hadīth, Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar said: ‘Other narrations of the hadīth bear different wording regarding time; during the prophet’s (ﷺ) presence amongst Muslims, they used to address him [saying ‘Alika] but after his (ﷺ) death one should use the third person pronoun [‘Alān Naby: on him].

In the chapter titled with ‘Asking for permission” in Sahīh Al-Bukhārī (vol. 11 / p. 56) (no. 6265), it was narrated from Abū Ma’mar from Ibn Mas’ūd -after reciting the hadīth stating Tashahhud- that he [Ibn Mas’ūd] said: ‘[we used to say this word] when he (ﷺ) was still alifé. But after his death we say ‘As

(1) “Sahīh Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p. 311).
Salāmu [peace be] that is ‘Alā An-Naby [upon the prophet]’. This narration was also narrated by Abī ‘Uwānah in his “Sahīh”, As-Sirāj, Al-Jawzaqī, Abū Nu’aim, Al-‘Asbahānī and Al-Baihaqī through many narrations traced back to Abī Nu’aim -one of Al-Bukhārī’s Shaikhs- who narrated the hadīth in the following wording: ‘when the prophet (ﷺ) passed away, we used to say [in Tashahhud] “As-Salāmū ‘Alā An-Naby” without the word “that is”. The same wording was narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah from Abī Nu’aim.

After relating this narration traced back to Abī ‘Uwānah; As-Subkī commented in his “Sharhul Minhāj”: ‘If this narration is proved to be authentic, it clearly states that after the prophet’s (ﷺ) death, it is not an obligation on a muslim to use the second person pronoun ['Alaika, i.e. on you] in his Tashahhud; instead one should say: “‘Alā An-Naby” [on the prophet]. I(1) believe that the narration is indeed authentic for which I found a strong supporting narration which runs as follows: Abdī Razzāq said that Ibn Juraij told him from ‘Atā that the Sahābah used to say -during the prophet’s (ﷺ) life- “As-Salāmū ‘Alaika Ayyuhan Naby”; but after his (ﷺ) death, they used to say: “As-Salāmu ‘Alan Naby”. This narration has an authentic chain of narrators’.(2)

Ibn Hajar then continued: ‘The apparent meaning of the narration is that the Sahābah used to use the second person pronoun during the prophet’s (ﷺ) life but after his (ﷺ) death, they used to use the third person pronoun “As-Salāmu ‘Alan Naby”’.(3)

[2/22] Adding the word “Sayyiduna” [our master] to Tashahhud or when sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ):

Sahīkh Muhammad Jamālud Dīn Al-Qāsimī said:

‘The ‘Ulamah differed amongst themselves regarding the word “Sayyidunā” when sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ). Imām Ibn

(1) i.e. Ibn Hajar.
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 314). Many ‘Ulamah such as: Al-Qastallānī, Az - Zarqānī, Al-Laknawī, a few to mention, reported Ibn Hajar’s statement.
(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 11 / pl 56).
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Hajar was asked regarding this point and he answered in a very convincing manner. The following paragraphs present the question and the answer.

The question: Is it an obligation in Salāt or outside Salāt that a Muslim says the word “Sayyiduna” when sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) such as to say: “Allāh humma Sallī ‘Alā Sayyidinā Muhammad” or “‘Alā Sayyidil khalq” [the master of the creation] or should one only say: “Allahumma Sallī ‘Alā Muhammad”? which one is better??

The answer: ‘Indeed following the affirmed wording of [any] Thikr is better. Some falsely raised that the prophet (ﷺ) abandoned this word out of his humbleness, but Muslims should say it. Were this hypothesis true, the Sahābah and Tābi‘īn would have said it and nothing of such a thing was affirmed though many of them reported the Tashahhud. And also pay heed to the great eminent ‘Ālim Ash-Shāfi‘i’s statement with which he commenced his book - to which all his followers adhere- he said: ‘Allāhumma Sallī ‘Alā Muhammad’.(1)

* Important Notes:
   It is worth mentioning here the following points:

[3/22] The first:

The hādīth that states: “Lā Tusayyidūnī Fī As-Salāt” [i.e. Never say “Master” in your Salāt] is a forged one, even the word “Tusayyidūnī” is linguistically incorrect; the proper derivation of the word should be “Tusawwidūnī” [i.e. call me master]. This hadīth is a forged one that has no basis whatsoever (2) regarding Isnād and Matn. were it authentic, we would have used it as a proof for the point under discussion.

(1) “Al-Fadlul Mubīn ‘Alā ‘Aqd Al-Jawharuth Thamīn” (p. 70). See also: “Sifat Salatun Naby” (p. 188); Imām Al-‘Albānī reported Ibn Hajar’s words from a scripture written by Muhammad Ibn Muhammad Al-Garābīlī (b. 790 - d. 835) and kept in Al-Maktabah Ath-Thāhiriyyah, Syria.
(2) As As-Sakhāwī stated in “Al-‘Asrār Al-Marfū‘ah” (no. 585) and “Al-Masnū’ Fī Ma‘rifat Al-Hadīth Al-Mawdū’” (no. 395).
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[4/22] The second:

Many Muslims mix the forms of Tashahhud and come up with a new one that runs as follows: ‘Allāhumma Sallī ‘Alā Muhammad Wa’alā ‘Āl: Muhammad, Kamā Sallayt ‘Alā Ibrāhīm Wa’alā ‘Āl Ibrāhīm. Fil ‘Ālamīn. Innaka Hamīdun Majīd’.

This new mixed wording of Tashahhud is illegal for any act of worship should be taken from the prophet (ﷺ), no more no less, and the previous wording of Tashahhud was not affirmed to be of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah; on the contrary it is a mixture of two Sahr’ wordings.


When a Muslim recites one of the wordings of Tashahhud, he should stick to its wording, with no addition or omission, for Tashahhud is an act of worship that is taken from Shar’ texts that should never be changed.

(1) Important note: In his book “At-Tirah ‘Alā Al-Gurrah” (pp. 12- 4), Al-’Alūsī said that: it is wide spread amongst the Rāfīdah not to separate between the word Muhammad and the word “’Ālī” with the preposition “’Alā” depending on a forged hadith that says: ‘ whoever separates between me and my ’Āl [house hold] with the preposition “’Alā” will never enjoy my intercession’. Many of the Shī’ah themselves stated that this hadith is a forged one. Accordingly, Ahlus Sunnah must abandon the Rafidah way and pronounce the word “’Alā” in their Tashahhud. See: “Mu’jam Al-Manāhī Al-Laftiyyah” (p. 16).

(2) For more details on the narrations regarding the wordings of Tashahhud. See: “Sifat Salātun Naby” (pp. 178 - 81).
Regretfully, many Muslims of today abandoned the authentic wordings of *Tashahhud* and resorted to other ones, some of them even add statements to the original ones believing them to be more beneficial. Any Muslim must be aware of such abandoning for indeed our prophet Muhammad’s (ﷺ) deeds are the most beneficial and most sublime to which we should all adhere especially sending *Salāt* on him (ﷺ) with its precise wording.

Both *Tashahhud* and sending *Salāt* on the prophet (ﷺ) are of the prescriptive acts [*Tawqīfiyyah*]; no one is allowed neither to add to nor omit a bit of them. The prophet (ﷺ) set certain wordings for them both to be followed by all Muslims. So, be -my dear Muslim brother- of those who follow [the Sunnah] and not of those who change and innovate new things in it.(1)

Adding the words “Bismillāh” to the beginning of *Tashahhud* and “As’alullāh Al-Jannah Wa’a’ūthu Billāhi Minan Nār” [I ask Allāh to admit me to Paradise. And I seek refuge with him from Hell] to its end is also a mistake done by some Muslims. Some recite such statements in *Taslīm* also. This will be discussed later at the end of this chapter. In his “Tamyīz” (pp. 141-2), İmām. Muslim said: ‘the wording of *Tashahhud* was related from the prophet (ﷺ) through many authentic narrations none of the following statements was affirmed to be mentioned in them at all’: ‘Bismillāh or Billāh in its beginning, As’alullāhal Jannah Wa ‘A’ūthu Billāhi Minan Nār at its end’.

[5/22] The third:

İmām An-Nawawī said: ‘Scholars differed regarding the obligation of sending *Salāt* on the prophet (ﷺ) in the second *Tashahhud* in *Salāt*. Abū Hanīfah, Mālik and the Jumhūr held it to be a Sunnah that if not done, one’s *Salāt* is still valid, while Ash-Shāfi‘ī and Ahmad regarded it to be a Wājib that if not done, one’s *Salāt* is rendered invalid. This is also ‘Umar’s and his son’s opinion which Ash-Sha’bī shared with them. Some scholars stated that Ash-

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(1) See “Dalā’il Al-Khairāt” by: Khairud Dīn Wanī (pp. 29 - 30).
Shāfī‘ī contradicted the Ijmā’ holding such an opinion. This is not true for it is Ash-Sha’bī’s opinion as narrated by Al-Baihqi.

Considering it [i.e. sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ)] as an obligation is not clearly affirmed. Ash-Shāfī’iyyah scholars support their opinion with Abī Mas’ūd’s Al-Ansārī’s (ﷺ) narration [who stated that] the Sahābah asked the prophet (ﷺ) about the way they could send Salāt on him, to which he (ﷺ) answered: ‘Say: Allahumma Sallī ‘Alā Muḥammad (ﷺ)… etc. ‘And this prophet’s (ﷺ) order is an obligation that must be followed.

However, this narration is not clear cut regarding the point under discussion unless it is joined with the other one which states that the Sahābah asked the prophet (ﷺ) ‘what should we say when we send our Salāt on you in our Salāt?’

He (ﷺ) said: ‘Say: Allahumma Sallī ‘Alā Muḥammad (ﷺ)… etc’. The addition in this narration is authentic; narrated by the two great Imams Abū Ḥātim Ibn Hibbān Al-Baṣṭī and Al-Hākim Abū ‘abdillāh in their “Sahīḥs” stating its authenticity. They both supported it with onther narration traced back to Fudālah Ibn ‘Ubaid to have said: ‘Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) once saw a man doing his Salāt. [when reaching Tashahhud, he started calling Allāh (ﷺ) for his well affair], he neither praised Allāh (ﷺ) nor glorified him, nor did he send his Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ). Seeing this, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘He is hasty’. Then he called him and instructed him saying: ‘when you do your Salāt, start [your Du‘ā’] with praising and glorifying Allāh (ﷺ) then send your Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) and then call unto Allāh (ﷺ) with that which your heart desires’.

Al-Hākim judged this Hadīth to be authentic for the conditions Muslim set for authentic narrations apply to it.

Although these two narrations include acts that are not obligatory on the praying Muslim such as sending one’s Salāt on the prophet’s ‘Āl [house hold] and his off spring and saying the Du‘ā’, one could - however- consider them as evidences [on the obligation of Tashahhud] for any order indicates that the thing ordered is an
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obligation. If parts of any order are not an obligation due to a certain evidence this does not entail that the other parts are not. Allāh knows best.

Our reverend Shāfi‘ī scholars considered saying: as ‘Allāhumma Sallī ‘Alā Muhammad’ Wājib, while the rest of Tashahhud is Sunnah. There is an odd opinion that states the obligation of sending Salāt on the ‘Āl [house hold] but it is not strong enough to be taken into consideration. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best’. (1)

[Commenting on An-Nawawi’s last point,] Al-‘Amīr As-San‘ānī said: ‘Sending one’s Salāt on the ‘Āl is not just recommended as An-Nawawi and others stated. On the contrary; sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) is not complete unless a Muslim recites the whole wording of it which includes the ‘Āl for [it is narrated that] the Sahābī asked the prophet (ﷺ) regarding how to send Salāt on him (ﷺ), and he (ﷺ) taught him the whole wording that contains sending Salāt on both: the prophet (ﷺ) and his house hold.

Accordingly; whoever ignores the second part, has not fully complied with the prophet’s (ﷺ) order, and so he has not actually sent Salāt on him (ﷺ)’. (2)

Ibn Al-‘Arabī shared As-San‘ānī his opinion considering sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) as an obligation. He said:

(1) “Sharh Sahih Muslim” by An-Nawawi (vol. 4 / p. 123), see also: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 11 / p. 163..).
(2) See: “Subulus Salām” (vol. 1 / p. 193). Al-Hādī, Al-Qāsim, Ahmad Ibn Hanbal and some Shāfi‘ī scholars all held it an obligation to recite the full form of the Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) after reciting Tashahhud as stated in “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 324).

In “Al-Qawlul Badī’” (pp. 90 - 1), As-Sakhāwī related from Al-Baihaqi in his “Shu’ab” from Abī Ishāq Al-Marwazi - a great Sahīfi‘ scholar - to have said: ‘I believe that sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) and his ‘Āl is an obligation in the last Tashahhud of Salāt. Al-Baihaqi commented: “The affirmed ahādīth that show the way of sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) are evidences on what he believed in”.

Then he [As-Sakhāwī] said: ‘Our shaikh -Ibn Hajar- said that what At-Tahāwī mentioned in his “Mushkil” indicates that Harmalah reported this from Ash-Shāfi‘ī’. 

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‘Sending Salāt on the prophet () is an obligation to be done at least once in one’s life as agreed upon amongst scholars. As for doing it in Salāt itself, Muhammad Ibn Al-Mawwāz and Ash-Shāfi‘ī held it to be an obligation without which one’s Salāt is rendered invalid. Other ‘Ulamah held an opposite opinion; they held it to be a Sunnah. The soundest opinion is the former for it is supported by the hadīth in which the prophet () displayed the time and manner of sending Salāt on him.

Accordingly; this Salāt is an obligation regarding its time and manner’.(1)

Our Shaikh Al-‘Albānī shared Ibn Al-‘Arabi his opinion as stated in his “Sifat Salātun Naby”.(2) He mentioned Fudāla’s narration which An-Nawawī related- under the title ‘The obligation of Sending Salāt on the Prophet ()’ and then said: ‘It was narrated by Ahmad, Abū Dāwūd, Ibn Khuzaimah, Al-Hākim -who considered it as authentic and with which Ath-Thahabi agreed’. Then he proceeded saying: ‘This hadīth states the obligation of sending Salāt on the prophet () in this [second] Tashahhud due to the order included in it. Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī and Ahmad in his latest views held this opinion as many Sahābah and others did before. Those who claim that Ash- Shāfi‘ī contradicted the Ijmā` has been unjust to him- as Al-Faqīh Al-Haithamī discussed in his “Ad-Durr Al-Mandūd Fis Salati Was Salāmi ‘Ala Sāhib Al-Maqām Al-Mahmūd”.

[6/22] The fourth:

Sending Salāt on the prophet () is not restricted to the second Tashahhud; it could be recited in the first one too.

Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī stated in “Al-‘Umm”: ‘The first and the second Tashahhud have the same wordings. By the word Tashahhud I mean reciting Tashahhud followed by sending Salāt on the prophet () both must be recited’.(3)

(1) See: “Ahkāmul Qur’ān” (vol. 3 / p. 1584) and “Al-Fathur Rabbanī” (vol. 4 / p. 28).
(2) (pp. 197-8).
(3) Al-‘Umm (vol.1 / p. 102).
It is not of Sunnah that one limits his Tashahhud to only saying “Allāhumma Sallī ‘Alā Muhammad”, one must recite one of the affirmed wordings of Tashahhud completely- as was previously reported from Al-‘Amīr As-Sanānī.\(^{(1)}\)

In addition to that, the authentic ahādīth indicate clearly that Du’ā’ could be recited after reciting the first Tashahhud. One of these ahādīth is the one narrated by ‘Abdullāh Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) to have said: ‘We used to perform Salāt and know nothing to say after the first two Rak’ahs but Tasbīh, Takbīr and Tahmīd. Muhammad (ﷺ) indeed taught us all the good things to be said. He (ﷺ) said: ‘when you sit at the end of the second Rak‘ah say: “Al- Tahiyyātu Lillahi Was Salawāt Wat Tayyibāt, As-Salāmu ‘Alaika Ayyuha Naby Warahmatullāhi Wabarakātuh, As-Salāmu ‘Alainā W’alā Iba dillāhi As-Sālihīn. Ashadhu Anna Lā Ilaha Ilāh Allāh, Wa’anna Muhammadan ‘Abduhu Warasūlūh”, then choose whatever you like of Du’ā’”.\(^{(2)}\)

The aforementioned hadīth states the legality of saying Du’ā’ in the first Tashahhud. None of the ‘Ulamah held this opinion but Ibn Hazm- and he is right in doing so- although he depended on general texts which other ‘Ulamah could refute easily making use of specified ones. As for this hadīth, it is indeed a clear cut hadīth on the point under discussion. May Allāh (ﷻ) have mercy on him who is just in all matters and follows the Sunnah.\(^{(3)}\)

[7/22] The fifth:

In case one’s Wudū’ becomes invalid before Taslīm, one’s Salāt is considered invalid- be it an obligatory or supererogatory one.\(^{(4)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) See: “Sifāt- Salātun Naby” (p. 185).
\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p.437), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Muqta‘ā” (vol. 2 / p. 238) and At- Tabarānī in “Al-Mu’jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 10 / p. 57) (no. 9912). Its chain of narrators is authentic- and considered connected according to the conditions set by Muslim- as is explained in “As- Silsilah As- Sahihah” (no. 878).
\(^{(3)}\) “Silsilat Al-‘ahādīth As- Sahihah” (vol. 2 / p. 567).
\(^{(4)}\) “Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 22 / p. 613).
[8/22] The sixth:

Some Muslims make another mistake in Salah which is doing Tawarruk [i.e. sitting on the left hip putting the left foot under the right one] in the two Rak’ah Salah, such as the Fajr, the Friday and supererogatory Salah or abandoning it when needed in the three or four Rak’ahs Salah provided that one does not cause inconvenience to the one sitting next to him.\(^{(1)}\)

[9/22] the seventh:

The most widely accepted interpretation of “Ibadillahi As-Salihin” [the righteous slaves of Allâh] is those who perform whatever is enjoined on them towards Allâh (ﷻ) and towards people. The level of achieving this differs from one person to the other. At-Tirmithi said: ‘whoever wishes to enjoy peace Muslims send in their Salah on other Muslims should be a righteous Muslim otherwise he would be deprived of this great bounty [peace]’.\(^{(2)}\)

[10/22] The eigth:

Al-Qaffal stated in his “Fatwâ”: ‘Abandoning Salah causes harm to all Muslims for any praying person should recite the following Du’â’ in it; i.e. “As-Salûmu Alaînwa’alîb Ibadillahi As-Sâlihiin”, and abandoning Salah will consequently lead to abandoning this Du’â’. Accordingly, the one who abandons Salah fails to follow Allâh’s (ﷻ) and his Messenger’s order, incurs sin on himself and deprives all Muslims [from calling unto Allâh (ﷻ) for them]; sins heap one upon the other’.\(^{(3)}\)

It is worth mentioning here that the first Tashahhud -according to the soundest of all Ulamah’s opinions- is Wâjib. This opinion was held by Ahlul Hadîth; [one of whom is] Ash-Shawkânî who said in his “As-Saylul Jarrâ” (vol. 1 / p. 228): ‘The orders concerning the obligation of doing Tashahhud do not only refer to

\(^{(1)}\) See the article titled with: “Tanbihât ‘Alâ Ba ‘dil ‘Akhtâ’ Allati yaf ‘aluhi Ba ‘dul Musallûn Fi Salâtihim”. See “Tamâmul Minnah” (p. 223).

\(^{(2)}\) Fathul Bâri (vol. 2 / p. 314).

\(^{(3)}\) Previous reference (vol. 2 / p. 317).
the second *Tashahhud*; but for on both the first and second ones. In the *hadīth* regarding the *Sahābī* who failed to do his *Salāt* properly, which is considered as a reference for obligations the first *Tashahhud* was mentioned in it as a *Wājib* while there is no mention of the second one. So, one could say that the first *Tashahhud* is more obligatory than the second one.

As for those who postulate that the first *Tashahhud* is not *Wājib* because when the prophet (ﷺ) forgot to do it, he did *Sujūd* *As-Sahw*, this postulation could be right if *Sujūd* *As-Sahw* were done only when forgetting to do the non-obligatory acts [in *Salāt*] and it is surely not’.(1)

It is worth mentioning here that some people abandon the proper *thikr* that should be recited between the two *Sajdas* and say instead “Allāmma Khalli ‘Annī’” and other false statements that the prophet (ﷺ) never said.

[11/22] Abandoning moving one’s right index in *Tashahhud*:

Ahmad in his “*Musnad*” (vol. 4/ p. 318), An-Nasā’ī his “*Mujtabā*” (vol. 2/ pp. 126-7), (vol. 3/ p. 371), Abū Dāwūd in his “*Sunnan*” (no. 713), Ibn Khuzaīmah in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 480, 714), Ibn Al- Jārūd in “*Al- Muntaqā*” (no. 208), Ibn Hibban in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 1851), Al- Bāihaqī in “*As- Sunnan Al- Kubrā*” (vol. 2/ pp. 27, 28 and 132) and At- Tabarānī in “*Al- Mu’jam Al- Kabīr*” (vol. 22/ p. 35) from Wā’il Ibn Hujr to have said: ‘*Indeed, I will watch how the prophet (ﷺ) performs his Salāt. I watched him carefully; he (ﷺ) recited Takbīr, raising his hands... (till he said): then raised his [right] index and I saw him moving it and calling into Allāh’.

This is an explicit authentic narration stating the movement of the index finger [in *Salāt*]. In another narration, the narrator Ibn Hujr used the simple present tense “*Yarfa’*[moving] which implies

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the continuity of this act till the end of one’s Salāt not only when mentioning the word “Allāh” [in the Tashahhud] or when saying “lā Ilāh Illā Allāh” in it as some Fuqahā’ held for this is based on no hard evidence.\(^{(1)}\)

Shaikh Al-‘Athīm Al-‘Ābādī affirmed this point saying: ‘This hadīth indicates that it should be moved continuously [in Tashahhud]’.\(^{(2)}\)

It is narrated in “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 2 / p. 90) from Abdullāh Ibn Az- Zubair to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to put his left foot between his thigh and leg, spreading his right foot, putting his left palm on his left knee and his right palm on his right thigh and pointing with his [right] index’.

It may be raised that taking this hadīth into consideration and under application has more right than applying the first one [of Ibn Hujr] for two reasons:

**The first:** some narrations- such as the one narrated by Abī Dawūd in his Sunnan (no. 989), traced back to Ibn Az-Zubair- state that ‘he (ﷺ) used to point with his [right] index finger when he recited Du‘ā’ and used not to move it’.

**The second:** Al- Baihaqī said in his “Sunnan” (vol. 2 / p. 130): ‘The words “moving it” [In Wā’il’s narration] may be interpreted as pointing with it without really moving it. Accordingly, both narrations would be compatible in meaning’.

**The Refutation:** As for the first reason, the addition “without moving it” is not an affirmed one; for the hadīth is narrated by Muhammad Ibn ‘Ajlān from ‘Āmir Ibn ‘Abdillāh Ibn Az-Zubair from his father. Ibn ‘Ajlān is not a reliable narrator for his narration was narrated by other four narrators traced back to him without this addition. And another two reliable narrators narrated the same narration from ‘Āmir [without this addition]; accordingly, this

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\(^{(1)}\) The introduction by the verifier of “Al-Khushū‘ in As-Salāt” by IBN Rajab Al-Hanbālī (p. 7).

\(^{(2)}\) “‘Awn Al-Ma‘būd” (vol. 1 / p. 374).
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addition is Shāithihah [odd one]. Moreover, and most important of all, Imām Muslim narrated the same Hadīth traced back to Ibn ‘Ajlān too without this addition.\(^{(1)}\)

Imām Ibn Al-Qayyim affirmed the same and said: ‘As for the hadīth narrated by Abū Dāwūd traced back to ‘Abdullāh Ibn Az-Zubair to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to point with his [right] index calling unto Allāh (ﷻ) with out moving it’; this last phrase is not convincingly affirmed for Imām Muslim narrated the full hadīth in his “Sahīh” without mentioning it.

He [Imām Muslim] related that: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to sit in his Salāt [for Tashahhud] putting his left foot between his thigh and leg, spreading his right foot, and used to put his left palm on his left knee, and his right palm on his right thigh pointing with his finger’.

Besides, Abū Dāwūd’s narration does not explicitly state that the prophet (ﷺ) used to do so in his Salāt.\(^{(2)}\) Even if it were so, Abū Dāwūd’s narration bears a negative meaning while Ibn Hjur’s one bears an affirmed, authentic positive one and the later has precedence over the former.\(^{(3)}\)

Were this narration authentic, it could be easily combined with the other one narrated by Wā’il; one could move his index and point with it alternately -as Al-Qurtubi said: ‘The ‘Ulamah differed regarding moving the index finger [in Tashahhud]; some held that one should move it, others held the opposite opinion. Both groups based their rulings on evidences form the authentic Sunnah, so both acts could be performed [alternately]. Al-Hamdulillāh’.\(^{(4)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) See: “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 218).

\(^{(2)}\) Ibn Al-Qayyim means that his (ﷺ) act is a general one done at any time, not only in Salāt for the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘ (ﷺ) and when you ask Allāh’s (ﷻ) forgiveness, point with one [i.e. right index] finger’ as narrated by Abū Dāwūd in his” Sunnah” (no. 1489) through an authentic chain of narration.

\(^{(3)}\) “Zād Al-Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / pp. 238- 9).

\(^{(4)}\) Tafsīr Al-Qurtubī” (vol. 1 / p. 361).
Chapter Three

Al-‘Amīr As-San‘ānī in his “Subul As-Salām” (vol. 1/ pp. 187-8) shared Al-Qurtubi’s his opinion and so did Ar-Rāfi‘ī as reported by Al-Mubārakfūrī who supported both Ar-Rāfi‘ī and As-San‘ānī.(1)

Moving the [right] index is the soundest of opinions for according to the Fīqh principle” the narration with positive meaning has precedence over the one with a negative meaning. It is so strange that some of those who explained An-Nawawī’s “Al-Minhāj” after narrating Wā’il’s hadīth and having known the preponderance of other ‘Ulamah- reject it and say: ‘The narration that bears the negative has precedence over the one with positive meaning believing this to be the truth and the prophet (ﷺ) may have ordered them [i.e. his Sahābah] not to move it in the Salāt’.(2)

Other later Fuqahā’ even stated that: ‘One must not move it for the act of moving was not affirmed in Sunnah!! It is even Harām and renders one’s Salāt invalid!! As reported by An-Nawawī in his “Sharh Al-Muhaththab”’.(3)

Such opinions are indeed born out from Mathhab fanaticism for it is of human nature that one sticks to what he knows and is familiar with, adhering to it with great satisfaction and submission to an extent that if an opposite opinion is to appear he would gather all his power and do whatever is in his capacity to refute it and defend his won opinion closing his eyes from the Haq [Truth].

An-Nawawī stated three views in his “Sharh Al-Muhaththab”:
‘The first states the impermissibility of moving the index, the second: the prohibition of moving it and “doing so renders one’s Salāt invalid”. The hadīth concerning this view was narrated by Abī ‘Alī Ibn Abī Hurairah which is a weak, odd one’.

Then he continued: ‘Moving it is a recommended act as Shaikh Abū Hāmid, Al-Bandānjī, Al-Qādī, Abū At-Tayyib and others stated depending on Wā’il’s narration- which was narrated by Al-

(1) See: “Tuhfatul Ahwathī” (vol. 1 / p. 241). This opinion was also held by Abdīl ‘Azīz Ibn Bāz in his “Fatāwā” (vol. 1 / p. 75).
(2) “Mugnī Al-Muhtāj” (vol. 1 / p. 173).
(3) “Kifāyatul Akhyār” (p. 74).
Baihaqī through an authentic chain of narrators—states that the prophet (ﷺ) ‘raised his [index] finger, moving it and calling unto Allāh with it’.\(^{(1)}\)

As for the view that states that moving the index renders one’s Salāt invalid, it is a weak and odd one—as An-Nawawī stated. Some held this view believing that doing three movements in Salāt renders one’s Salāt invalid which is totally baseless. Concerning this, Shaikh Ibn Bāz said: ‘As for limiting the number of the movements that renders one’s Salāt as invalid to three movements, it is totally baseless; there is no authentic hadīth that states this. It is just a mere proof-lacking opinion of some ‘Ulamah’\(^{(2)}\).

As for Az-Zubair’s narration which states only pointing with the index; it does not entail not moving it as is linguistically known. So from both linguistic and Fiqh point of views\(^{(3)}\) disagreement has no access here.

The soundest of all opinions is to apply both narrations, pointing with and moving the [right] index finger as Imām Ahmad said in “Masā’il Ibn Hāni’” (vol. 1 / p. 80). Allāh knows the best.

Finally, one must pay attention to the following points:

[12/22] the first:

The narration that states ‘I saw the prophet (ﷺ) sitting in his Salāt (ṣ) raising his index finger curving it slightly calling unto Allāh’. This hadīth’s narration, however, has a weak chain of narrators; there is Mālik Ibn Numair Al-Khuza’ī in it ‘whose reliability is not known and he is the only one to narrate from his father’ as Ibn Al-Qattan and Ath-Thahabī stated. Al-‘Albānī reported that Ath-Thahabī stated that ‘This curving of the finger is not mentioned but in this hadīth only, and being a weak one it must not be taken into consideration. Allāh’s knows best’\(^{(4)}\).

\(^{(1)}\) “Al-Majmū’ “Sharḥ” Al-Muhaththab” (vol. 3 / p. 451).
\(^{(2)}\) “The Fatawāwā” (vol. 1 / p. 87).
\(^{(3)}\) “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 219– 20).
\(^{(4)}\) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 223).
[13/22] The second:

It is stated in some narrations that the \textit{prophet () pointed with his index finger then did Sujūd}, which indicates that pointing with the index between the two \textit{Sujūds} is permissible too!! This narration; however, contradicts all the other ones, so it is \textit{Shāththah}. Accordingly, a praying muslim must not move his index finger between the two \textit{Sujūds}.\(^{(1)}\)

[14/22] The Third:

It is detested that a praying \textit{muslim} point with his left index, even if his right one is amputated, for it is of \textit{Sunnah} to keep one’s left index always spread.\(^{(2)}\)

It is of a great importance to attract the reader’s attention to a mistake done by many when moving the index finger which is moving it in a circular way believing that this is what is meant by Wā’il’s narration: ‘I saw the prophet () making a circle with his thumb and middle finger’.

This is indeed a misinterpretation of the hadīth. Some move the index in a manner that was never done by the prophet (); that is they move it upwards and downwards. The proper manner is to raise the index and move it while it is raised whether upwards and downwards or to the left and right.

\textit{* Three Mistakes done in Taslīm:}

\textit{Taslīm} is one of the \textit{Arkān of Salāt}, if not done one’s \textit{Salāt} is rendered invalid. This is the opinion of the \textit{Jumhūr} beginning with the \textit{Sahābah} followed by the \textit{Tābi‘īn} then those who followed them.\(^{(3)}\)

Some times, \textit{muslims} commit the following mistakes when reciting \textit{Taslīm}:

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  \item \textbf{(1)} For more details about these narration, See “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 214-7).
  \item \textbf{(2)} “Rawdat At-Tālibīn” (vol. 1 / p. 262) and “Fatāwā An-Nawawī” (p. 35).
  \item \textbf{(3)} “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (p. 8315).
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First:

When reciting *Taslīm* to the right and left sides some *muslims* point with their right and left hands both sides.

The prophet (ﷺ) forbade his * Sahābah* from doing so as narrated by Jābir Ibn Samurah to have said: ‘**We used to point with our hands both sides when reciting *Taslīm*. Seeing us doing so, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘what is the matter with you pointing with your hands [both sides] as restless horses do with their tails?!**’(1) Since then, they (ﷺ) stopped doing this act and recited *Taslīm* only.’

Second:

The word “*As-Salāmu*” should be pronounced with its proper length without prolonging the vowel /ā/ so much.

This is an agreed upon opinion amongst scholars as Ibn Sayyid An-Nāṣ stated.

Third:

Ibn Taymiyyah was asked regarding the statements some people say when they recite *Taslīm* on both sides; they say “*As’alukal Fawza Bil Jannah*” to the right, and “*As’alukan Najātā Minan Nār*” to the left. Is this act detested [Makrūh]?

He answered: ‘Praise be to *Allāh* (谴). Indeed, this is *Harām* act for it is a Bid‘ah; it was never done by the *prophet* (ﷺ) nor did any of the ‘*Ulamah* recommend it. The first of these two statements separates between the first and the second *Taslīm*. None whatsoever has the right to separate between the parts of any prescribed act of worship in such a manner’.(2)

It is worthmentioning here, that when one’s *Salāt* is invalidated by one of the nullifiers of *Salāt*, such as passing wind, some people

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(1) It was previously fully narrated with its chain of narrators.
(2) Al-Fatāwā (vol. 22 / p. 492).
do *Taslīm* to end their *Salāt* and this is a mistake for the *Salāt* is considered nullified without doing *Taslīm*.
Chapter Four

Mistakes done in the Mosque and During Congregational Salāt

* Mistakes [from pronouncing Ἄθān] till pronouncing the Iqāmah.

* Mistakes from pronouncing the Iqāmah until reciting Takhbīratul Ḥarām.

* Mistakes from Reciting Takhbīratul Ḥarām till reciting Taslīm.

* Mistakes regarding the rewards of congregational Salāt, mistakes of those who abandon it and the threat against them.
Mistakes [from the ’Athān] till pronouncing the Iqāmah

* Mistakes done by the Mu’aththinūn and those who hear the ’Athān.

* Pacing to the mosque interlocking one’s fingers.

* Getting out of the mosque while the ’Athān is being recited.

* Wasting time chatting while the Salāt is about to begin.

* Abandoning doing Tahiyyatul Masjid and the prior- Sunnah Salāt towards a Sutrah.

* Reciting Sūratul Ikhlās prior to Iqāmah.

* Doing supererogatory Salāt [Nāfilah] while the Iqāmah is being pronounced.

* Doing Nāfilah Salāt- that has no Shar‘ reason to the exclusion of the two- Sunnah Rak‘ahs- prior Fajr Salāt.

* Having garlic, onion or bad scented food before attending congregational Salāt.

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(1) One of these mistakes is sticking to a certain spot in the mosque in order to do Salāt in it. This mistake has been discussed earlier.
[23] **Mistakes done by the Mu’aththinīn and those who hear the ’Athān:**

It is worth mentioning, at the beginning of this section, that it is of great importance that there should be a *Mu’aththin* in every mosque to whom the *Imām* [leader of *Salāt*] could entrust his responsibilities. The prophet (ﷺ) used to entrust Ibn ‘Umm Maktūm [and others] with his responsibilities as a leader of *Salāt* while being away from Madīnah. Those entrusted proved to be the best. The *Mu’aththin* should be of those who read and write well, know times of *Salāt*, punctual in their *’Athān* and able to help muslims in their congregational *Salāt*.

Unfortunately, many *Mu’aththinūn* in our mosques these days do not perceive the importance of the responsibility they bear upon their shoulders; this great rites amongst the Islamic rites...!! Some of them do not even know how to recite the ‘*Athān* properly?!?(1)

The following points discuss mistakes many *Mu’aththinūn* do regarding the manner in which ‘*Athān* is recited; but first, it is of great importance to attract our readers’ attention to an important misconception people have regarding the legality of ‘*Athān* itself.

[1/23] **Many people believe that reciting the ’Athān in the mosques in residence is a recommended act of worship** and this is a sheer falsehood no doubt. ‘*Athān* is indeed one of the greatest Islamic rites upon hearing which- in an area- the prophet (ﷺ) would refrain from invading its people- as is established in the *Sahīhain* and other *Sunnah* books. Many ahadīth state a clear order that it be pronounced, though one is enough for it to be considered as *Wājib*. Accordingly, pronouncing *’Athān* is *Fard Kifāyah* [collective duty].(2) *Imām* Ibn Taymiyyah held this view. The followers of *Imām* Mālik and Ahmad, ‘Atā’, Mujāhid and Al-’Awzā‘ī shared his view. Concerning this point Al-’Adawī held that it [the *’Athān*] is a collective duty in the *Muslim* country; if abandoned, its

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(1) See: “Dabābun ‘Alā Manārīl Masjid” (pp. 20-21) with slight editing.
(2) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 144).
dwellers ought to be fought’. (1) Ibn Abdil Barr supported the same view stating a reason that ‘the ‘Athān is considered as a distinctive feature for the Muslim country that distinguishes it from a Kāfir one’. (2) Ibn Qudāmah also stated the same opinion and added that ‘it [the ‘Athān] is not an obligation on the passers by for the purpose of calling ‘Athān is to pronounce that Salāt is due, and for people to attend it in the mosques. One ‘Athān suffices one country as long as all people could hear it’. (3)

The Hanafī followers, however, believe that the ‘Athān is a Sunnah Mu‘akkadah [affirmed Sunnah] and one of the rites of Islām; if abandoned one incurs a sin on himself. This view is also a well known view in the Shāfi‘ī Mathhab, as mentioned in “Al-Majmū" (vol. 3/p. 82) and “Ar-Rawdah” (vol. 1 / p. 195). They held that abandoning an affirmed Sunnah has the same consequence as abandoning an obligatory deed, a sin is incurred.

The difference between the views of the Shāfi‘ī and Hanafī followers on one side and those who held that pronouncing ‘Athān is Wājib on the other is only a linguistic -idiomatic difference the thing that takes place a lot amongst the ‘Ulamah- as Ibn Taymiyyah stated in his Fatāwā. (4) He added: ‘As for those who claim that it [i.e. the ‘Athān] is a Sunnah, if abandoned no sin is incurred [on a Muslim], this is indeed a sheer false hood’. (5)

Ash-Shawkānī said that ‘one must not hesitate to consider this act of worship as a Wājib for its evidences are crystal clear’. (6)

* Now to the mistakes done when reciting ‘Athān:

(1) “Hāshiyat Al-‘Adawī” (vol. 1 / p. 221), see: “Tafsīr Al-Qurtubī”. (vol. 6 / p. 225) and “Bidāyatul Mujtahid” (vol. 1 / p. 221).
(2) See: “Tafsīr Al-Qurtubī” (vol. 6 / p. 225).
(3) Al-Mugnī (vol. 1 / p. 428).
(5) “Majmū’ Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 22 / pp. 64-5).
(6) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / pp. 196-7).
[2/23] The first: Raising one’s voice with sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) after reciting ’Athān; this is indeed a Bid‘ah. (1)

Even the act of sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) secretly by the Mu’aththin after calling the ’Athān depends on no hard evidence.

If it is raised that sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) is of Sunnah according to the general order in the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘when you hear the Mu’aththin recites ’Athān, repeat what he says then send Salāt on me’, this will be refuted as follows:

The prophet’s (ﷺ) order is addressed to those who hear the ’Athān, not the Mu’aththin himself. Besides, were this hypothesis true, this would entail that the Mu’aththin should repeat the statements of ’Athān after himself the thing which none of the ‘Ulamah held to be true, on the contrary it is a Bid‘ah.

On the other hand, the Mu’aththin is not prohibited to send Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) secretly, but he had better not do it so often lest people think that sending Salāt on the prophet after the ’Athān is part of it or misunderstand the interpretation of the aforementioned hadīth, so pay heed to this. (2)

[3/23] The second: Mispronouncing the ’Athān to an extent that some letters and vowels are totally changed and others added for the sake of retaining the musical tune.


(2) “Tamāmul Mīn Nath” (p. 158).
Imām Al-Qurtubī discussed this clearly in his “Tafsīr” saying: ‘The Mu’aththin should recite the ’Athān with moderate length of the letter with out prolonging its vowels in a way many ignorants do these days as if they are composing musical notes, or disconnecting between the letters to an extent that the ’Athān is no longer understood’.(1)

[4/23] The third: Because of the keen desire of some people to listen to those Mu’aththinūn who recite the ’Athān with musical tunes, a new Bid‘ah was born which is to call the ’Athān through tape recorders equipped with loud speakers!!

This way of pronouncing the ’Athān may cause confusion such as reciting “As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm” in day light Salāt or leaving the recorder on after the ’Athān and music may follow!!(2)

Calling ’Athān through recorders equipped with loud speakers leads to many adversities:

1- Only the original Mu’aththin- whose voice is recorded- wins the reward for calling the ’Athān and other Mu’aththinūn will loose it.

2- This act contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ’When Salāt is due, let one of you pronounce the ’Athān and let the oldest among you lead you in Salāt’. (3)

3- It goes against the Islamic tradition that has been practiced since the first year of Hijrah till our age which is to pronounce the ’Athān in the mosques, each alone, for the five Salawāt even if there is more than one mosque in the same area.

4- Bearing the Niyyah [intention] by the Mu’aththin for each ’Athān he pronounces is one of its articles. Accordingly,

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(2) “Al-Masid Fil Islām” (p. 201).
(3) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 628, 630, 631, 658, 819, 2848, 6008, 7246) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no.674).

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the 'Athān done by the insane, the drunken, or the like is not accepted in the shar’ since they do things with out bearing intentions in advance, so is the case with tape recorders.\(^1\)

5- Pronouncing 'Athān is considered a physical act of worship; so ‘a person must not build [an act of worship; i.e. Iqāmah] upon other person’s worship [i.e. the 'Athān] for both are physical acts of worship; just like Salāt if its parts were done by two different persons, it is not accepted’.\(^2\)

6- There are some Sunnan, manners and etiquettes that are to take place when calling 'Athān for every Salāt; using tape recorders will certainly cause their disappearance.

7- Doing 'Athān through tape recorders paves the way for Bid‘ah to flow in muslins’ acts of worship and Islamic rites; such as abandoning pronouncing the 'Athān letting tape recorders do the job.

Due to all this, the Islamic Fiqh Assembly Council of the Islamic World Union in its ninth session, which was held in Makkha on Saturday Rajab, 2, 1406 Hijrah, stated that: ‘Broadcasting the 'Athān through tape recorders when Salāt is due is not sufficient and is not permissible; 'Athān in such a case is not Mashrū’ [legal]; muslins should pronounce the 'Athān by themselves for every Salāt in every mosque as has been the tradition since our prophet’s (ﷺ) time till now. May Allāh guide us to the right path’.

Three Fatwāā were established affirming the aforementioned Fatwāā by: Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Ibrāhīm Āl Ash-Shaikh, no. 35

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\(^1\) When discussing such a mistake -i.e. using tape recorders for pronouncing Athān-some so called “Shaikhs” supported its legality and when asking them about the legality of following one Imām in Salāt through radios or T.V. they stated that such an act is totally illegal. By Allāh (ﷻ), what is the difference between these two acts of worship?!

Mistakes done in the mosque

on Muharram, 3, 1387 Hijrah, the Senior ‘Ulamah Committee in Saudī Arabia in its session held in Rabī‘ Ath-Thānī in 1398, and by the Permanent Committee of the Presidency General of the Department for Scientific Research, Da’wah and Guidance in Saudī Arabia (no. 5779) on Rajab, 3, 1403 Hijrah.


“And say (O Muhammad): praise be to Allāh who has taken no son”(1) or any other statement at the end of the ‘Athān. All this is Bid’ah.

In Al-‘Iqna‘, one of the Hanbalī books, Al-Hijjāwī stated nearly the same saying that ‘whatever recited before ‘Athān such as: Tasbīḥ, poems, or raising voices with Du‘ā’… ect is not of Sunnah. None of the ‘Ulamah held that it is recommended; on the contrary; it is of the detested Bid’ah for it was not the prophet’s (ﷺ) practice nor his Sahābah’s; it is totally baseless. Accordingly, none -even those who give endowments- has the right to enjoin it on others or condemn those who abandon it, or force others do it’.(2)

Ibn Al-Jawzī said: ‘Many Mu’uththinūn recite remembrances and Qur’ān in their mosques in the middle of the night raising their voices with the recitation, disturbing those who are asleep and causing inconveniences to those who perform Qiyāmul Lail; all such things are of the detested acts’.(3)

Imagine when these things are done through loud speakers!! This will certainly cause people to acquire negative conceptions about Islām and hate neighboring mosques, what for??! Because of such screams coming out from some ignorant people with silly statements that some of which contradict the pure Tawhīd in Islām

(1) Sūrat Al-Isrā’: (no. 111).
(2) See: “Kashshaf Al-Qinā‘” (vol. 1 / p. 168), “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 92) with Ibn Bāz’s commentary on it, “Tafsīr Al-’Alūsī” for the verse: Verily, Allāh’s mousques are established by those…” (vol.3 / p.284) and “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol.2 / pp. 96-7).
(3) “Talbīs Iblīs” (p. 137).
such as: “O! who was the first created by Allāh” or “O! who you live in the chamber” [meaning Muhammad (ﷺ)] as if the chamber grants honour to the prophet (ﷺ). (1)

[6/23] The fifth: Calling the ’Athān inside the mosque:

Reciting the ’Athān inside the mosque using loud speakers is not Shar’ [i.e. legal] for many reasons, some of which are the following:

* It causes inconvenience for those who are reciting Qur’ān or remembrances, and those who are performing their Salāt in it.

* It also prevents the Mu’aththin from being seen by all people outside the mosque, which is one of the etiquettes of this great Islamic rite.

I strongly believe that while reciting the ’Athān through loud speakers, the Mu’aththin should stand in a place from which he could be easily seen by other people. This could be easily achieved by setting a special place at the top of the mosque equipped with loud speakers. Incase the electricity goes off, the Mu’aththin could recite the ’Athān easily from the top of the mosque and be heared by all people.

It is worth mentioning here that a Mu’aththin should turn his head to the right and left when reciting the Hai’alahs [i.e. Hayya ‘Alas Salāt, Hayya ‘Alal Falāh] which many Mu’aththinūn ignore since the microphones are set in front of them directly. Therefore, there should be two microphones set on both sides of the Mu’aththin to enable him practice this Sunnah properly.

If it is raised that the aim of turning one’s head towards the right and left sides is to let all people hear the ’Athān and there is no need to do this act in the presence of the loudspeakers, the refutation will be that this hypothesis is proofless. Besides, acts of Sunnah may have other aims about which people may not know, so it is better for a Muslim to act upon Sunnah. (2)

(1) See: “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 191-3).
(2) “Al-Ajwibah An-Nāfi’ah” (pp. 18-9).
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It is worth mentioning here, that the *Sunnah* is ‘to turn one’s face [when reciting the *Hai’alahs* both sides] not the chest for none of the *ahādīth* concerning this point mention the chest’.\(^{(1)}\)

It was reported by Harb that *Imām* Ahmad delivered the same *Fatwā* when asked about moving one’s body while reciting *‘Athān*.\(^{(2)}\)

[7/23] **The Sixth: reciting *Tathwīb*** [i.e. reciting the statement: “*As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm*” after the *Hai’alahs*] in the second *Fajr* *‘Athān* and calling the *‘Athān* before its time is due:

Some *Mu’aththinūn* recite one *‘Athān* for the *Fajr* *Salāt* instead of two [as is established in the *ahādīth*]. And those who call the two *‘Athāns* comit the following mistakes:

1. Calling the *‘Athān* before its due time. This mistake has its deep exitance in the *Islamic* history even Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar mentioned it in his “Fathul Bārī”. He said: ‘One of the most abhorred *Bida’*these days is to recite the second *Fajr* *‘Athān* before its due time within about a third of an hour in Ramadan.. and this led them [i.e. the *Mu’aththinūn*] delay reciting the sunset *‘Athān* after its due time to make sure that the sun has “really” set -as they claim. Accordingly; *Sahūr* is taken earlier [than the recommended time] and breakfast [in *Ramadān*] is delayed [from its recommended time], the thing which totally contradicts the *Sunnah*, and consequently people lost all goodness and evil increased amongst them. There is no might nor power but with *Allāh* (ﷻ) we seek His help only’.\(^{(3)}\)

2. Reciting *Tathwīb* in the second *Fajr* *‘Athān*:

This is a wide spread mistake. The *Tathwīb* should be recited in the first *Fajr* *‘Athān*, which should be recited before dawn breaks

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\(^{(1)}\) “*Tamāmul Minnah*” (p. 150). See also: “*Talkhīs Al-Habīr*” (vol. 1 / p. 204).

\(^{(2)}\) See: “*Al-Masā’il Al-Fiqhiyyah*” (vol. 1 / p. 112) and “*Sahih Ibn Khuzaimah*” (vol. 1 / p. 202); chapter, “Turning to both sides when reciting: *Hayya ‘Alas Salāt, Hayyah ‘Alal Falāh*”. The *Mu’aththin* should turn his face only’. See also: “*Fathul Bārī*” (vol. 2 / p. 115).

\(^{(3)}\) “*Fathul Bārī*” (vol. 4 / p. 199).
within about fifteen minutes as stated in Ibn ‘Umar’s (ﷺ) hadīth who said: “As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm”, used to be recited in the first Fajr ’Athān twice after reciting “Hayya ‘Alal Falāḥ”. There is also Abū Mahthūrah’s hadīth, although it is a general one that encompasses both the first and the second ’Athāns. However, another narration for the same hadīth specifies its generality, it states: ‘[The prophet (ﷺ) said:] when you call the first Fajr ’Athān, say: “As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm, As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm”. The two hadiths are then compatible.

Commenting on the second hadīth, As-San‘ānī said: ‘This hadīth specifies the generality of the other narrations. Ibn Rasūl reported that Ibn Khuzaimah considered it authentic and stated that ‘Thathwīb should be recited in the first Fajr ’Athān which is dedicated for waking people up while the second ’Athān is for pronouncing that Fajr’s time is due and people should attend the Salāt.

This was adopted from “Takhrīj Az-Zarkashī Li ’Ahādīth AR-Rāfī’Ī” and the same point is mentioned in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” by Al-Baihaqī that Abū Mahthūrah said that Thathwīb used to be recited in the first Fajr ’Athān complying with the prophet’s (ﷺ) order.

Accordingly, I believe that the phrase “As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm” is not part of the ’Athān which calls people to attend the congregational Salāt when its time is due, instead it is part of the first ’Athān that is called to wake people up; which unfortunately was substituted with Tasbīh’.

(1) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 501), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / pp. 13-4), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al-’Athār” (vol. 1 / p. 137). The hadīth is Sahīh as reported in “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 147).
(2) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / pp. 167-8).
Shaikh At-Tahawī held and supported this opinion and reported in his “Sharḥ” the same opinion from Abī Ḥanīfah, Abī Yūsuf and Muhammad…

To conclude, reciting Tathwīb in the second Fajr ᾦ Thān is Bid‘ah, the matter is even worse when the first ᾦ Thān is abandoned. Those who do so have indeed fell in Allāh’s reproach:

‘Would you exchange that which is better for that which is lower?’

And

‘If they but knew [the gravity of their sin]’.

[8/23] It is worth mentioning here that one of the widely abandoned of the Sunnan regarding ᾦ Thān is appointing two Mu’aththin [for the same mosque]; one calls the first Fajr ᾦ Thān and the other calls the second. This is an affirmed Sunnah which is established in many authentic ahādīth. May Allāh bless him who revives this Sunnah.

the following paragraphs discuss some mistakes people do when hearing the ᾦ Thān:

[9/23] Wiping one’s eyes- while the ᾦ Thān is being recited with one’s thumbs:

In his “Mūjibāt Ar-Rahmah Wa ‘Azā’im Al-Magfirah”, Abū ‘Abbās Ahmad Ibn Abī Bakr Ar-Raddād Al-Yamānī -a sufist-related through a chain of narrators full of unknown narrators besides being a disconnected one, from Al-Khadir to have said: ‘whoever says: “Welcome my beloved one Muhammad Ibn Abdillāh”, then kisses his two thumbs and then wipes his eyes with them when the Mu’aththin says, “Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Rasūlullāh”, will never suffer of ophthalmia’.

(1) “Sharḥ Ma’ānī Al-’Athār” (vol. 1 / p. 137).
(2) Sūrat Al-Baqarah (no. 61).
(3) Sūrat Al-Baqarah (no. 102).
(4) “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 146-8) with slight editing.
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Having narrated this hadith -and another one similar to it- As-Sakhawi said: ‘All of these Ahadith are not authentically traced back to the prophet (ﷺ).’ (1)

May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us and all Muslims to do that which pleases Him of good deeds. ‘Āmin.

[10/23] Preceding the Mu’aththin when repeating the ’Athān after him:

Many muslims proceed the Mu’aththin in reciting the statements of ’Athān. For instance, when he says “Allāhu ’Akbar, Allāhu ’Akbar” at the end of the ’Athān, they immediately say “Lā Ilāh Illā Allāh” before he even says it. Consequently, they miss the reward of repeating the ’Athān after the Mu’aththin.

[11/23] It is of Sunnah when the Mu’aththin says the two Hai’alas to repeat the same then say: “La Hawla Walā Quwwata Illā Billāh”. In order to put all the ahādīth regarding this point under application for it is better than applying one and ignoring the other [:this is a great Fiqh principle]. Doing so, urges oneself to attend the Salāt and at the same time freeing oneself from one’s own ability. (2)

It is worth mentioning here that one should immediately repeat the ’Athān after the Mu’aththin; delaying doing so for a long time causes one’s reward for loss. (3)

[12/23] Adding some phrases -which were not affirmed to be of Sunnah- [to the Du’ā’ recited] after the ’Athān such as: “Wad Darajatar Rafi’ah” and “Ya Arhamar Rāhimīn”.

(1) See: “Al-Maqāsid Al-Hasanah” (p. 384), “Al-Masnū’ Fī Ma’rifat Al-Hadīth Al-Mawdū’” (no. 300), “As-Silsilah Ad-Da’ifah” (no. 73) and “Kashf Al-Khafā’” (vol. 2 / p. 206). Commenting on “Mirqātul Falāh” and after relating this hadīth from “Al-Firdaws”, At-Tahtāwī said: ‘This was narrated from Al-Khadr and should be applied for it concerns good deeds’. At-Tahtāwī’s opinion is proofless for the Ulama of hadith judged this hadith forged. In addition to that, Shaikhul Islam said in “Minhajus Sunnah” (vol. 3 / p. 17): ‘The book “Al-Firdaws” is full of many forged ahādīth’.

(2) For more details see: “Sharh Fathul Qadīr” (vol. 1 / pp. 249-50).

(3) See: “Raddul Muhtār” (vol. 1 / p. 413) and “Hāshiyat Al-Qalīyūbī” (vol. 1 / p. 143).
Regarding such additions, Ibn Hajar said:

‘None of the ahādīth that state the ’Athān mentions such phrases like “Ad-Darajat Rāfī’ah” or “Yā Arhamar Rāhimīn” at its end, as Ar-Rāfi’ī stated in “Al-Muharrar”.’(1)

It is also not of Sunnah to add “Innaka Lā Tukhlīful Mī‘ād” to this Du‘ā’. This statement was narrated by Al-Baihaqī in his “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā”.(2)

This addition is, however, Shāththah; it was not narrated in all of the ahādīth ‘Alī Ibn ‘Ayyāsh narrated, except in the one narrated by Al-Kashmahīnī of the ahādīth of Sahīh Al-Bukhārī which differs from all the other narrations of the Sahīh by other narrators. That is why Al-Hāfith did not mention it in “Al-Fath”(3) though his way is to collect the additions in hadīth narrations.(4)

Other false additions:

* Reciting during the sunset ’Athān “Allāhumma Hāthā Iqbālu Lailika Wa’īdbāru Nahārīk…” The Hadīth that states this addition is weak. It was narrated by At-Tirmīthī and others from Abū Kathīr, the manumitted slave of ’Umm Salamah.

At-Tirmīthī stated that ‘this hadīth is Garīb, and Abū Kathīr is an unknown narrator’. An-Nawawī affirmed the same and said that this hadīth was narrated by both Abū Dāwūd and At-Tirmīthī with one of the narrators being unknown.

Accordingly, such hadīth must not be mentioned in public without stating its weakness. (5)

* Reciting “Sadaqta Wa Bararta” when the Mu’aththin says “As-Salātu Khairun Minan Nawm” in the Fajr ’Athān.

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(2) “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 410).
(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / pp. 94-6) and (vol. 8 / pp. 399-400).
(4) “Irwā‘ul Gailī” (vol. 1 / p. 261).
(5) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 149).
Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar stated in his “At-Talkhīṣ” that this statement “is proofless”. (1)

* So is the case with the statement “Marhaban Bi Thik-rillāh” or “Marhaban Bilqā’ilīn ‘Adlan, Wamarhaban Bis-Salāti Ahlan”. The ahādīth that state such statements are unaffirmed. (2)

[24] Pacing to the mosque and interlocking one’s fingers in it:

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When you hear the Iqāmah [while going to the mosque] walk to the mosque in calmness and do not haste, whatever part of Salāt you get with the people perform it, and complete that which you have missed’. (3)

In another narration, the first part of the hadīth is stated in a more general sense; it says: ‘when you attend the [congregational] Salāt’…. (4)

The former narration does not; however, restrict the ruling of the later; the ruling applies also to the later. According to Fiqh, this is called the “Afortiori principle”. The one who hears the Iqāmah is more eager to catch up Takbīratul Ihram with the Imām than the one who goes to the mosque before the Iqāmah is recited. And since the former is not allowed to haste to the mosque, the later is more entitled not to do so.

Other Fuqahā’ interpreted the hadīth in a different way. They said: ‘The ruling applies to the one who hears the Iqāmah, for he reaches the mosque and joins the Imām in his Salāt while being breathless. So, he does the Salāt without being fully given to it unlike the one who reaches the mosque before the Iqāmah is recited; he could take a rest before Salāt is performed’.

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(1) “At-Talkhīṣul Habīr” (vol. 1 / p. 211).
(2) “Al-Masnū’ Fi Ma’rifat Al-Hāfīth Al-Mawdū’” (no. 341) and “Lisān Al-Mīzān” (vol. 6 / pp. 199-200).
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 636) and (no. 908).
(4) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 635, 638).
This view entails that the ruling in the hadīth applies only on the one who hears the Iqāmah; the thing which contradicts the meaning included in the hadīth which states “when you come to Salāt” which encompasses the later as well. In fact, the [Iqāmah] specified narration only presents the reason that makes many people in general haste to the mosque.\(^1\)

Hasting or pacing to the mosque, in order to catch the Rukū’ or even part of the congregational Salāt with the Imām is an act of disrespect to the Salāt and causes calmlessness and inconvenience amongst the praying people.

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When you do Wudū’ for Salāt, do not interlock your fingers [when heading to the mosque].’\(^2\)

The prohibition in the hadīth addresses whoever walks to the mosque to attend the congregational Salāt -as stated in Ka’b’s Ibn ‘Ajurah narration which states: The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When you do perfect Wudū’ and head to the mosque to attend the congregational Salāt, never interlock your fingers (I think he said) in the Salāt’. In another narration, the prophet (ﷺ) is reported to have said: ‘When you enter the mosque, do not interlock your fingers, for you are considered in a state of doing Salāt so long as you wait for it’.\(^3\) According to this narration, the ruling encompasses whoever is waiting the Salāt to be done.\(^4\)

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\(^1\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 117).
\(^2\) Narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Awsat” as reported in “Al-Majma’” (vol. 1 / p. 240).
\(^3\) Narrated by Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / pp. 243-4), Ibn Hibban in his “Sahīh” (vol. 3 / p. 293), Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 154) (no. 562) and At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi’” (vol. 2 / p. 228) (no. 386). The hadīth is authentic as mentioned in “Sahīh Al-Targīb Wat Tarhib” (no. 293).
\(^4\) There are authentic aḥādīth that state the legality of interlocking one’s fingers in the mosque. The prohibition in the aḥādīth mentioned earlier refers to the act that is done purposelessly; as for the other ones that bear the permissibility of
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[25] Leaving the mosque while the ’Athān is being recited:

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) once saw a man getting out of the mosque after the Mu’aththin had recited the ’Athān, then said: ‘This man has indeed disobeyed Abal Qāsim (i.e. the prophet (ﷺ))’.¹

This ruling, Abū Hurairah delivered, was born out from the prophet’s hadīth which states: ‘When ’Athān is being pronounced, Shaitān takes to his heels [out of the mosque] and passes wind with noise during his flight so as not to hear the ’Athān’.²

Accordingly, one must not leave the mosque when ’Athān is being recited so as not to act like Shaitān.³

Saʿīd Ibn Al-Musayyab (ﷺ) said: ‘It was said that whoever gets out of the mosque after the ’Athān is recited is a Munāfiq [hypocrite] save the one who does so for a dire need’.⁴

Saʿīd must have heard something of the like form one of the Sahābah (ﷺ) who never delivered such rulings from their own judgement. Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever hears the ’Athān in the mosque then leaves it, is a hypocrite except he who leaves for a dire need and intends to return back to it’.⁵

¹ Interlocking fingers in the mosque, it is done for the purpose of setting a touchable clarification for abstract conceptions such as the hadīth that states: ‘Muslims are like one concrete structure; each part of which supports the other’. Then he (ﷺ) interlocked his fingers tightly together. ‘This hadīth was narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 481, 2446, 6026). See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 566) and “Tuhfatul Ahwāthī” (vol. 2 / pp. 384, 394).
² Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 655).
³ Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 608).
⁴ For more details about this see our book “Al-Ghawl Bainal Hadīth An-Nabawī Wal Mawrūth Ash-Sha’bī”, published by Dār Ibn Al-Qayyim, Ad-Dammām.
⁵ Narrated by Mālik in the “Muwatā’ ” (vol. 1 / p. 162).
(1) Narrated By Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 655).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 608).
(3) For more details about this see our book “Al-Ghawl Bainal Hadīth An-Nabawī Wal Mawrūth Ash-Sha’bī”, published by Dār Ibn Al-Qayyim, Ad-Dammām.
(4) Narrated by Mālik in the “Muwatā’ ” (vol. 1 / p. 162).
(5) Narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Awsat”, its narrators are all reliable ones who narrated the ahādīth in the Sahīhain-as Al-Haithamī stated in “Al-Majma’ ”(vol. 2 / p. 5).
Commenting on Abū Hurairah’s (ﷺ) statement, i.e. ‘this man has indeed disobeyed Abal Qāsim’, An-Nawawī said: ‘The hadīth indicates that leaving the mosque after the ‘Athān is recited is a detested act except leaving it for a certain necessity. One must not leave the mosque after the ‘Athān is recited till he joins the congregation their Salāt. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best’.\(^{(1)}\)

Abū Hurairah’s (ﷺ) narration addresses whoever leaves the mosque without having the need to do so, unlike the one whose Wudū’ is invalidated, the one who needs to answer the call of nature, gets nose bleeding, or the like. So is the case with the one who is an Imām in another mosque. Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) reported that the prophet (ﷺ) once got out of his room after the Iqāmah had been recited and the rows had been straightened. Having stood in his place, and we all waited for him to pronounce Takbīr, he (ﷺ) ordered us to stay where we were and left the mosque. We stayed in our places till he came back with drops of water drippling down from his head due to doing Gusl’.\(^{(2)}\)

[26] Wasting time chatting at the rear of the mosque while Takbīratul Ihrām is being recited:

[1/26] One of the mistakes people do in mosques is to stay at the back of the mosque chatting while the Imām is reciting Takbīratul Ihrām.

This is indeed an act of disrespect for the purpose of attending the mosque. When asked about those who do such a thing, Imām Mālik said: ‘I believe they should stop talking when the Imām recites Takbīratul Ihrām’.\(^{(3)}\)

It is worth mentioning here that talking with others in good subjects in the mosque is not forbidden in Islām provided that this talk does not cause inconvenience for those who are in the mosque, nor distract those who talk from performing Salāt with the Imām.

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\(^{(1)}\) An-Nawawī’s explanation for “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 5 / pp. 157-8).
\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by Al-Bukhari in his “Sahīh” (no. 639).
\(^{(3)}\) Al-Bayān Wat Tahsīl” (vol. 1 / p. 360).
As for the hadīth that states: ‘Talking in the mosque, even in good things, consumes the Hasanāt [one’s rewards] as fire consumes fuel wood’, it is forged.\(^1\)

It is proved that the Sahābah (ﷺ) used to talk in the presence of the prophet (ﷺ) in the mosque about things they used to do in their Jāhiliyyah and laugh, and he (ﷺ) used to smile. This indicates that talking and laughing about lawful things in the mosque is permissible.\(^2\)

Simāk Ibn Harb said: I asked Jābir Ibn Samurah (ﷺ): ‘Did you use to sit with the prophet (ﷺ) frequently?’ He answered in the affirmative and said: ‘He (ﷺ) used to sit in his praying place from dawn Salāt till the sun rises, then leaves. During his stay in the mosque, the Sahābah (ﷺ) used to talk about things they used to do in their Jāhiliyyah and laugh and the prophet (ﷺ) would smile’.\(^3\)

However, sitting in the mosque should preferably be dedicated to doing Salāt, reciting Qurʾān and remembrances, contemplation and teaching provided that no disturbance or inconvenience is caused to others. Ibn ʿUmar related this meaning from the prophet (ﷺ) to have said: ‘Do not take the mosques as places for your councils unless you want to perform Salāt or recite Thikr in them’.\(^4\)

Abū Saʿīd narrated a similar hadīth; the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Each of you remembers Allāh (ﷺ) [in his own way], so do not

\(^1\) As Al-İrāqī stated in “Tahkīj ’Ahādīth Al-İhyā” “(vol. 1 / p. 136), As-Subkī in “Tabaqāt Ash-Shāfi’iyyah Al-Kubrā” (vol. 4 / pp. 145-7), Ali Al-Qārī in “Al-Masnū” “(no. 109), As-Safārīnī in “Githā’ul Albāb “(vol. 2 / p. 257) and Al-Albānī in “Silsilat Al-ahādīth Ad-Da’ifah” (no. 4).


\(^3\) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 670).

\(^4\) Narrated by: At-Tabarānī in “Al-Kabīr” and “Al-Awsat” as mentioned in “Al-Majma’ “(vol. 2 / p. 24); Al-Haithamī stated that all the hadīth’s narrators are reliable. It was also narrated by Ibni Abī Thābit in his “Hadīth” (vol. 1 / p. 126 / no. 1) and Ibn ʿAsākir in “Tārikh Dimashq” (vol. 12 / p. 39 / no. 2) as mentioned in “Silsilat Al-ʿAhādīth As-Sahihah” (no. 1001).
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disturb one another, nor raise your voices when reciting Qur'ān’ (in another narration) ‘when doing Salāt’. \(^{(1)}\)

Ibn Mas'ūd also narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘At the end of Time, there would be people who would sit in the mosques in groups talking about mundane things only; do not join them for Allāh (ﷻ) is in no need in them [i.e. they will never be rewarded for attending the mosque]’. \(^{(2)}\)

The aforementioned hadīth states:

[2/26] the prohibition of sitting in the mosques in groups in order to discuss mundane things and the affairs of other people only. \(^{(3)}\)

The mosque should be pure from all things done in places such as cafés such as smoking\(^{(4)}\) which pollute the atmosphere of the mosque with bad smells. It should not also be turned into a museum or a gallery to be attended by those who enter it just for fun accompanied with women wearing ill favoured dresses. It should also be pure from those Sufists\(^{(5)}\) who sing poems using their tambourines,\(^{(6)}\) dancing and causing inconvenience for those who

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(1) Narrated by Abī Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (vol. 2 / p. 32) (no. 1332) and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 94); its chain of narrators is authentic. See also: “Silsilat Al-'ahādīth As-Sahīhah” (no. 1597, 1603).

(2) Narrated by Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahīh” (no. 311), Abū Ishāq Al-Muzakkī in “Al-Fawā'id Al-Muntakhabah” (vol. 1 / p. 149 / 2) and At-Tabarānī” (vol. 3 / p. 78 / 2) as mentioned in “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 1163). The hadīth is good.

(3) See: “Islāhul Masājid” (pp. 115-6).

(4) Smoking is Harām in Islām. Scholars differed in their opinions concerning the existence of any harmful effects for smoking and hence delivering different opinions regarding its legality in Islām. It is affirmed, however, that smoking causes fatal diseases to one’s body so its prohibition is affirmed. See: The treatise by Mar’īl Karmī titled with: “Tahqiq Al-Burhān Fī Sha’n Ad-Dukhkhān”. May Allāh (ﷻ) guides us to the right path and good deeds.

(5) Imām Al-Qurtubī discussed this in a magnificent way in his “Al-Jāmi’ Li’ahkāmil Qur'ān”. This discussion was compiled in a treatise by me titled with “Al-Qurtubī Wat Tasawwuf”.

(6) The reverend ‘Ulamah consider using tambourines by men as something prohibited. Imām Abū ‘Ubaid even identifies the word tambourine in his “Garībul Hadīth” (vol. 3 / p. 64) as : ‘The instrument which women use when singing’.
are doing their Salāt. It should also be pure from those beggars who take mosques as places from which they earn their living. (1)

[27] Abandoning Tahiyyatul Masjid, the prior-Sunnah Salāt, and doing them towards a Sutrah:

Upon entering the mosque, some people do the following mistakes:

[1/27] The first: standing in the mosque far a way from the wall which is in the direction of the Qibalah and performing Salāt without placing a Sutrah or ever coming closer to the wall (2) although ‘the one doing Salāt has more right in them or the pole for that matter than the one just sitting near them talking to others’, as was narrated from ‘Umar (ﷺ) to have said.(3)

[2/27] Abandoning Tahiyyatul Masjid:

Abū Qatādah related from the prophet (ﷺ) to have said: ‘when you enter the mosque, perform two Rak‘ahs before you sit’. (4) In another narration, ‘Abū Qatādah entered the mosque and found the prophet (ﷺ) sitting amongst his Sahābah. Abū Qatādah joined them. Thereupon, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Why didn’t your perform two Rak‘ahs?’ Abū Qatādah said: ‘I saw you sitting amongst people, so I joined you’. He (ﷺ) then said: ‘When any of you enter a mosque, he/she must not sit until he/she does two Rak‘ahs’.

The aforementioned hadīth indicates:

First: the legatlity of doing two Rak‘ahs when one enters a mosque.

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(1) See: “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 160-2).
(2) The obligation of doing Salāt towards a Sutrah was previously discussed when dealing with the mistakes regarding places on which Salāt is done.
(3) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 577) through an disconnected chain of narrators and through a connected one in “At-Tārīkh Al-Kabīr” (vol. 1 / p. 255), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 370), Al-Humaidī in “An-Nawādir” as mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 1 / p. 577) and “Taghliq At-Ta’līq” (vol. 2 / p. 246).
(4) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in “As-Sahīh” (no. 444), (1163).
(5) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 714).
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Second: the falsehood of the view that states that one should not do them if one sits before doing them.

This is clearly stated in Abū Thar’s narration. He (ﷺ) once entered the mosque [then Sat down]. The prophet (ﷺ) asked him: ‘Did you perform the two Rak‘ahs Salāt?’ Abū Thar answered in the negative. There upon, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Stand up and perform them’.(1)

Ibn Hibban narrated the aforementioned hadīth in a section titled with “Tahiyyatul Masjid is not missed by sitting before doing it”.

Sulaik’s narration affirms the same point even when the Ḥāfeez is delivering the Friday Khutbah.

In case the Iqāmah is recited and one is doing Tahiyyatul Masjid, one should stop doing his Salāt and join the Ḥāfeez as is going to be discussed later.

[3/27] In case there is no enough time to do Tahiyyatul Masjid followed by the Sunnah or obligatory Salāt one is permitted to do the same Salāt with both intentions. An-Nawawī stated that ‘the Shāfi‘ī scholars agreed unanimously that one could do the obligatory Salāt and Tahiyyatul Masjid at the same time.(2) Having done along intensive research about this, no contradictory opinion was found.

[28] Reciting Al-Ikhlās Surah before the Iqāmah:

Shaikh Al-Qāsimī said:

[1/28] ‘Reciting Al-Ikhlās Surah thrice before the Iqamah is recited -as a sign of announcing the beginning of Salāt- is an act of Bid‘ah which is totally proofless and not needed’. (3)

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(1) Narrated by Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahīh” as mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 1 / p. 538).
(2) Al-Majmū‘ (vol. 1 / pp. 325-6).
(3) “Islāhul Masājid” (p. 105).
Such is the case with reciting verses of the Qur’an by a recitor before the Iqāmah is pronounced the thing which causes inconvenience to those who are performing Salāt. The prophet (ﷺ) forbade such an act; he (ﷺ) said: ‘Do not recite Qur’an loudly and cause inconvenience for other people’. (1)

Al-Qāsimī said: ‘I read in “Hawāshi Matn Shaikh Khalīl” that whoever recites Qur’an in a loud voice in the mosque should be ordered to do it silently, keep silent, or leave the mosque’.

[2/28] So is the case with saying ‘[Recite] Al-Fātiḥah to the glory of the most honored of all Messengers’, ‘Al-Fātiḥah for the souls of all Muslims’ or ‘Al-Fātiḥah to whom we are standing in his presence’ if there is a grave in the mosque. We seek refuge with Allāh (ﷻ) from such hedious acts. (2)

[29] Doing Nāfīlah while the Iqāmah is being recited:

Mālik Ibn Buhainah said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) once saw a man doing two Rak‘ah Salāt while the Iqāmah of the obligatory Salāt is being recited. Having done the obligatory Salāt, people gathered around the prophet (ﷺ). He (ﷺ) then said to the man: ‘Does dawn Salāt consist of four Rak‘ahs? twice’ (3) [reproaching him].

This hadīth indicates that joining the Imām in Salāt once the Iqāmah is recited is better than doing the two prior-Sunnah Rak‘ahs of dawn Salāt. In case there is no time, one could do the Sunnah Salāt after the obligatory one has already been performed, as affirmed in the authentic ahādīth. (4)

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When the Iqamah is recited, no one performs but the obligatory Salāt’. (5)

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(1) Narrated by Ahamad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 36, 67, 129), (vol. 4 / pp. 244).
(2) “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 204-5).
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhari in his “Sahih” (no. 663)
(4) See: “Al’Amru Bil Ittibā’ Wan Nahya ‘An Al-Ibtidā’ ” by: As-Suyūṭī with my comment on it. (pp. 158-60).
(5) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahih” (no. 710).
This hadīth states clearly the prohibition of commencing any Sunnah [or Nāfilah] Salāt when the Iqāmah is being recited. This opinion is held by Ash-Shāfī’ī and the Jumhūr.\(^{(1)}\)

Ibn Abdil Barr held the same opinion. He said: ‘In controversial matters, the strongest of all opinions is the one which has a proof from the Sunnah. [I believe that] when Iqāmah is being recited, no one should commence a Nāfilah Salāt but after doing the obligatory one for the Iqāmah statement “Hayya ‘Alas Salāt” : that is : ‘come to Salāt’ urges a muslim to occupy himself with performing the obligatory Salāt. Accordingly, occupying one self with that which is obligatory is better than anything else’.\(^{(2)}\)

Al-Qādī presented a rationale for this prohibition that through the passage of time people would believe in the obligation of preceding the obligatory Salāt with Naḥfah.

An-Nawawī, however, believed that this rationale is untrue. He said: ‘The real rationale is to free one self from any other act to be fully occupied with the obligatory Salāt from its beginning.

If one occupied oneself with the Nāfilah, he would miss Takbīratul Ihrām with the Imām; accordingly, he would miss a part of the obligatory acts which have more right to be done perfectly.

Al-Qadī stated another rationale which is to maintain the unity of muslims with their Imām. This leads us to the other mistake many muslims do when they come to the mosque and see that the Imām had already begun the Salāt; they move aside and do Sunnah Salāt so quickly without concentration then join the Imām, maybe, at the end of his Salāt.

Doing so, they think they have won the rewards of both Salāts, which is impossible. This act indicates their lack of knowledge and misunderstanding for the rulings of their religion.\(^{(3)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) See: “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 5 / p. 222) by An-Nawawī.
\(^{(2)}\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 150-1).
\(^{(3)}\) See: “İslāhul Masājid” (p. 77) and “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 205-6).
[30] Doing Nāfīlah, after dawn break, other than the prior-Sunnah Salāt:

Hafsah said: ‘At dawn break, the prophet (ﷺ) used to perform two short Rak‘ah only’. (1)

Commenting on this hadīth, An-Nawawī said: ‘Some may deduce from this hadīth the prohibition of performing Nāfīlah at dawn break except the prior Sunnah of the dawn Salāt and the Salāt which has specific reason. This ruling is one of the three rulings deduced by the Shāfi‘ī scholars. Qādī ‘Iyād reported that it is held by Mālik and the Jumhūr’. (2)

Al-Qastallānī reported that Mālikī and Hanafī scholars held that only the two prior-Sunnah Rak‘ahs of the dawn Salāt could be done at dawn break. This opinion is also held by Ahmad’s followers and in one of the Shāfi‘ī views, so did Ibn As-Salāh and Al-Mutawallī in his “Tatimmah”.

I believe that doing other than the two prior-Sunnah Rak‘ahs at dawn break is detested as affirmed in many ahādīth traced back to ‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar, ‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Amru and Abī Hurairah (ﷺ).

Although the prophet (ﷺ) was very keen to practice Nāfīlah, he (ﷺ) never did at dawn break more than the two Rak‘ah Salāt. This is clearly stated by Yasār, the manumitted slave of Ibn ‘Umar, who said: ‘Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) once saw me performing Nāfīlah Salāt at dawn break. He then said: ‘O Yasār! The prophet (ﷺ) once saw us doing what your are doing and said: ‘Let those who are present inform those who are not; never do Nāfīlah after dawn break but the two [prior-Sunnah Rak‘ahs of the dawn Salāt]’. (3)

(1) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 723, 88).
(2) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 3 / p. 216).
(3) Narrated by: At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi’ (no. 419). This hadīth is authentic due to the many other supporting narrations. See: “I‘lāmu Ahlul ‘Asr Bi’ahkām Rak‘atāi Al-Fajr” (p. 83-101) and “Irwā’ul Gāfīl” (vol. 2 / p. 232).
Commenting on this hadīth, At-Tirmithī reported the unanimous agreement amongst scholars regarding this ruling. (1)

Al-Baihaqi and others reported through an authentic chain of narrators traced back to Saʿīd Ibn Al-Musayyab that the latter saw a man doing Salāt after dawn break more than two Rakʿahs, doing long Rukūʿ and long Sujūd. Saʿīd ordered him not to do Nāfilah after dawn break. The man wondered: ‘Would Allāh (ﷻ) punish me for performing Nāfilah??’. Saʿīd clarified: ‘No, but for violating the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah’. (2)

Indeed, Saʿīd Ibn Al-Musayyab set a magnificently powerful way of dealing with those who practice Bidʿah considering it a righteous act of worship and condemning Ahlus Sunnah for their rejection to their practice claiming that they reject doing Nāfilah and reciting Thikr!! Indeed, Ahlus Sunnah reject all that which contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. (3)

[31] Eating bad scented food before attending Salāt in the mosque:

Ibn ‘Umar related that the prophet (ﷺ) said -during Khaibar battle: ‘Whoever eats from this tree -meaning garlic- must not attend Salāt in our mosque’. (4)

Jābir Ibn ‘Abdillāh narrated another hadīth which bears a similar meaning. He (ﷺ) said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever eats garlic or onions must not attend our mosque but should stay at home’. (5)

(1) “Jāmiʿ ut Tirmithī” (vol. 2 / p. 280). In “At-Talkhīsul Habīr” (vol. 1 / p. 191), Ibn Hajar doubted the unanimous agreement At-Tirmithī stated.

(2) Narrated by: Abdir Razzāq in “Al-Musannaf” (no. 4755), Ad-Dārimī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 116), Muhammad Ibn Nasr in “Qiyāmul Lail” (p. 46) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 466).

(3) “Irwā’ul Gaffîl” (vol. 2 / p. 236).

(4) Narrated by Al-Bukhari in his “Sahīh” (no. 853), (4215), (4217), (4218), (5521) and (5522) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 561).

(5) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 854), (855), (5452) and (7359).
A third narration runs as follows: ‘Whoever eats from this bad scented tree must not attend our mosque for angels get hurt from that which hurts people’.¹

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related a fourth narration with a similar meaning.² The aforementioned narrations include the following rulings:

[1/31] Eating garlic or onions before attending the mosque is detested for the religion of Islām urges Muslims to respect the feelings of other people and to maintain good behavior and manners.

The same ruling applies to other bad scented food such as radish as Al-Qādī stated.³ It also applies to those whose clothes or bodies have bad smells. These indeed harm other Muslims. They should indeed beware of Allāh (ﷻ).

Al-Qādī also stated that some ‘Ulamah applied the same ruling on places other than the mosque such as: the Eid Musallā, funeral processions, academic councils, banquets.. etc. Markets, however, are not included.⁴

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¹ Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 564).
² Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 563).
³ Some Fuqahā held that this ruling applies also to those who have bad breath, the leper and the like. Ibn Al-Munayyir; however, disagreed with this for he believed that the one who eats bad scented food has willingly indulged in the thing that causes harm for others unlike the person with bad breath or the leper; they suffer of afflictions imposed on them by Allāh (ﷻ). See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 340) and “Tamamul Minnah” (p. 295).

Other Fuqahā even applied this ruling on some crafts men such as the fish monger and those who have foul tongue. Ibn Daqiq Al-‘Ied believed that this is an unsatisfying application for the ruling- as Al-Hafith mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 344) and in “Sharh Thulāthiyyāt Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 338).

I believe that the ruling applies on the people mentioned considering the rationale behind prohibiting those who eat bad scented food from attending the mosque, which is to punish them for not caring about others’ feelings and hurting angels. The people mentioned have intentionally indulged in that which causes inconvenience for others and could get rid of it if they have the intention to do so. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.

⁴ “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 5 / p. 48) and “Sharh Thulāthiyyāt Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 333).
I believe that this ruling applies also on the courtyard of the mosque as indicated in ‘Umar’s narration. He (ﷺ) once said in a Friday speech: ‘... You eat from two bad scented trees: onions and garlic. Indeed, they have bad effects on other people. Verily, I saw the prophet (ﷺ) ordering that whoever has bad breath -because of eating from them- to be taken out of the mosque and be sent to the Baqī’. So, cook them well before eating them’. (1)

Accordingly, some Fuqahā’ held that whoever has bad breath because of having had bad scented item should be taken out of the mosque even by force -but without holding his beard or hair- as was mentioned in “Majālisul ‘Abrār”. (2)

[2/31] Since the main cause for the prohibition to attend the mosque by those who eat bad scented food is the inconvenience they cause to other people and consequently to angles by the bad smell, the aforementioned ruling applies also to those who smoke. Commenting on the afore mentioned hadīth, Ibn Bāz said: ‘This hadīth and many others state clearly that one must not attend the congregational Saḥāt so long as he/she has bad breath due to having a bad scented item such as: garlic, onions, ciggarates... or the like; taking into consideration that beside having a bad scent, smoking is Ḥaram in Islām for its various bad effects on people. Allāh (ﷻ) said: {يجعلهم الطبيعة ويجزم عليهم الحبالث}.

‘he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibāt [all that is good as regards: belief, things, food...] and prohibits them as unlawful At- Khabā’ith [all that is evil.]’ (3)

(1) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 567).
(2) Narrated by Husain Iskandar in “The Fatāwā regarding smoking” (foil 3 / B), microfilm (no. 280), The Manuscripts and Documents Centre in the University of Jordan.
(3) Sūrat Al-Arāf (verse no. 157). Interpreting this verse, Ibn ‘Allān deduced the prohibition of smoking; he said: ‘Al-Khabā’ith is a plural noun premodified with the comprehensive article [Al] [i.e. the] which makes the word encompass all kinds of evil’. See: Ibn ‘Allān’s treatise (foil 2 / B), microfilm (no. 280) in the Manuscripts and Documents Centre at the university of Jordan.
\textit{Allāh ( تعالى) also said: }\[\text{Kayfīka mā aḥl hāmin fī aḥl hāmin līkāmm al-'ilāmiāt} \]

\textit{‘They ask you (O Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)) what is lawful for them (of food). Say: ‘Lawful unto you are At-Tayyibat (All kinds of good foods which Allāh ( تعالى) has made Hāl).’}^{(1)}

It is well known that smoking is not of the good at all, so, it is prohibited on the whole ‘Ummah’.\(^{\text{(2)}}\)

Shaikh ‘Abdollāh Ibn Jibrin in his “\textit{Tanbīhāt ‘Alā Ba’d Al-’Akhtā’ Allaṭī Yaf’aluha Ba’dul Musallīnī Fī Sālātihim}”,\(^{\text{(3)}}\) said: ‘Having such bad scented items that cause harm for other people and for angels such as cigarettes and the narghilе is worse than having garlic or onions. Indeed, every \textit{muslim} should attend the mosque applying perfume and free of every bad scented item’.

It is of the bad manners that one comes to the mosque wearing dirty clothes with bad smells coming out of them; such behavior contradicts the purport of the prophet’s hadīth which states: ‘\textit{Allāh ( تعالى) is more entitled that one beautifies one self for}.’

In many of his \textit{ahādīth}, the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) urged \textit{muslims} to be pure from dirts, especially on Friday, and to wash themselves so as to maintain good and pure body and clean clothes the thing which echoes with the purity of their hearts.

\textbf{[3/31] A \textit{muslim} also should not pass wind in the mosque} for this causes inconvenience for other \textit{muslims} and pollutes the air of the mosque. In addition, the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) informed us that the angels

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\textbf{Notes:}

\((1)\) Sūrat Al-Mā'īdah (verse no. 4).
\((2)\) “Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 1 / p. 82). The eminent Shaikh Ibn Bāz also said: ‘As for limiting the period of abandoning the mosque in such a state to three days is a baseless view’. There is; however, a hādīth-“in Sahīh Ibn Khuzaimah” (vol. 3 / p. 83) under the title “The period for which the one who ate garlic should abandon the mosque” (no. 663) narrated by Huthaīfah (ص) that the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: “whoever eats from this bad scented tree should abandon our mosque, three”. Al-Hafīth Ibn Hajar in his “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 344) commented on this title saying: “Interpreting the word “Three” to mean “three days” is doubted for the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) may have said the statement itself three times, and this is the apparent meaning for bad breath does not last for such a period of time’.
\((3)\) “Al-Mujtama’” magazine. Kuwait Issue (no. 855).
send their Salāt on the one present in the mosque; they say: “O Allāh, send your Salāt on him, O Allāh, have mercy on him’ so long as his Wudū’ is not nullified. The prophet (ﷺ) was asked: ‘How is one’s Wudū’ nullified?’ He (ﷺ) said: “By passing wind”’. (1)

An-Nawawī said: ‘it is not Harām that one passes wind in the mosque but it is better not to do so for the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Verily, angels are harmed with that which harms people’. (2)

[4/31] Some people falsely believe that when one passes wind in the mosque, an angel inhales it through his mouth, then exhales it outside the mosque then dies. This is indeed a superstition for such things are of the Ghaib about which none can tell but the prophet (ﷺ) and he (ﷺ) never did.

Besides, this superstition contradicts what really happens in such cases; the smell spreads in the atmosphere of the mosque like any other gas does in the air. (3)

(1) Narrated by Muslim in the “Sahīh” (no. 649).
(2) “Al-Majmū’ “(vol. 2 / p. 175).
* Mistakes done During the Iqāmah till Takbiratūl Ihrām

* Mistakes done by those who recite the Iqāmah and those who hear it.

* Mal-aligned and disconnected rows.

* Abandoning the first row by those of sound minds.

* Doing Salāt in disconnected rows.

* Reciting long Du‘ā’ -which includes strange words- before Takbiratul Ihrām.
Mistakes done by those who recite the Iqāmah and those who hear it:

1/32] It is a wide spread belief that the Mu’aththin is the only one who should recite the Iqāmah. This belief is built upon a weak hadīth which states: ‘whoever recites the ’Athān should recite the Iqāmah’.(1)

Al-Albānī said: ‘This hadīth has many negative effects on people; one of which is that it may cause fights amongst people in the mosque-as happened more than once. If the Mu’aththin was late and one of the people wanted to recite the Iqāmah on his behalf, he would be stopped by other people depending on this weak hadīth which should not be ascribed to the prophet (ﷺ) nor should be taken as a pretext to deter people from doing this act of worship; i.e. reciting the Iqāmah’.(2)

2/32] The Mu’aththin -or whoever is on his behalf- may not recite the Iqāmah without the Imam’s leave. Accordingly, people should acknowledge this right of the Imam. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to that which pleases Him.

3/32] The Iqāmah’s formula is affirmed in all the hadīth books, through countless chains of narrators; accordingly, none has the right to add to it whatsoever. Some Mu’aththinūn, however, add the word “Sayyidunā” to it, although it was not affirmed to be narrated by any of the rightly guided caliphs, the Sahābah or the Tābi’in nor did they ever recommend that it should be added to the Iqāmah.(3)

4/32] Some Mu’aththinūn tend to stand in the first row just right behind the Imam though they are not of those of sound

(1) Abū Hātim stated in “Al-‘Ilal” (no. 326) that this hadīth is “Munkar” and Al-Baghwī judged it weak as stated in “Al-Majmū” (vol. 3 / p. 111), so did Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 400). See: “Silsilat Al-‘ahādīth Ad-Da’ifah Wal Mawdū’ah” (vol. 1 / p. 35).
(2) See: “Silsilat Al-‘Ahādīth Ad-Da’ifah Wal Mawdū’ah” (vol. 1. p. 55).
(3) “ Islahul Masjid” (p. 152) and “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (p. 197).
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minds. Some times, they recite the *Iqāmah* while walking. Abdullāh, the son of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, asked his father regarding this; his father answered: ‘He would better stand in his proper place’\(^{(1)}\)... ‘for the *Iqāmah* is originally recited to announce that *Salāt* is about to begin and reciting it in the proper place would have deep affect on the people’.\(^{(2)}\)

As for those who hear the *Iqāmah*:

\[^{[5/32]}\] Some of them say: “Aqāmah Ilāhu ‘Adāmahā” when the *Mu’aththin* says: “Qad Qāmat As-Salāt”. The former statement is not affirmed to be said by the prophet (ﷺ). On the contrary; he (ﷺ) said: ‘When you hear the *Mu’aththin* repeat after him…’. Accordingly, when the statement “Qad Qāmat As-Salāt” is pronounced, people should repeat the same.

The afore mentioned mistake was born out from a weak hadīth- as stated by An-Nawawī and Ibn Hajar. The later said: ‘Abū Dāwūd narrated through a chain of narrators traced back to Abī ’Umāmah that: Bilāl once recited the *Iqāmah*. Upon reaching “Qad Qāmat As-Salāt”, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Aqāmahallahu Wa ‘Adāmahā”. This hadīth is weak and the statement is totally baseless;\(^{(3)}\) and so, it does not specify the authentic general hadīth mentioned earlier.

It is worthmentioning here that some people abandon reciting the *Athān* and *Iqāmah* when doing *Salāt* alone or recite the *Iqāmah* more than once such actions are mistakes.

\[^{[33]}\] Mal-aligned and disconnected rows:

Jābir Ibn Samurah related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Why don’t you stand in the same manner angels do before their Rabb?” We then asked : ‘How do angels stand before their Rabb?’

\(^{(1)}\) Abdullāh’s inquiries to his father, Ahmad. (p. 220).
\(^{(2)}\) Al-Mughnī (vol. 1 / p. 427).
\(^{(3)}\) See: “At-Talkhīs Al-Habīr” (vol. 1 / p. 211), “Irwā’ul Gafil” (vol. 1 / pp. 258-9) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 105).
Mistakes done in the mosque

He (ﷺ) answered: ‘They stand in rows and they complete them; the first, the second and so on. They stand close together’ (1)

Reflecting on this hadīth; we could easily realize the mistakes some people do in their Salāt, such as:

[1/33] The first: **doing Salāt in isolated places** -such as a second floor- away from the rows seeking comfort or getting used to doing Salāt in them (2) although they are very far from the Imām and despite the empty spots existing in the front rows. This indeed contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) order which states: ‘**Come closer and follow me [in Salāt] and those behind follow you. Whoever retreats back [from the front rows], Allāh (ﷻ) retards him a way [from all goodness]**’. (3).

Shaikh Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘People should not stand [for Salāt] in the streets so long as there is enough space in the mosque. Whoever does so is to be punished and those who pass over him are not to be blamed for they do so to complete the rows in the front and this is not forbidden.

When the mosque is completely filled with the straightened connected rows, one could join the congregation by standing in the street. The row that is in the street should not be separated from the last row in the mosque by a road people use. If so, the Salāt of the those who do Salāt outside the mosque is invalid according to the soundest opinion of the ‘Ulamah. So is the case with those who stand in a row separate from the other rows by a wall with no need but still hear the Imām’s Takbīr. As for the one who does the Salāt in his shop waiting for the rows to reach him, his Salāt is also

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(1) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 430), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtaba” (vo. 2 / p. 72) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1544).
(2) This is clearly noticed on Friday Salāt; people tend to stand widely dispersed not in connected rows though standing in the first row and getting close to the Imām are highly recommended. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us all to follow His orders. ‘Āmin.
(3) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no.438).
invalid. A *muslim* should attend the mosque and fill in the rows that are in the front then those after… etc’.

[2/33] The second: **Leaving space and gaps in the rows** due to the belief that aligning rows could be achieved by only getting shoulders close together forgetting all about the feet!! ’Anas (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘**Straighten your rows for I could see you from behind my back**’.

’Anas (ﷺ) then said: ‘**Accordingly, We used to make our shoulders and feet in close contact; each with the one next to him**’.

In another narration, ’Anas (ﷺ) added: ‘If one applies this *Sunnah*, nowadays, people would fly away from him like an undomesticated mule’.

This was the very thing ’Anas (ﷺ) condemned of the people at Madīnah as Bushair Ibn Yasār Al-Ansārī reported. Accordingly; the *Sunnah* -which the prophet (ﷺ) and his *Sahābah* earnestly practiced- is to make the shoulder and feet in contact with the one next to you. Unfortunately, most people have abandoned this *Sunnah* as if it was a *Bid’ah*. We seek refuge with *Allāh* (ﷻ) from this. May *Allāh* (ﷻ) guide people to that which pleases him and make them taste the sweetness of following *Sunnah*.

Commenting on ’Anas’s criticism for people for abandoning this *Sunnah*, Ibn Hajar said: ‘Anas’s statement clearly states that the aforementioned act [i.e. straightening rows] used to be practiced

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(1) “Majmū’ Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 23 / p. 410).
(2) Narrated by Al-Bukhrā’ī in his “Sahīh” (no. 725) and Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 182, 263).
(3) Narrated by Abū Ya’lā in “Al-Musnad” (no. 3720), Al-Mukhlis in “Al-Fawa’id” (vol. 1 p. 10 / 2), Sa’īd Ibn Mansūr in “As-Sunnan” and Al-Ismā’īlī as mentioned in “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 211). Its chain of narrators is sound according to the conditions both shai’hs set for authentic chains of narrations-as Al-Albānī stated in “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no.31).
(4) Narrated by Al-Bukhrā’ī in his “Sahihī” (no. 724).
(5) “Ibkārul Minān” (p. 245).
during the prophet’s (ﷺ) time; accordingly, it clearly presents the prophet’s (ﷺ) order of straightening rows’.(1)

An-Nu‘mān Ibn Bashīr stated clearly that which ’Anas (ﷺ) mentioned and added the knee. He said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) once addressed the people in the mosque and said: ‘Straighten your rows (thrice), or else Allāh (ﷻ) will excite enmity amongst you’.

An-Nu‘mān then said: ‘Thereupon, each would adjoin one’s shoulder, knee, and heel to the one next to him’. (2)

Commenting on both Anas’s and An-Nu’mān’s ahādīth, Al-Albānī said: ‘The aforementioned ahādīth include very important rulings: the first: the Wujūb [obligation] of straightening rows in the manner described for any prophet’s (ﷺ) order is considered as obligation as is established in the science of ’Usūlul Fiqh [Fundamentals of Fiqh]; unless the order is accompanied with circumstantial evidence that abolishes the obligation. The circumstantial evidence here affirms the obligation itself, i.e. ‘otherwise, Allāh will excite enmity amongst you’.

The second: straightening rows is done by adjoining feet and shoulders together for this was the way through which the Sahābah carried out the prophet’s (ﷺ) order. (3)

Regretfully, this Sunnah is being abandoned by many muslims - save few who are of Ahlul Hadīth and some of whom I saw in Makkah in 1368H- unlike the followers of the four Mathāhib, even

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(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 211).
(2) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (no. 662), Ibn Hibbān in “The Sahīh” (no. 396), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / p. 276) and Ad-Dālābī in “Al-Kunāf Wal ‘Asmā” “(vol. 2 / p. 86) and its chain of narrators is authentic. Al-Bukhārī narrated An-Nu’mān’s hadīth through a strong disconnected chain of narration in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 211). Ad-Dāraqutnī narrated it through a connected chain of narrators in his “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 282), Ibn Hajar in “Taghlīqut Ta’līq” (vol. 2 / p. 302), Ibn Khuzaimah in “Hadyus Sahīh” (p. 28), and in “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 211), and “At-Targīb Wat-Tarhib” (vol. 1 / p. 176). See: “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 32).
(3) See: “Sharh Rawdut Tālibīn” (vol. 1 / p. 222) by Shaikh Zakaria Al-Ansārī.

Important Note: One must not exceed the proper limit when adjoining one’s feet to those next to him in order to fill a gab in the row for this would make it impossible for the shoulders to be made in contact with each other.
the Hanabilah, for they hold that the Sunnah is to separate between
the two feet with a distance that equals about four fingers [nearly
10 cm.] no more- as is mentioned in “Al-Fiqh ‘Alal Mathāhib Al-
’Arba’ah” (vol. 1/p. 207). This view is, however, baseless; it is just
a mere opinion. Were it authentic, it would be applied only to the
Imām and the Munfarid so as not to contradict the authentic Sunnah
-as is well established in the science of ’Usūlul Fiqh”.

To conclude, I urge all my muslim brothers, especially the
Imāms, who are keen to follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and gain
the reward of reviving it, to apply this Sunnah earnestly and teach it
to other muslims to escape Allāh’s (ﷻ) threat of exciting enmity
amongst them’. (1)

I believe that unless muslims apply that which ’Anas and An-
Nu’mān described in their narrations, and hence alot of space
available for other muslims, rows would still be disconnected and;
accordingly,

(a) They would fail to apply the Sunnah.
(b) And would incur Allāh’s (铗) punishment on them as
mentioned in the prophet’s hadīth narrated by Ibn ‘Umar:
‘Straighten the rows, stick shoulders together and fill in the
gabs; never leave slits through which Shaitān could pass. Whoever
connects a row; Allāh (铗) would keep close to him. And whoever
disconnects a row, Allāh (铗) would keep away
from him’.” (2)

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(1) “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (vol. 1 / pp. 40-1).
(2) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (no. 666) and considered authentic by Ibn
Khuzaimah and Al-Hākim as mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 211). It is also
narrated in “Sahīh At-Targhib Wat Tarhab” (no. 495) Mentioning the hadith in his
“As-Silsilah Ad-Da’ifah” (vol. 2 / p. 323), Shaikh Al-Albānī commented on those
who held such a Sunnah as an optional act of worship: ‘ How could it be considered
as optional?? It is indeed obligatory’.
(c) Enmity would be excited amongst them\(^\text{1}\) for the internal decay echoes with the external decadence and vice versa, this is well known in psychology and is indicated in An-Nu'\text{\textquotesingle}man\text{\textquotesingle}s narration. Getting close to each other in Salā\text{\textquotesingle}t inserts deeply in one\text{\textquotesingle}s heart the feelings of mutual love and corporation with others; the poor next to the rich, all in one row, their like is the like of a solid well - built structure.

(d) They would loose the great reward for connecting rows which is stated in many ahādīth, such as: \textit{\textquoteleft\textquoteleft Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) and his angels send their Salā\text{\textquotesingle}t [forgiveness, mercy, Du\text{\textquotesingle}ā’…ect.] on those who connect rows.\textquoteright\textquoteright}\(^\text{2}\)

In another hadīth, he (ﷺ) said: \textit{\textquoteleft\textquoteleft Whoever connects a row, Allāh (ﷻ) will keep him close to Him [with His Mercy…\textquoteright\textquoteright}\textquoteright}\(^\text{3}\) A third hadīth states: \textit{\textquoteleft\textquoteleft The best amongst you are those whose shoulders are the most flexible [when standing in the rows in Salā\text{\textquotesingle}t]. The best step one could ever make and for which gains the greatest reward is the one taken to a front row to fill a gab in it\textquoteright\textquoteright}\(^\text{4}\)

The last hadīth includes:

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[3/33] an advice for those muslims -especially the old- who detest standing by other muslims\text{\textquotesingle}s sides in the rows. Whenever an earnest muslim, who is keen to follow the Sunnah, tries to fill a gab in the row, they step backwards to the one next to it. Let such
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\(^{1}\) Some of those who stand in the first row may be deserting one another due to disagreement because of false desires or temporary interest. Such desertion has many negative effects that spread evil amongst people. See: “Ahkāmūl Hajr Fil Kitāb was-Sunnah”.

\(^{2}\) Narrated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 4 / pp. 269, 285, 304) and (vol. 5, p. 262), Ibn Mājah in is “Sunnan” (no. 997) and (999), Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahīh” (vol. 3 / no. 297, 298) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1550). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic.

\(^{3}\) Narrated by Abī Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (no. 666), Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1549). It is authentic.

\(^{4}\) Narrated fully by At-Tabarānī in Al-Awsat. Al-Bazzār narrated the first part through a sound chain of narrators. So did Ibn Hibbān in his Sahīh”. See: “Majma\text{\textquotesingle} Az-Zawā\text{\textquotesingle}id” (vol. 2 / p. 90), and “Sahīh At-Targhīb Wat Tarhīb” (vol. 1 / p. 200).
people remember the prophet’s (ﷺ) ahādīth such as: ‘The best amongst you are those whose shoulders are the most flexible [when standing in the rows]’, and ‘Be flexible when being amongst your brothers’. (1) May Allāh (ﷻ) benefit muslims with these ahādīth.

Having mentioned the previous hadīth, Ibn Al-Humām said: ‘… accordingly, those who stick to their places and make no space for others in the rows -believing that doing so is an act of hypocrisy- lack the proper knowledge about the rulings of religion. On the contrary, doing such an act helps others gain more rewards and establishes the prophet’s (ﷺ) order -stated in many ahādīth- i.e. filling gaps in the rows’. (2)

[4/33] The hadīth also mentions the superiority of walking forward to the front rows to fill their gabs -even if one is occupied with Salāt. If none from behind fills a gab in the row, the one -the gab next to him- could do so by shifting to the left if one is standing to the right side of the Imām and to the right, if standing to his left.

This is clearly stated in the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth that runs as follows:

‘Straighten your rows, and make them close to each other for by Him in whose hands my soul is; I can see Shaitān passes through the gabs like the Hathaf do’. (3)

The hathaf are small black sheep that have neither tails nor ears- as defined in “Al-Qāmūs”.

The aforementioned hadīth attracts our attention to the mistake some people do when standing for Salāt which is making rows far away from each other. Indeed, there is no might but with Allāh (ﷻ).

(1) Ibn ‘Umar’s narrations states: ‘Straighten your rows…”. See: “Sahih At-Tarhib Wat Targhib” (no. 495).
(2) See: “Sharh Fathul Qadi” (vol. 1 / p. 360).
(3) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 667) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahih” (no. 1545) and its chain of narrators is authentic.

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And [as for the reward granted to whoever fills a gab in a row,] the prophet (ﷺ) said; ‘Whoever fills a gab in a row, Allāh (ﷻ) would raise his rank and build a house for him in Paradise’. (1)

[5/33] It is the job of the Imām to check the rows himself and order that the gabs be filled till all rows are completely straightened, only then he could commence his Salāt. This is the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah as stated in An-Nu’mān’s Ibn Bashīr narration who said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used first to straighten our rows perfectly to an extent that they would be used to adjust the sharp ended arrows with(2) till he felt that we have understood this ruling properly. One day, he stood to lead us in Salāt, and was about to commence Ṭakbīr, he saw a man standing with his chest outside the level of the row. He (ﷺ) then said: ‘O bondmen of Allāh (ﷻ) straighten your rows or Allāh (管网) would cast enmity amongst you’. (3)

The aforementioned hadīth and many others state clearly the necessity of straightening the rows.

[6/33] The ahādīth previously mentioned indicate ‘that it is a Bid’ah that the Imām starts reciting Ṭakbīratul Iḥrām when the Mu’aththin says: “Qad Qāmatis Salāt” for it contradicts the Sunnah mentioned in them. When the Iqāmah is recited, the Imām should first remind the praying muslims to straighten their rows before commencing Salāt for he is held responsible for them. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Each of you holds a responsibility and is held responsible for it’. (4),(5)

(1) Narrated by At-Tabarāni in “Al-Awsat” through a chain of narrators traced back to ‘Āishah, so did Ibn Mājah to the exclusion of “And build a house for him in Paradise”, and Al-Asbahānī in “At-Targhib” traced it back to Abū Hurairah. This hadīth is authentic as mentioned in “Sahih At-Targhib Wat Tarhib” (no. 505).
(2) “Sharh Sahih muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 157).
(3) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahih” (no. 436).
(4) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in “The Sahih” (no. 2409) and (2558) and Muslim in his “Sahih” (no. 1829) and many others.
[7/33] It is a common mistake amongst the Imams to just order Muslims to straighten their rows or just look at their toes to make sure they are on a straight level. They do so believing they have done their job properly or much worse thinking that this is what is meant by straightening rows.

‘Umar (ﷺ) used to appoint some men for straightening the rows; he (ﷺ) would never commence his Salāt till he is informed that all the rows are completely straightened. Both ‘Uthmān and ‘Alī (ﷺ) used to do the same. The latter even used to check the praying Muslims individually. [Regarding this point], Ibn Hazm stated in his “Muhallā” that ‘the Imam is recommended not to commence his Salāt till all the rows are straightened. If he recites Takbīr before doing so he has made a mistake but his Salāt is correct’.

When straightening the rows:

[8/33] It is a mistake to recite the hadīth that states: ‘Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) does not regard the unstraightened row’ for it is baseless and was never affirmed to be said by the prophet (ﷺ).

[9/33] If there is only one praying Muslim with the Imam, he should stand to the Imam’s right side, this is the Sunnah as related by Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) whose narration Al-Bukhārī reported in his Sahīh under the title “One Ma’mūn should stand to the Imam’s right side”, not a step backwards nor a step forward. This Sunnah is supported by the following points:

(1) Had the Sunnah been otherwise [at the prophet (ﷺ) time], it would have been related by the Sahābah who were led by the prophet (ﷺ) so often.

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(2) (Vol. 4 / p. 114).
(3) “Sahīh Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p. 190).
(4) “Fathal Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 190).
(2) It is affirmed through many ahādīth -such as the one narrated by Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ)- that the prophet (ﷺ) said to him: ‘what is the matter! I’m trying to make you stand beside me but you are retreating backwards’\(^{(1)}\) It was also narrated in the two Sahīhs of Bukhārī and Muslim that the prophet (ﷺ) once turned Jābir to his right side when the later stood to his left side. Imām Muslim said: ‘The Sunnah as narrated by Ibn ‘Abbās is that the Ma’mūm should stand to right side of the Imām, not to his left\(^{(2)}\) if he was the only one to be led by the Imām.

Ibn Dawyān stated the same thing relating the aforementioned two ahādīth.\(^{(3)}\)

(3) This Sunnah was earnestly followed and practiced by the Sahābah such as: Abdullah Ibn ‘Utbah Ibn Mas’ūd who said: ‘I entered ‘Umar’s house at noon and found him performing Salāt, I joined him and stood behind him. He (ﷺ) then pulled me and made me stand exactly to his right side’.\(^{(4)}\)

Abdir Razzāq related that Ibn Juraij asked ‘Atā’: ‘If there was one Ma’mūm with the Imām, where should the former stand? ‘Atā’ said: ‘To the Imām’s right’.

Ibn Juraij asked: ‘Should he stand exactly beside him not a step backward or forward?’

‘Atā’ said: ‘Yes’.

Ibn Juraij then asked: ‘Very close to him, that no gab is to exist between them?’.

‘Atā’ said: ‘Yes, Indeed’.\(^{(5)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by Ahmad in “‘Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 330) through an authentic chain of narrators as mentioned in “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 606).

\(^{(2)}\) See: “At-Tamyīz” by Imām Muslim (p. 137).

\(^{(3)}\) “Manārus Sabīl” (vol. 1 / p. 128).

\(^{(4)}\) Narrated by Mālik in his “Muwatta’” (vol. 1 p. 154) through an authentic chain of narrators.

\(^{(5)}\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 191).
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‘This ’Athār and many other ahādīth affirm that the Ma’mūm should stand to the Imām’s side, not a step backwards -as some followers of some Mathāhib hold. ‘Umar’s narration and ‘Atā’s Ibn Rabah answers affirm this authentic Sunnah. As for the other views that contradict this Sunnah, they should be left aside having good thought of those who stated them to have made their best in trying to know the Sunnah. Indeed the best of guidance is that of prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)’. (1)

[34] Abandoning the first row by those who are knowledgeable:

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Had people known the magnitude of the reward they would receive for calling ’Athān and standing in the first row, they would draw lots to have a chance to do them’. (2)

Another similar narration states: ‘Had you known [the magnitude of the reward those in] the first row [receive], lots would be drown [to win the chance of standing in it].’ (3)

He (ﷺ) also said: ‘The best of men’s rows are their first and the worst are the last ones; and the best of women’s rows are the last and the worst are their first ones’. (4)

An-Nu’mān Ibn Bāšīr said: “I heard the prophet (ﷺ) say: ‘Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) and his angels send their Salaṭ [i.e. forgiveness, mercy, du‘ā’] on those who stand in the first row and the rows following it’. (5)

(1) See: “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (vol. 1 / pp. 221-2) and “Irwā’ul Ghaflī” (vol. 2 / p. 323).
(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 721) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 437).
(3) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 439) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” no. (1555).
(4) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 440).
(5) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4, no. 269, 284, 285, 296, 299, 304). It’s chain of narration is good.

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The first hadīth shows the superiority of standing in the first row which if people had knowledge about its superiority, they would rush to have the opportunity of standing in it and due to its limited capacity they would have to draw lots.

The second hadīth describes the best and the worst of men’s and women’s rows when standing for Salāt jointly, which was a common practice at the time of the prophet (ﷺ) and his caliphs (ャ), but if women do their Salāt alone, the best and the worst of their rows are like those of men.(1)

This comparison between the rows is regarding the reward given to those standing in them. So, the “worst of rows” means the least in reward. As for the last of women’s rows being the best, this is because they are very far from men and away from being passionately attracted by their movements and talk, and vice versa regarding the first rows being their worst. Allāh knows best.(2)

The ‘Ulamah mentioned many benefits of standing in the first row; some of which are: hasting towards performing that which is obligatory on oneself, hasting in entering the mosque, being so close to the Imām, being able to listen to the Imām’s recitation of the Qur’ān and hence learning the proper phonetic rules of recitation, paying the Imām’s attention to any ’Āyah he forgets, being a model for those behind oneself, avoiding those who pass between the lines, being fully given to Salāt and one’s prostration would not be distracted with others’ trails.(3)

(1) So is the case when women do their Salāt away from men, in a second floor, for example. It is so strange that some hold that women’s Salāt in such a case is invalid because-as they claim-they stand in parallel position with men. This view is built on a false-baseless hadīth which states: ‘Move them away [from men] for Allāh (ﷺ) ordered so’. In “Nasbur Rāyah” (vol. 2 / p. 36), Az-Zayla’ī mentioned that ‘some ignorant of the Hanafi followers ascribe this hadīth to Razīn to have mentioned it in his “Musnad” and to Al-Baihaqī in “Dalā’ilul Hidāyah”. Then he [Az-Zayla’ī] proceeded: ‘I searched through Al-Musnad and it is not there”. Ibn Al-Humām-in “Sharh Al-Hidāyah” said: “This is not affirmed to be said by the prophet (ﷺ) even being unknown” as is mentioned in “Kashful Khafā” (vol. 1 / p. 69). Al-Hafith Ibn Hajar considered it a very strange view to consider man’s Salāt as invalid if he stands parallel to a woman. See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 212-3).

(2) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 4 / pp. 158-60).

(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 208).
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It is of great regret:

[1/34] to see some of those who attend the mosque early being not keen to stand in the first row believing that the reward mentioned in the ahādīth is granted to whoever attends the mosque early, even if he does not stand in the first row which is a sheer falsehood!!

Concerning this point, Imām An-Nawawī said: ‘The row which the ahādīth affirm its superiority and urge muslims to stand in- whether one comes early or late to the mosque and whether the row is disconnected by a pole or not- is the first row which is right behind the Imām. This is the soundest of all ‘Ulamah’s opinions.

A number of scholars postulated that the first row refers to the one that extends to either sides of the mosque with nothing to disconnect it even if it was of the last row. Others believe that it refers to whoever comes early to the mosque even if one does his Salāt in the row at the back. These two views are, however, false ones and one must be aware of them to avoid being deceived by them. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best’. (1)

The prophet (ﷺ) warned his Sahābah from moving back from the first row saying: ‘Step forward and take me as your leader and let those behind you take you as a leader. Whoever retreats [from the first row], Allāh (ﷻ) will move him away [from His mercy, goodness, reward and knowledge]’. (2)

[2/34] It is a mistake that only those who are of the average people stand right behind the Imām. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Let those of sound minds of you stand right behind me, then those who are less than that proceed them and so on. And differ not

(1) “Sharh Sahih Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 160).
(2) “Sharh Sahih Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 159).
(3) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahih” (no. 438) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahih” (no. 1560).
amongst yourselves lest enmity be cast amongst you. And beware of the riots done in markets [never make them in the mosque].\(^{(1)}\)

This hadith urges those of sound minds and proper knowledge to stand in the row closest to the Imām for deserve to be honored, and they could lead the prayers if the Imām needs to appoint someone on his behalf, they could also remind him of the verses he may forget, and they could perceive the manner in which the Imām does the Salāt and be a good example for those behind them.\(^{(2)}\)

As for the commoners [who lack the religious knowledge], they should be moved away to the rows at the back so they realize their real status, and this is the job of those of sound minds and vast knowledge. This was frequently done by the Sahābah such as: 'Ubai Ibn Ka'b (ﷺ).

Qays Ibn ‘Abbād said: ‘I was once doing Salāt in the first row in Al-Masjid An-Nabawī in Madīnah when unexpectedly a man took hold of me and pulled me to the back and stood in my place. I was so astonished that I couldn’t be fully given to my Salāt. When this man finished his Salāt I saw that he was 'Ubai Ibn Ka'b [the reverend Sahābī (ﷺ)]. ‘Ubai then addressed me: ‘O lad! May Allāh (ﷻ) cause not evil to touch you. This [i.e. standing right behind the Imām] is what the prophet (ﷺ) entrusted us with’.

Then he faced the Ka'bah and said: ‘By the Rabī' of this Ka'bah, the influential have gone corrupt, (thrice). By Allāh (ﷻ) I do not feel sorry for them but for those whom they led astray’.

I wondered: ‘whom do you mean?’

He said: ‘The rulers’.\(^{(3)}\)

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(1) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 432) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1572).
(2) See: “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 155) and “Ma'alim As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / pp. 184-5).
(3) Narrated by An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 69) and by Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1573). The narration is good.
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The aforementioned narration affirms that those of sound minds and of great knowledge of religion have more right in the first row and have the right to pass through the rows to stand in it.\(^{(1)}\)

The commoner is recommended to stand in the right side of the rows provided that one sticks not to a certain spot.

Al-Barā’ Ibn ‘Āzib said: ‘Whenever we joined the prophet (ﷺ) his Salāt, we liked to be to his right side in the row’.\(^{(2)}\) In another narration, ‘Aishah related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) and his angels send their Salāt on those standing in the right side of the rows’.\(^{(3)}\)

It is unfortunate to see some people stand next to the Imām - without any need for doing so such as the narrowness of the mosque in the congregational Salāt -depending on a denied hadīth which is traced back Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) to have said: ‘A man once came to the prophet (ﷺ) and said: ‘O Messenger of Allāh: Teach me a thing which if I observe I will be admitted to Paradise’. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Be a Mu’aththin’. The man said: ‘I am not able to do so’. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Be an Imām’. The man again expressed his disability of doing so. The prophet (ﷺ) then said: ‘Then stand next to the Imām in Salāt’.

This hadīth was narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in “At-Tārīkh Al-Kabīr” (vol. 1 / p. 137), Al-‘Uqailī in “Ad- Du’afā’ul Kabīr” (vol. 4 / p. 22) and At-Tabarānī in “Al-Awsat” as mentioned in “Majma’Az-Zawā’id” (vol. 1 / p. 327).

In this hadīth’s chain of narrators, there is Ismā‘īl Ad-Dabbī about whom Al-‘Uqailī said: ‘No other narrator shared him his narration’. And Al-Bukhārī said: ‘His hadīth is “Munkar” [denied

\(^{(1)}\) See: “Sahīh Ibn Khuzaimah (vol. 3 / pp. 32-3).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: An-Nasā’ī through a good chain of narrators as mentioned in Al-Fath (vol. 2 / p. 213). This ’Athar is also narrated in “Sahih Muslim” (no. 709), “Sahih Ibn Khuzaimah” (no. 1563), (1564), and (1565) and “Sunan Ibn Mājah” (no. 1006).

\(^{(3)}\) Narrated by: Abī Dāwūd in his “Sunan” (no. 676) and Ibn Mājah in his “Sunan” (no. 1005). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is good-as is mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 213).
and lacks redibility]. This expression of Al-Bukhārī is indeed a very strong expression of invalidation of a narrator for he himself said: “whomever I labeled as such, one is not allowed [forbidden] to relate his relations” -as mentioned in “Al-Mīzān” (vol. 1/p. 202).

So, standing next to the Imām in the congregational Salāt is a baseless act. May Allāh ( سبحانه وتعالى) guide us to the right path.

[3/34] It is a mistake that the Imām orders the praying muslims to adjust the row when he sees most of them standing to his right side. Concerning this, Shaikh Ibn Bāz said: ‘It is affirmed from the prophet’s ahādīth that the right side of a row is better than its left. So, an Imām should not order people to adjust the row when most of the Ma’mūmīn stand to his right side seeking more reward.

As for the hadīth that states: ‘whoever stands in the left side of the row will receive a double reward’, it is totally baseless !!

The soundest of all opinions that it is forged; imposed on the ahādīth by some lazy ones who are not keen to stand in the right side of the rows. May Allāh guide us to all that which is right’.

[4/34] It is a mistake, done by both the Imāms and people in general, to make children stand in separate rows behind those of men depending on a narration that states that ‘the prophet (ﷺ) used to make children stand behind the rows of men, and women stand behind those of children’. This narration was narrated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 5 / no. 341, 342, 343), Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 181), and Al-Baihaqi in his “Sunnan” (vol. 3 / p. 97).

Commenting on this hadīth, shaikh Al-Albānī said: ‘This hadīth’s chain of narrators is weak due to Shahr Ibn Hawshab, one

(1) This hadīth was narrated by Ibn Mājah in his “Sunnan” (no. 1007) and in “Mistāh az-Zujājah” (vol. 1 / p. 340), Al-Buseirī said: ‘ This hadīth’s chain of narrators is weak, for one of the narrators-who is laith Ibn Abī Salīm-is a weak one’. In “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 213), Al-Hafith said: ‘ The hadīth’s chain of narrators is doubted’.

(2) Al-Fatāwā (vol. 1 / p. 61).
of the narrators. Indeed, there are authentic narrations that affirm that the rows of women should have been behind those of men. However, there is no authentic hadith about making the rows of children behind those of men save this weak one which is not to be taken as an evidence.

Accordingly, I believe that children may stand in the same rows of men if there is enough space. The hadith of Anas and the orphan who stood behind the prophet (ﷺ) in Salāt is a clear cut proof on this point’. (1)

[35] Doing Salāt in disconnected rows:

Qurrah Ibn Iyas (ﷺ) said: ‘At the prophet’s (ﷺ) time, we were ordered not to stand between the poles and were firmly expelled away from them’. (2)

Abdul Hamid Ibn Mahmūd said: ‘I once joined ’Anas Ibn Mālik in his Salāt on Friday. We were forced to be next to the poles by the great number of praying muslims, we stood either infront of behind them. Anas (ﷺ) then said: ‘We used to move a way from the poles and avoid them at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time’. (3)

Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) used also to order muslims not to stand between the poles. (4)

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(2) Narrated by At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 1073), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” (no. 1567), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1002), Ibn Hibban in his “Sahīh” (no. 400), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 218), and Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 104). Al-Hākim considered its chain of narrators as authentic, with which Ath-Thahabi agreed.
(3) Narrated by: Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1568), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 673), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi‘” (no. 229), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (no. 12366), An-Nasā‘I in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 1 / pp. 131-2) and Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / no. 2100, 218). Its chain of narrators is authentic as mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 1 / p. 578). At-Tirmithī judged the hadith as “good and authentic”.
(4) Narrated by: Ibn Qāsim in “Al-Mudawwanah” (vol. 1 / p. 106) and Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 104).
At-Tirmithī said: ‘A group of scholars held it as detested to stand between the poles. This view was also held by Ahmad and Ishāq’.\(^1\) So did Ibn Masʿūd, An-Nakhī, Huthaifah and Ibn ‘Abbās.\(^2\)

The rationale behind this is to avoid disconnection in the rows.

Accordingly, it is not detested that the praying muslims stand between two poles if the row they form is short and the distance between the poles is satisfactory. It is also not detested for the Imām to stand between the poles.

Explaining the rationale behind the aforementioned ruling, Ibn Al-ʿArabi said: ‘It is either because of the disconnection of the row-which At-Tirmithi affirmed in his Jāmi’- or it is the place where shoes are put. The former reason is sounder for the later is newly done by people. However, at times of over crowdedness, muslims could stand between the poles. The prophet (ﷺ) did so when he entered the Kaʿbah; he did Salāt between its poles.\(^3\)\(^4\)

Commenting on Ibn Masʿūd’s ‘Athar, Al-Baihaqi said: ‘This is because the pole disconnects the row’ \(^5\).

A third rationale was produced by Al-Qurtubī who said: ‘This is because it is the place where the muslim Jinn do their Salāt’.\(^6\)

The soundest of all rationales is the disconnection the poles do the rows. This caused Imām Mālik to held it permissible to form rows between poles at times of overcrowdedness.\(^7\)

The aforementioned ruling applies also to the long staired pulpit that disconnects the first and, sometimes, the second rows.

\(^{(1)}\) “Jāmiʿ At-Tirmithī” (vol. 1 / p. 444).
\(^{(2)}\) “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 2 / p. 220).
\(^{(3)}\) See: “Sahih Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 1 / p. 578), and “Ihkāmul Ahkām” (vol. 3 / p. 40) by Ibn Daqīq Al-Īd.
\(^{(4)}\) “ʿĀridat Al-ʿAhwathī” (vol. 2 / pp. 27-8).
\(^{(5)}\) “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 104)
\(^{(6)}\) “Fathul Bāri” (vol. 1 / p. 578).
\(^{(7)}\) “Al-Mudawwanah Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 106).
Shaikh Al-Albānī said: ‘The pulpit disconnects the row when its design differs from that which was at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time; his pulpit had three stairs only and the Imām used to stand beside its first step. Accordingly; the long stair ed pulpit and the heaters installed inside the mosque in a way that they disconnect the rows is something detested. It is unfortunate that many of the Imāms do not pay attention to such a thing due to their lack of knowledge and their carelessness to follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah.

Those who build such pulbits and install heaters in mosques in a way that disconnects rows should be ware of that lest they fall under the prophet’s threat: ‘Whoever disconnects a row, Allāh (ﷻ) deprives him of all goodness’.(1)

[36] The prolonged standing and reciting Du‘ā’ that includes strange words before Takbīratul Ihrām:

[1/36] It is of many Imām’s mistakes to stand for a long time before reciting Takbīratul Ihrām. This is due to the waswasah; they articulate the Niyyah more than once till they recite it properly- as they claim.(2) They also recite fabricated Du‘ā’s after which Ma’mūmīn say: ‘Amen’, such as: ‘Allāhummah Ahsin Wuqūfanā Baina Yadaika, Yawmal ‘Ard ‘Alaik’, or ‘Aqāmah Allāhu Wa‘adāmahā, Waja‘alanā Min Sālihī Ahlihā’.

[2/36] It is also a mistake that the praying muslims say, after the Imām orders them to straighten their rows or he says: ‘Istawū Yarhamumullāh Ilā Sirātīn Mustaqīm’: ‘Sami‘anā Wa‘ata’nā, Gufrānaka Rabbanā Wa Ilaikal Maṣīr’ or ‘Allāhu Akbar Kabīr, Wa‘anābika Mustajīr’.

All such Du‘ā’ are fabricated ones.

Regarding this point, Ibn Razūq said in “Umdat Al-Murīd Fil Bida”’: ‘It is of the Imām’s mistakes: to step so deep in the niche

(1) “Silsilat Al-‘ahādīth As-Sahīhah” (vol. 1 / p. 592). Our brother Ali Hasan Abdul Hamid wrote a treatise titled with: “Tuḥfatul Bārī Fi Hukm As-Salāt Baines Sawārī”.

(2) This mistake was previously discussed.
for a long time before reciting Takbīratul Ḥırām, to commence Salāt before the rows are straightened and to make the recitation in the second Rak‘ah longer than the first one. All such acts are Bida‘. (1) The long standing of the Imām causes a mess during Salāt, especially if the Ma‘mūmīn are not able to see him; they may recite Takbīratul Ḥırām before he does, and then a series of mistakes follow. (2)

(1) “Islāhul Masājid” (p. 92).
(2) “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 209, 234, 241).
**Mistakes Done From Takbīratul Ihram Till Taslīm**

* Mispronouncing the words “Allāhu ’Akbar”.
* Mistakes regarding reciting Basmalah loudly or secretly.
* Reciting Fātihah improperly.
* Reciting Duʿā’ by the Maʾmūm while the Fātihah is being recited and after it and mistakes when reciting ‘Amen.
* Preceding the Imām in the acts of Salāt.
* Reciting Takbīr while going down to Rukūʾ by the Masbūq.
* Reciting Duʿāʾul Istifāh and being late in joining the congregation their Salāt by the Masbūq.
[37] Mispronouncing “Allāhu Akbar”:

When reciting Takbīr, some Imāms recite it improperly;

[1/37] They insert the interrogative /ā/ [i.e. is] when pronouncing the word “Allāh” [consequently, the statement turns to be a question] and this is verbal Kufr [disbelief].

Or they insert the interrogative /a/ [i.e. is] to the word “Akbar” and the statement also turns to be a question which also indicates [verbal] Kufr.

[2/37] Some of them prolong the second vowel in the word “Akbar” and it turns to be “Akbar” and this word has two meanings in Arabic; the first: the gerund of becoming old and the second: the plural from of Kabara which means a drum. Both meanings bear Kufr if attributed to Allāh (﷽). Subhānallāh. (1)

An-Nawawī said: ‘The soundest of all opinions is to recite Takbīr with its proper vowel length no more than that’. It was related that Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī held that the Imām should raise his voice when reciting it with its proper vowel length and without any change to the word’.

Ash-Shāfi‘ī followers interpreted Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s word “change” to mean the deletion of letters such as: the deletion of the (r) from the word “Akbar”. (2)

At-Tayālīṣī narrated in his “Musnad” -and so did many others- that Abdur Rahmān Ibn Abzā said: ‘I joined the prophet (ﷺ) his Salāt; he (ﷺ) did not recite the Takbīr completely’. At-Tayālīṣī Judged this narration as fabricated, as Al-Bukhārī reported in his “At-Tārikh Al-Kabīr”. At-Tabarī and Al-Bazzār stated that the only one to relate this hadīth is Al-Hasan Ibn Imrān- who is an unknown narrator. (3)

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(1) “Intisārul Faqīrus Sālik Litarjih Mathhab Al-Imām Mālik” (pp. 335-6).
(2) “Al-Majmū‘” (vol. 3 / p. 299).
(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol 2 / p. 269) and “Tahthībut Tahthīb” (vol. 2 / p. 312). The hadīth is narrated by: At-Tayālīṣī in his “Musnad” (no. 1287), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 3 / pp. 406-7), “At-Tārikh Al-Kabīr” (vol. 2 / p. 298), “Sharh Ma‘āní Al-‘Āthār” (vol. 1 / p. 220) and Al-Baihaqī in his “Sunnan” (vol. 2 / p. 68).
Ibn ‘Abdīn [discussed in details the consequences of prolonging the three vowels in “Allāhu” more than their proper length and the two vowels in “Akbar”. He] said: ‘Prolonging the first vowel in the word Allāhu renders the Takbīr as invalid and consequently one’s Salāt is invalid, even if this way of Takbīr takes place in the middle of one’s Salāt. Whoever does such an act is not to be considered as Kāfir [disbeliever] unless he says it out of doubting the meaning of Takbīr.

It is also detested to prolong the second vowel; some held that doing so does not invalidate one’s Salāt -and this is a strong opinion. So is the case with prolonging the last vowel in the word “Allāhu”, this does not invalidate Salāt though it is still a mistake.

As for the vowels in the word Akbar, prolonging the first one invalidates one’s Salāt. And if done intentionally, the doer is considered as a Kāfir- as some scholars held- for this manner of pronouncing the vowel bears the meaning of doubt in the whole phrase. Other scholars held an opposite view though they unanimously agreed that one must not practice such an act.

Prolonging the second one, also, invalidates one’s Salāt.\(^1\)

Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Abdil Wahhāb said: ‘…then one says while standing “Allāhu Akbar”, nothing else would suffice. Reciting this Takbīr lets one feel the greatness of Allāh (ﷻ) and urges one to be fully submitted to Him is Salāt. If one, however, prolonged the first vowel in Allāhu and Akbar or the second one in “Akbar”, one’s Takbīr is invalid and his Salāt accordingly’.\(^2\)

[3/37] Some people omit the (h) from the word “Allāhu” and substitute it with (w); the word turns to be Allāwu Akbar!! And prolonging the vowels in the words “Allāhu Akbar” -when moving from one position to another in Salāt- causes one to desert the Sunnah that is stated in Abū Hurairah’s hadīth that runs as

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\(^2\) “Ādābul Mashy Ilas Salāt” (p. 82).
follows: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to recite Takbīr then do Sujūd and recite Takbīr before standing up form the sitting posture’. (1)

The aforementioned hadīth clearly states that the Sunnah is to recite Takbīr first then do Sujūd and to recite Takbīr before standing up after the sitting posture. And this invalidates what some imitators do of prolonging Takbīr when rising from the sitting posture all the way to the upright one. (2)

The hadīth also indicates the invalidity of the view that states that the Sunnah is to recite Takbīr twice: once when doing the resting sitting, and the second when standing up after it - as some scholars held such as Tājjud Din, who is known as Al-Furkāh, in his “Al-Iqlīd” and whose son supported to be a strong view depending on the general meaning of the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth that states: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to recite Takbīr whenever he (ﷺ) lowers and raises himself’ [in Salāt]!!

Both Ar-Rāfiʿī and An-Nawawī stated the unanimous agreement on this view. However, the aforementioned hadīth does not affirm this. No Takbīr should be added to Salāt depending on a general statement the apparent meaning of which is specified. The hadīth states clearly that whenever one lowers and raises oneself, one should say Takbīr to the exclusion of the “resting sitting”. (3)

Ibn Hazm said: ‘The Imām is forbidden to prolong the vowels in “Allāhu Akbar”; he should pronounce them with their proper length. That is to recite the phrase completely before doing Rukū’, Sujūd and rising from Sujūd’ (4) ‘This view was held by Abū Hanīfah, Ahmad, Ash-Shāfīʿī, Dāwūd and their followers. Mālik held the same opinion to the exclusion of when standing after the second Rakʿah. Mālik believed that reciting Takbīr at this state

(1) Narrated by Abū Yaʿlā in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 284) through a good chain of narrators as mentioned in “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 604).
(2) “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (vol. 2 / p. 157).
(3) This is stated by As-Subkī in “Tabagḥūtush Shāfīʿiyah Al-Kubrā” (vol. 5 / p. 61) in the biography of Abdur Rahmān Ibn Ibrāhīm Al-Fazārī who is also known as “Al-Furkāh”.
(4) Al-Muhallā (vol. 4 / p. 151).
should be after fully standing up. This view is, however, not affirmed in the Qurʾān, Sunnah, Ijmāʿ nor the ‘Ulamah’s analogical deductions. Besides, this view contradicts that of the Sahābah’. (1)

As for the mistakes done by the Maʾmūmin:

[4/37] Some of them recite Takhbīr so loudly and strongly that they cause inconvenience to the other praying muslims. This practice contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and by doing so, one incurs a sin on oneself and this is all due to one’s lack of knowledge in religion and Shaitān’s evil insinuations in one’s self. (2)

[38] Mistakes related to reciting Basmalah loudly or secretly:

Some Imāms insist on reciting the Basmalah silently always; on the other hand, some people -especially the old- abandon Salāt behind Imāms who do not recite the Basmalah loudly -as happened to me more than once.

Regarding this, Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite the Basmalah loudly sometimes and silently so often. The latter state took place more than the former. No doubt, the prophet (ﷺ) never used to recite it loudly five times a day -neither in residence nor during his journeys. Had such a thing ever happened, the rightly guided caliphs and other great Sahābah would have known about it.

Consequently, there is no need to take hold of unauthentic ahādīth or authentic ones that are not clear cut on the point. Discussing such ahādīth would be covered in great volumes’. (3)

To those who insist on reciting Basmalah silently, we would like to quote Az-Zaila’ī’s statements for them. He said: ‘Some ‘Ulamah held that reciting Basmalah loudly is better for doing so

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(2) “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 2 / p. 135).
blocks the paths of evil. One is permitted to leave that which is better for the purpose of saving the unity of Muslims; just like what the prophet (ﷺ) did when he (ﷺ) refrained from rebuilding the Ka’bah on the original basis built by Ibrāhīm (ﷺ) for the people of Quraish who were newly converted Muslims and such an action would negatively affect their faith. Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) did nearly the same when he performed [four Rak’ah] Salāt behind ‘Uthamān (ﷺ) [although the former believed that a Muslim must perform only two Rak’ah Salāt at this position]. When Ar-Rab‘ī rebuked Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) for doing so, the later said: ‘Indeed, disunity is evilness’.

Imām Ahmad and others followed the same manner when discussing the issue of reciting Basmalah and doing the Witr Salāt three consecutive Rak’ahs, they all forsook that which is better for that which is permitted for the sake of keeping Muslims’ unity, teaching them the Sunnah and keeping the ways of evil blocked. This is a great Fiqh fundamental principle’.(1)

Ash-Shawkānī followed the same path when he condemned those who force other people to recite the Basmalah silently and punish them if they do not. He said; ‘what we have mentioned earlier suffices as a deterrent for those who condemn others [for reciting Basmalah secretly] if they are of those who deeply comprehend Allāh’s (ﷻ) commands and realize the proper time at which they may condemn those who violate them and chase them away from evil to the right path.

Regarding the point under discussion, condemnation here is considered as rejecting Ma‘rūf [that which is good] and causing disunity amongst Muslims depending on no strong proof nor clear evidence revealed by Allāh (ﷻ)’.(2)

As for the second group [who abandons Salāt behind the Imams who do not recite the Basmalah loudly], we would like to recite the following hadīth:

(1) “Nasbur Rāyah” (vol. 1 / p. 328). See also: Ahmad’s Shākir commentary on “Jāmi’ At-Tirmithi” (vol. 2 / p. 19-…).
(2) Quoted from a treatise by Ash-Shawkānī which includes answers for questions raised by the great ‘Ālim ‘Abdullāh Ibn Muhammad Al-‘Amir. The manuscript (p. 9).
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‘Anas (畋) said, ‘The prophet (ﷺ), Abū Bakr and ʿUmar used to commence their Salāt with “Al-Hamdulillāhi Rabbil ‘Ālāmin”’. (1)

In another narration, ‘Anas (畋) said; ‘I performed Salāt behind the prophet (ﷺ), Abū Bakr, ʿUmar and ‘Uthman (畋) and I have never heard any of them recite “Bismillāhir Rahmān Ar-Rahīm”’. (2)

Another wording of the hadīth states: ‘They used to recite “Bismillāhir Rahmān Ar-Rahīm” secretly’. (3)

Other narrators added: ‘They used to recite “Al-Hamdulillāhi Rabbil ‘Ālāmin” loudly’. (4)

A fifth narration runs as follows: ‘They used to recite Basmalah secretly’. (5)

Many of Sahābah, Tābiʿīn and Fuqahāʾ held that reciting the Basmalah secretly is of the Sunnah such as: ʿUmar, ʿAlī, ʿAmmār and Ibn ʿAbbās. Different narrations related different practices of the Sahābah but all of them stated that Ibn Masʿūd (畋) used to recite it secretly. This view was held by Al-Hasan, Ibn Sīrīn, Sufyān and the rest of the Kufī scholars. So did Ahlul Hadīth such as: Ahmad, Ishāq, Abū ʿUbayd and all their followers. (6)

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(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 188) and At-Tirmithi in “Al-Jāmiʿ” (no. 246). At-Tirmithi’s narration, however, includes the word “recitation” instead of “Salāt”. And he added to the two Sahābah ‘Uthmān (畋) as well.
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 399).
(3) Narrated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 264), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Maʿānī Al-ʿĀthār” (vol. 1 / p. 119), And Ad-Dāraqutnī in “As-Sunnan” (p. 119).
(4) Narrated by An-Nasāʿī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 135) and Ibn Hibbān.
(5) Narrated by Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 498) and At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Maʿānī Al-ʿĀthār” (vol. 1 / p. 119). The narrators are all reliable ones who narrated many ahādīth in the Sahīhain as mentioned by Az-Zaylaʿī in “Nasbur Rāyah” (vol. 1 / p. 327).
(6) “Al-Insāf Fīmā Bainal ʿUlamāʾ ‘Ulmāʾ Minal Ikhtilāf” (vol. 2 / pp. 179-81). See also; “Al-Iʿtibār fin Nāṣikh Wal Mansūk Minal ʿĀthār” (p. 130). Many scholars compiled books on this point such as: Ibn Khuzaimah, Ibn Hibbān, Ad-Dāraqutnī, Al-Baihaqī, Ibn Abdil Barr and many others.
Conclusion:

The soundest of all opinions is that reciting Basmalah could be done secretly or loudly, both are of the affirmed Sunnah. It is of Sunnah also to recite it secretly more often. May Allâh (ﷻ) guide us all to the right path.

It is worth mentioning here that ‘Ulamahs of hadîth, such as Ad-Dâraquuntî, considered the ahâdîth that state reciting Basmalah loudly as weak. Yet, some of those who hold these ‘Ulamâh’s opinion believe that if reciting Basmalah secretly would make people abandon it totally or think that it is not an Âyah of the Fâtiyah, in such case the Imâm should preferably recite it loudly. Al-Albânî held this opinion and stated it in some of his councils.

[39] Mistakes regarding the way of reciting Al-Fâtiyah:

Umm Salamah described the prophet’s (ﷺ) way of reciting Al-Fâtiyah; she said: ‘He (ﷺ) used to recite the ’Âyat one after the other stopping for a while after each ’Âyah. She then recited the Fâtiyah in this manner.’ (1)

Abû ‘Amr Ad-Dânî described the proper manner of the recitation saying: ‘One should stop for a while at the end of each verse for it is considered as a separate, completely meaningful unit that includes a complete idea.

Many of the Imâms and recitors of the Qur’ân used to stop for a while after reciting every ’Âyah even if the ’Âyahs that follow are related to it for the aforementioned reasons’.

It was related from Al-Yazîdî that Abû ‘Amr used to follow this manner when reciting Qur’ân and used to say: ‘I recommend

(1) Narrated by: Abû Dâwûd in his” Sunnan” (no. 4001), Al-Baihaqî in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrâ” (vol. 2 / p. 44), Ad-Dâraquuntî in “As-Sunnan” (p. 118), Al-Hâkim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 2 / pp. 231-2), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 6 / p. 302) and Ad-Dânî in “Al-Qirâ’ât” (recitation no. 6 / p. 1 and recitation no. 8 / p. 2). Considering all these ways of narration, the hadîth is considered authentic as decided in “Irwâ’ul Galîl” (vol. 2 / p. 60-..).
every muslim to stop for a while after reciting any ‘Āyah for it is an affirmed Sunnah. Then he narrated the aforementioned hadīth’.(1)

[1/39] [Regretfully,] this Sunnah is abandoned by many of the recitors of our time; they recite the Fātihah so quickly. May Allāh (ﷺ) guide us and them to follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) in all his sayings and deeds?

[2/39] As for the common; the matter is even worse. They recite the Qur’ān in a deviated manner; altering many letters or even dropping some of them. For instance, they pronounce the /z/ as /th/, the /h/as /h/, /th/instead of /d/or drop the (wa) in “Iyyāka Na‘budu Wa Iyyāka Nasta‘īn”,(2) or they pronounce “Iyyāka” as “Iyōka”. If the later is done intentionally, one is considered a Kāfir [disbeliever] for the word “Iyōka” means the sun light.

[3/39] It is unfortunate that such people even abandon the councils and gatherings of knowledge; pursuing fun and wasting their time.

Indeed; it is of a great blessing that an ‘Ālim sits and teaches others. Indeed, muslims should compete in seeking the beneficial knowledge from such ‘Ālim, beware of Allāh (ﷻ) and seek salvation by seeking Fiqh in their Islām for it is indeed the key for salvation.(3)

[40] Reciting Du‘ā’ while the Fātihah is being recited and after it and mistakes regarding Ta’mīn:

[1/40] One of the mistakes the Ma’mūmīn do is to say “Ista’anā Bika Yā Rabb” when the Imām recites “Iyyāka Na‘budu Wa Iyyāka Nasta‘īn”. And when the Imām says “Ihdinas Sirātal Mustaqīm” they say “Rabbigh Firlī Wa Iwlīlidai”.

(1) “Al-Qirā‘āt” (vol. 5 / p. 2) as mentioned in “Irwā‘ul Galīl” (vol. 2 / p. 62) and “Al-Itqān” (vol. 1 / p. 115).
(2) As Al-Baijūrī said in his “Hāshiyah on Sharh Ibn Al-Qāsim” (vol. 1 / p. 154).
(3) See: “Islāhul Masājid” by Al-Qāsimī (pp. 124-6).
Mistakes done in the mosque

Some Ma’mūmīn may recite other Du’ā’s when the Imām is about to finish his recitation of the Fātihah in order that all Ma’mūmīn say ‘Āmīn on his [i.e. the Ma’mūm’s] du’ā’s -as he mistakenly believes. This poor Ma’mūm is not aware that the praying Muslims say ‘Āmīn for the Fātihah not for his false du’ā’s!!

Two points are worth mentioning here:

[2/40] The first: it is of Sunnah that the Imām recites the word “‘Āmīn” loudly after reciting the Fātihah. This is clearly stated in Abī Hurairah’s (ﷺ) hadith that says: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to raise his voice with the word ‘Āmīn after reciting the Fātihah’.(1)

The aforementioned hadith states clearly the legality of raising the voice with Ta’mīn [i.e. saying ‘Āmīn] by the Imām, this view is held by Ash-Shāfi’ī, Ahmad, Ishāq, and many other Imāms. So did Imām Al-Bukhārī who titled a section in his Sahīh with: “The Imām raises his voice with Ta’mīn” and then stated a group of Āthar and an authentic hadith to support this view. Some of these are:

(a) It is related that ‘Ibn Az-Zubair and those behind him recited Ta’mīn loudly that the mosque was filled with their sounds’.

(b) Nāfi’ said: ‘Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) used to recite “Āmīn” always and urge other muslims to recite it and related many good ahādith about it’.

(c) Abu Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When the Imām says ‘Āmīn, repeat the same after him. Whosever his Ta’mīn coincides with that of the Angels, all his past sins will be forgiven’.(2)

(1) Narrated by Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahih” (no. 462), Al-Hākim in his “Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 223), Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 58), Ad-Dāraqutnī in “As-Sunnan” (p. 127), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 933, 934) and Ibn Mājah in his Sunnan (no. 853). The hadith is authentic as mentioned in “As-Silsilah As-Sahihah” (no. 464).

(2) “Sahih Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p. 262).
Ibn Hajar said: ‘Since reciting Ta’mīn is an establishe Sunnah, the Imām should recite it loudly in the Salāt done with audible voice -as Al-Bukhārī stated. This view was held by the Jumhūr -to the opposite of the Kūfī scholars- and a view related from Imām Mālik; who also held the opposite opinion.

The hadīth indicates that had the Imām’s Ta’mīn were not heard, the Ma’mūn would not have known about it, and since the Ma’mūn’s Ta’mīn should be recited immediately after that of the Imām, the later’s Ta’mīn must have been recited loudly. Those who held the opposite view argued that the Ta’mīn’s timing is already known for every one, so reciting it loudly by the Imām is unnecessary. This view is, however, shaky since one may forget all about Ta’mīn and some may not know anything about it’.(1)

The first opinion is the sound one for it is supported by the aforementioned hadīth and the one narrated by Ibn Shihāb who said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to say ’Āmīn’ [at the end of the Fātihah].(2)

[3/40] The second; it is an obligation that the Ma’mūm repeats the Ta’mīn after the Imām recites it for the prophet (ﷺ) hadīth states: ‘When the Imām recites Ta’mīn, repeat the same after him’. Ash-Shawkānī held this view but with a little restriction; he believed that ‘reciting Ta’mīn is recommended (i.e. not mandatory for both the Imām himself or the one doing Salāt alone. As for the Ma’mūm, it is an obligation on him only when he hears the Imām’s Ta’mīn’.(3) Ibn Hazm shared Ash-Shawkānī his view.(4)

Commenting on the aforementioned view of Ash-Shawkānī, the great ’Alīm Al-Albānī said: ‘One should observe this Sunnah perfectly in its proper time and manner; that is to recite it immediately after the Imām does so the thing which many muslims -in the many countries I have visited- misperform; they preced their Imām in his recitation. This is due to their ignorance of the religious

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(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 264). See also “Ibkārul Minān” (p. 77-...)
(2) “Sahīh Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p. 262) (no. 780).
(3) “Naylul ’Awtār” (vol. 2 / p. 187).
(4) “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 2 / p. 262).
rulings and the *Imāms’, teachers’ and preachers’ carelessness to teach people their religion to an extent that the prophet’s (ﷺ) *hadīth* ‘when the Imām recites *Ta’mīn*’- is totally forgotten or neglected by many save few. May Allāh (ﷻ) help us all’.(1)

[4/40] Some of the *Ma’mūmān*’s mistakes when reciting the word “Āmīn” is prolonging the first vowel more than its proper length.

Some pronounce the /m/ with a strong stress -which is linguistically improper as stated by many linguists- that it may even render one’s *Salāt* invalid as Al-Mutawallī -from the Shāfi‘ī *Mathhab*- stated.(2)

It is also a mistake to say “Āmīn” in a loud voice or raising one’s head upwards when saying it. Such things indeed contradict the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah.

* Notes of great importance:

[5/40] The first: it is of the affirmed prophet’s (ﷺ) *Sunnah* to ask Allāh’s (ﷻ) mercy and bounties to be showered on one whenever one recites an *‘Āyah* which includes such a meaning. And whenever one recites an *‘Āyah* about Hell, its torture or its evil, one should seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) refuge from these all. This is only done in *Qiyāmul Lail* not in any other *Salāt* as the authentic *ahādīth* affirm which one must not go beyond them depending on logic or mental analogy and had the prophet (ﷺ) done so in *Nāfilah Salāt*, it would have been transmitted to us.(3)


(1) “Tamāmul Minnah Fit Ta‘līq ‘Alā Fiqhis Sunnah” (pp. 178-9).
(2) See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 265).
(3) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 185).
(4) “Sūrat At-Tīn” (Verse no. 8).
(5) See: “Mishkātul Masābih” (no. 860) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 186).
Other Ma’mūmūn say “None of your bounties we deny. To you is all Praise” when the Imām recites 

فَبَيْناً أَلَّا رَيِكَا نَكَذِيْبًا

‘Then which of the Blessings of your Rabb will you both (jinn and human) deny?’ (1)

The hadīth that states the aforementioned act is weak as stated by At-Tirmithī in his “Jāmi’” (no. 3291), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrāk” (vol. 2/p. 473), Ibn ‘Abdi in “Al-Kāmil” (vol. 3/p. 1074) and (vol. 5/p. 1858), Abū Nu‘aim in “Akhbār Asbahānī” (vol. 1/p. 181) and Al-Baihaqī in “Ad-Dalā’il” (vol. 2/p. 232). The hadīth is narrated by Al-Walīd Ibn Muslim from Zuhair Ibn Muhammad from Ibn Al-Munkadir from Jābir to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) once recited Sūrat Ar-Rahmān till its end then addressed his companions: ‘Why are you keeping silent? Indeed, the Jinn responded in a better way; whenever I recited “Then which of the Blessings of your Rabb you both (jinn and human) deny?” they would say: ‘None of your Blessings we deny, Oh our Rabb. To you is all praise’.

This chain of narrators is weak due to the fraud both Al-Walīd Ibn Muslim and Zuhair Ibn Muhammad do -though the latter is considered an honest narrator. However, the narrations related from him by Shāmī narrators are full of doubted statements. Muhammad Ibn Marwān narrated the same narration from Al-Walīd -as mentioned in “Ad-Dalā’il” (vol. 2/p. 232)- but still the former is one of the Shāmī narrators, so the defect is still existing.

[7/40] The third: It is of Sunnah to say “Subhānaka Fa Balā” [Glory be to you, Yes. Indeed] when the Imām recites:

إِلَيْسَ ذلِكَ بِقَادَرٍ عَلَى أَن يَحْيَيْ الْمُمَوتِيْ

‘Is not He (Allāh (ﷻ) who does that), Able to give life to the dead?’ (2)

This is affirmed in Musa’s Ibn Āishah hadīth which states: ‘A man was once doing Salāt at the roof of his house. Whenever

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(1) Sūrat Ar-Rahmān (verse no. 13).
(2) Sūrat Al-Qiyāmah (verse no. 40).
he recited the 'Āyah ‘Is not He (Allāh ﷻ) who does that), Able to give life to the dead?’; he would say: ‘Glory be to you! Yes, indeed’. Those who heard him say so inquired about that. He said: ‘I heard the prophet (ﷺ) say that’. (1)

[8/40] The fourth: One of the Ma’mūm’s mistakes is to intentionally hawk in Salāt unnecessarily just to attract the Imam’s attention that his recitation is too long. This misdeed is only done by the ignorant -as Ibn Rushd stated- (3) but no sin is incurred on oneself for hawking is not of speech.

[Regarding this point], Ibn Qudāmah said: ‘Different narrations were related from Imam Ahmad regarding hawking in Salāt; one of which states the impermissibility to hawk in Salāt depending on the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘If the Imam forgets in the Salāt, men could recite Tasbīḥ [loudly] and women may clap [to attract his attention]’. Al-Marwāzī, however, related a different narration that Imam Ahmad stated that the prophet (ﷺ) used to hawk to inform others that he is engaging in Salāt; as Alī’s (ﷺ) narration affirms. Accordingly, the latter narration specifies the former.

The Jumhūr; however, rejected Alī’s (ﷺ) narration for it is a shaky one that does not hold water’. (5)

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(1) Narrated by Abū Dāwūd through an authentic chain of narrators traced back to this man, who is one of the prophet’s (ﷺ) companions and so is reliable. See: “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 186).
(2) If hawking is done for a dire need or excuse or when one is sick or wants to clear one’s throat to be able to recite the Qur’ān more beautifully, then it is permissible. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.
(3) See: “Al-Bayān Wat Tahsil” (vol. 1 / pp. 337-8).
(4) Alī’s narration states: ‘I used to enter the prophet’s (ﷺ) home twice: once at night and once in the day time. When I used to enter at night, he (ﷺ) used to hawk’. It is narrated by An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Majtabā” (vol. 1 / p. 178).
(5) “Al-Mugnī” (vol. 1 / p. 710) and “Zādul Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / p. 270). Alī’s narration is related by: An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (Vol. 3 / p. 12) and in “Khasā’is ‘Alī” (pp. 117-8), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (no. 647), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” (no. 902), At-Tahāwī in “Al-Mushkīl” (vol. 2 / p. 306), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnāt Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 247) from Abdullāh Ibn Naji from ‘Alī. This chain of narrators is disconnected; some sources, however, provide a connected one which includes Abdullāh Ibn Naji from his father from ‘Alī. Naji is an unknown narrator.
[9/40] The fifth: Some Imāms make the second Rak‘ah longer than the first one -whether in secret or audible Salāt- the thing which contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah.

[Concerning this] Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘He (ﷺ) used to make the first Rak‘ah longer than the second one in the dawn Salāt and all other Salawāt -especially Thuhr Salāt- till he (ﷺ) hears no more steps.’(1)(2)

Ibn Razzūq called such a practice as Bid‘ah as was previously mentioned.

Certain cases are excluded from this ruling depending on special evidences, such as: the Salāt done on Friday and the two Eids; in the first Rak‘ah the Imām recites Sūrat Al-A‘lā and in the second he recites Al-Gāshiyah and the latter includes seven more verses than former.

[10/40] The sixth: There is no authentic hadīth that indicates the permissibility of keeping silent for a while by the Imām after reciting Fātihah to give the Ma’mūmīna chance to recite it in the audible Salāt.(3)

[11/40] The seventh: some Imāms’ recitation in the audible Salāt is too short; some may even recite the verses that begin with ‘O! You who believe’ to the end of the Sūrah, the thing which contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah.

This is clearly established in Ibn Al-Qayyim’s statements which run as follow: ‘It is not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah to recite only the last few verses of the Surahs that include ‘O! you who believe’. (4)

(1) In this hadīth’s chain of narrators, there is an unknown narrator. So it is weak. See: “Naylul ‘Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 117), “Irwā’ul Gafl” (no. 513) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 182).
(2) “Zādul Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 215). See Also: “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 4 / p. 111) and “Al-‘Amru Bil Ittibā‘” (p. 192).
(3) See: “Irwā’ul Gafl” (vol. 2 / pp. 284-8), “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 187-8) and “Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Bāz (vol. 1 / p. 59).
(4) “Zādul Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 212).
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Some of those who do so depend on the prophet’s hadith: ‘O people! Some of you indeed drive people away [from their religion]. Whoever leads people in Salāt should make it short for some of those behind him may be of the old, the weak or in dire need’. They might also depend on ‘Anas’ statement which says: ‘I have never done a Salāt shorter yet more complete and perfect than that I did with the prophet’. (2)

[12/40] The prophet’s Salāt being very short does not entail what those stealers from their Salāt and those who do it quickly understood. The prophet’s Salāt was indeed as ‘Anas described in other narrations of being complete; his rising from Rukū and Sujūd was so long to an extent that the Sahābah thought he had forgotten in his Salāt. (5)

‘Anas also described ‘Umar’s Ibn Abdil ‘Aziz Salāt of being similar to that of the prophet, the former used to recite nearly ten Tasbīh [in every Rukū’and Sujūd]. (4) The shortening ‘Anas described means to shorten one’s standing and prolong one’s Rukū’ and Sujūd, not vice versa as some late rulers did and which the sahābah condemned. (5)

It is of Sunnah to make one’s Salāt short at times of need such as: hearing a baby crying or at times of travel or fear. The prophet said: ‘I start my Salāt with the intention to make it long but when I hear a baby crying I make it short’. (6) He once recited Surah At-Tīn in the ‘Ishā’ Salāt, and the two Mu’awwithatain in the dawn Salāt while on a journey. (7)

(1) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 197) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 184).
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 189).
(3) See: “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 186).
(4) As narrated in “Al-Mujtabā” by An-Nasā’ī (vol. 2 / p. 225) and its chain of narration is a sound one.
(5) It is worth mentioning here that some Imāms shorten the articles of Salāt to an extent that their Ma’mūms are not able to follow them, nor achieve the state of calmness that is needed in order to recite the Thikr dedicated to each article.
(6) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / pp. 186-7).
(7) See: “Sahīh Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p. 250) and “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 181).
As for Mu‘āth’s narration,(1) it was misunderstood by many. Mu‘āth (ﷺ) did ‘Ishā’ Salāt with the prophet (ﷺ), then went to Banī ‘Amr Ibn ‘Awf at Qubā’ and led its people in Salāt reciting Sūrah Al-Baqarah in it -as narrated in the two Sahīhs through a chain of narrators traced back to Jābir who said that “Mu‘āth (ﷺ) recited Surah Al-Baqarah in the first Rak‘ah. One of those behind him moved away and completed his Salāt alone. Seeing him doing so, other people called him a Munāfiq [hypocrite]!! He responded: ‘By Allāh (ﷻ), I have not committed hypocrisy. By Allāh (ﷻ) I will attend the prophet (ﷺ) and tell him what happened’. Having heard the whole thing, the prophet (ﷺ) addressed Mu‘āth saying: ‘Do you want to chase people away from Salāt? Why don’t you recite [short] Sūrahs like: Al-A‘lā, Ash-Shams or Al-Lail’ (2)

We believe that an Imām is recommended to recite the aforementioned Sūrahs and the like in the ‘Ishā’ Salāt. But, what has this hadith to do with those who do their Salāt so fast and what proof does it provide for them?? The prophet (ﷺ) detested that Mu‘āth recite such a long Sūrah at such a late time at night; for he (ﷺ) used to delay doing ‘Ishā’ Salāt till most of the night passes away. Regarding this, he (ﷺ) said: ‘O people! Some of you chase people away from their religion’ for they do not follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) way of doing Salāt and exceed the proper limit of its length.

Those who attend Salāt lazily -as hypocrites do- and perform its articles so fast that they do not taste its sweetness nor enjoy its blessings; they just perform it to get rid of it as if one is standing on a burning stone; their aversion of Salāt because of its being long is not to be taken into consideration. They hate to stand before the hands of Allāh (ﷻ) and Allāh (ﷻ) hates their standing.(3)

To conclude, the length of any Salāt, be it short or long, is not to be decided and set by the desires of some people, or the wish of

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(1) See: “Sunan Abī Dāwūd” (vol. 1 / p. 230).
(2) Narrated By: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 12 / p. 192) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 181).
(3) “Tahthīb Sunnan Abī Dāwūd” (vol. 1 / pp. 415-7) with little editing.
the *Ma’mūmūn*, not even by those who practice *Ijtihad* for different criteria are going to be applied and hence disorder in *Salāt*.

The decision of such a matter refers to *Allāh* (ﷻ) and His messenger (ﷺ) who was the only *Imām* in Medina at his time for all people: the weak, the old, the young and those in dire needs.

He (ﷺ) used to recite between sixty to one hundred Āyahs in the *Fajr Salāt* -as affirmed in the two *Sahihain*. He (ﷺ) used to recite *Sūrah*: Qāf(2), Al-Wāqi’ah(3), Al-Fath(4), Al-Mu’minūn(5), At-Tur(6), Ar- Rūm(7), Yāsîn(8), and As-Saffāt(9) which when the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite in *Salāt*, the *Sahābah* would consider it as short, as Ibn ‘Umar stated. He said: ‘*The prophet (ﷺ) used to order the *Imāms* to make their *Salāt* short and used to recite Sūrah As-Saffāt when he led us in *Salāt*’. (10)

In *Thuhr Salāt*, he (ﷺ) used to recite in each of the first two *Rak’ahs* about 30 Āyahs, and fifteen in each of the last two ones - as narrated in “*Sahīh Muslim*” that the period he (ﷺ) used to stand

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(1) See: “*Sahih Al-Bukhārī*” (vol. 2 / p. 251) and “*Sahih Muslim*” (vol. 4 / p. 179).
(2) It consists of (45) Āyahs. See: “*Sahih Muslim*” (vol. 4 / p. 179).
(3) It consists of (96) Āyahs. See: “*Musnad Ahmad*” (vol. 3 / p. 333). The hadith’s chain of narration is a sound one.
(4) It consists of (29) Āyahs. See: “*The Musannaf*” by Abdīr Razzāq (vol. 2 / p. 118).
(5) It consists of (118) Āyahs. See: “*Sahih Muslim*” (vol. 4 / p. 177).
(6) It consists of (49) Āyahs. See: “*Sahih Al-Bukhārī*” (vol. 3 / p. 480).
(7) It consists of (60) Āyahs. See: “*Musnad Ahmad*” (vol. 3 / pp. 471-2) and (vol. 4 / p. 363), “*Al-Mujtabā*” (vol. 2 / p. 56), “*Musnad Al-Bazzār*” (vol. 1 / p. 234). The hadith relating this is weak-as mentioned in “*Tamāmul Minnah*” (p. 180).
(8) It consists of (83) Āyahs. See: “*Musnad Ahmad*” (vol. 4 / p. 34). The hadith relating this is an authentic one.
(9) It consists of (182) Āyahs. See: “*Al-Mujtabā*” (vol. 2 / p. 65). This hadith has an authentic chain of narrators. In “*Iqtidā’ As-Sirāt Al-Mustaqīm*”, Ibn Taymiyyah reported the ‘*Ulamah*’s unanimous agreement that it is of Sunnah to recite the long Sūrah of Al-Mufassal in the Fajr Salāt. The first of these is Qāf and the last is Surah An-Naba’. Some say the last of the Mufassal is Surah An-Nāzi’āt. See: “*Tafsīr Ibn Kathīr*” (vol. 4 / p. 220) and “*Al-Father Rabbānī*” (vol. 3 / p. 211).
(10) Narrated by An-Nasā’ī in “*Al-Mujtabā*” (vol. 2 / p. 95) through an authentic chain of narrators.
in the first two Rak’ahs equal the time needed to recite “Alif, Lām, Mīm. Tanzīlul Kitāb”.(1) Abū Sa‘īd Al-Khudri (ﷺ) described the length of Thuhr Salāt, the prophet (ﷺ) used to perform, that if one went to Baqī’ and responded to the call of nature, come back home, perform Wudū’, then back again to the mosque, he would find that the prophet (ﷺ) is still in the first Rak’ah.(2)

As for the length of ‘Asr Salāt, it is nearly half of that of Thuhr Salāt.(3) In Maghrib Salāt, he (ﷺ) used to recite long Sūrahṣ from the Mufassal such as: At-Tūr(4), Muhammad(5), Al-Mursalāt(6), Al-Anfāl(7) and Al-A’rāf.(8)

[13/40] According to what has been mentioned, it is not of Sunnah to always recite the short Sūrahṣ in the Maghrib Salāt claiming that its time is too short. The soundest of all the ‘Ulamaṣ’ opinions is that the Maghrib time extends till the twilight sets. The Sahī’ī followers held an opposite opinion-following the opinion of Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī in his latest Mathhab-they believe that the Maghrib time is only enough for one to do Wudū’, cover one’s private parts and then recite ‘Athān followed by Iqāmah!! Regarding this, An-Nawawī said: ‘The apparent

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(1) See: “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 172). This narration clearly states that he (ﷺ) used to recite about 15 Āyahs in the last two Rak’ahs; a Sunnah that has unfortunately been deserted by many. To Allāh (ﷺ) we do complain.
(2) “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / pp. 173-6).
(3) For more details, see the treatise “Man Amma Fal Yukhaffif” (pp. 28-30).
(4) It consists of (49) Āyahs. The narration is narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 247) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 180).
(5) It consists of (38) Āyahs. The narration is narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu’jam As-Saghrī” (vol. 1 / p. 45) through an authentic chain of narration. See: “Al-Majma’ by Al-Haithami” (vol. 2 / p. 118).
(6) It consists of (50) Āyahs. The narration is narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 246) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 180). In my book “Man Wa’fāqat Kunyatuhu Kunyata Zawjihi Minas Sahābah, the hadith’s chains of narration are documented in details.
(7) It consists of (75) Āyahs. The narration is narrated by “At-Tabarānī” in his “Al-Majmū’ Al-Kabīr” (vol. 5 / p. 137).
(8) It consists of (206) Āyahs. The narration is narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 246) and An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 170).
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meanings of the authentic ahādīth- support the earlier of Imām Ash-Sā’ī’s views which is the sound one and contradicts the Imām’s view in his latest Mathhab. Ibn Khuzaimah, Al-Khattābī, Al-Baihaqi, Al-Gazzālí in his “Ihya’”, Al-Bagawī in his “At-Tahthīb” and many others held this opinion’.(1)

The great ‘Ālim Ibn Hajar affirmed the non- existance of any authentic hadīth that recommends that an Imām should recite short Sūrah of the Mufassal in the Maghrib Salāt except one hadīth which is a defective one.(2)

In the ‘Ishā’ Salāt, an Imām is recommended to recite short Surahs the length of which is like that of Sūrah Ash-Shams.(3)

[14/40] The eighth: A point with great importance should be raised at this stage. Some Imāms who lead people in Qiyāmul Lail in Ramadān exceed the proper limit when shortening their Salāt depending on the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘Whoever leads people in Salāt should make it short’. They even recite only one or two Āyahs in every Rak‘ah!! Indeed, this is not what is meant by the hadīth.

The following examples present the manner in which the Sahābah (ﷺ) used to apply this hadīth:

(a) Mālik related from Muhammad Ibn Yūsuf from As-Sā’ib Ibn Yazīd to have said: ‘‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattāb (ﷺ) ordered both ‘Ubai Ibn Ka‘b and Tamīm Ad-Dārī to lead people in Qiyāmul Lail with eleven Rak‘ahs’. As-Sā’ib then said: ‘The Imām used to recite hundreds of ‘Āyahs that we would recline on sticks when we became tired. The Imām would end the Salāt when dawn is a bout to break’.(5)

(b) Mālik also narrated from Dāwūd Ibn Al-Husain that the later heard Al-A‘raj say: ‘I joined several Imāms in their Salāt in

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(1) “Rawdat At-Tālibīn” (vol. 1 / p. 181).
(2) See: “Fathul Bahī” (vol. 2 / p. 247).
(3) See: the treatise titled with “Man ‘Amma Fal Yukhaffif” (pp. 37-9).
(4) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 185).
(5) Narrated by Mālik in his “Muwatta’ (vol. 1 / p. 115 / 4).
Ramadān; they used to ask for Allāh’s (ﷻ) curse to be showered on the Kuffār [disbelievers]. The Imāms used to recite the whole Sūrah Al-Baqarah in eight Rak‘ahs. If an Imām recite this Sūrah in twelve Rak‘ahs we used to consider his Salāt a short one’. (1)

[15/40] The ninth: **One of the Imām’s mistakes in their Salāt is to recite Takbīr for Rukū‘ immediately after their recitation.** The Sunnah is to wait till one catches back his breath then recites Takbīr for Rukū‘.

[Regarding this point,] **Imām Ahmad said:** ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to wait after the recitation till he catches his breath back. (2) Unfortunately, many Imāms do not do the same’. (3)

[16/40] The tenth: **Many Imāms always recite Surah Al-Jumu‘ah in the ‘Ishā’ Salāt on Friday night** depending on an unauthentic hadīth. Doing so frequently is a Bid‘ah. (4)

Some of the even recite the Āyahs in a deviated manner; mispronouncing the words. If such an act is slight, Salāt is not void but still such an act is a detested one.

In Al-Majmū‘ (vol. 4 / p. 149) An-Nawawī said: ‘It is detested for an Imām who mispronounces the Āyahs to lead people in Salāt’.

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(2) See: “Irwa‘ul Galīl” (vol. 2 / pp. 284-8) and “Tanāmul Minnah” (pp. 187-8).

(3) “As-Salāt” (p. 50) ascribed to Imām Ahmad, “Ādābul Mashy Ilas Salāt” (p. 48) by Muhammad Ibn Abdil Wahhāb and “Al-Majmū‘ “(vol. 3 / p. 395).

(4) The hadīth related to this point is a very weak one, it runs as follows: ‘He (ﷺ) used to recite Sūrahs Al-Jumu‘ah and Al-Munāfiqūn in the ‘Ishā’ Salāt on Friday night’. This hadīth was narrated by Ibn Hibbān (no. 552) and Al-Baihaqī (vol. 2 / p. 391). In this hadīth’s chain of narrators there is Sa‘īd Ibn Simāk whose narrations are rejected-as mentioned in “Al-Jarh Wat Ta’dīl” (2 / 1 / 32). See also: “Silsilat Al-Aḥādīth Ad-Da‘ifah” (no. 559). After clarifying the hadīth’s weakness, Shaikh Al-Albānī said: ‘Reciting Sūrahs Al-Jumu‘ah and Al-Munāfiqūn on the Friday ‘Ishā’ Salāt always is a Bid‘ah which many Imāms practice, they even do so to satisfy the desires of some people. They sometimes abandon the second surah and recite the last few verses of the first one in order to make Salāt light on people-as they claim!!’. 

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In Al-Kāfī (vol. 1 / p. 188), Ibn Qudāmah held the same and added: ‘... for such an act diminishes one’s rewards’.

[17/40] It is worth mentioning here that most of the mosques lack the sincere, honest and knowledge-seeking Imāms save few. Many Imāms are of those who do not even recite the Fātihah properly, not to mention their uncapability to provide people with the proper Fatāwās concerning their religion or life affairs.

Unfortunately, some of them may even shave their beards, prolong their mustaches, let their trails hang down to the ground, wear gold, listen to music, endeavor Ribā, cheat, commit Harām... etc. May Allāh (ﷻ) withhold His Mercy from such so-called Imāms.

[41] Preceding or being exactly with the Imām in his acts:

‘Anas Ibn Mālik (ﷺ) said: ‘The prophet (ﷻ) once led us in Salāt. Having finished it, he (ﷺ) faced us and said: ‘O people! I am your Imām, so do not precede me when doing Rukū’, Sujūd, rising from them or when reciting Taslīm’. (1)

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Isn’t he who raises his head before the Imām afraid that Allāh (ﷻ) may transform his head into that of a donkey!!’’. (2)

Al-Bazzār’s and At-Tabarānī’s narration adds: ‘Whoever lowers or raises his head before the Imām, his forelock has been in the hands of Shaitān’. (3)

A third narration by Al-Barā’ Ibn ‘Āzib runs as follows: ‘When the prophet (ﷺ) used to say: “Sami‘Allāhu Liman Hamidah”,

(1) Narrated by: Muslim in His “Sahīh” (no. 426).
(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 182) (no. 691), and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 320) (no. 427).
(3) Narrated by “Al-Bazzār” (no. 475), At-Tabarānī through a good cahain of narrators-as mentioned in “Majma’ Az-Zawā’id” (vol. 2 / p. 87)-and Abdīr Razzāq in his Musannaf” (vol. 2 / pp. 373-4) (no. 3753) through chain of narrators traced back to a Sahābi-as mentioned by Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar in “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 183) and this hadith’s legality is like those narrated by the prophet (ﷺ) [i.e. Marmfū’].
none of us would fall down to *Sujūd* till he (ﷺ) prostrates himself completely, then we would do so afterwards’. (1)

Mu'āwiyyah Ibn Abī Sufyān also narrated a similar meaning; he said [that the prophet (ﷺ) said]: ‘I have become fatly, so do not precede me in *Rukū‘* or *Sujūd* for no matter how long I proceed you in *Rukū‘* or *Sujūd*, you would certainly catch up with me when I raise my self afterwards’. (2)

Another narration narrated by Samurah traced back to the prophet (ﷺ) to have said: ‘When you perform your *Salāt*, do not precede your *Imām* in his *Rukū‘* or *Sujūd*; let him do them first’. (3)

[1/41] The aforementioned ahadīth warn any *Ma’mūm* from preceding his *Imām* or even being parallel with him in the acts of *Salāt*. Doing so is totally *Harām* for the prophet (ﷺ) threatened those who do so that their heads will be transformed into that of a donkey. It is indeed a severe punishment.

The *Ma’mūm*’s *Salāt* is considered invalid if he precedes his *Imām* in *Takbiratul Iḥrām* or *Taslīm*. (4) If he precedes the *Imām* in other acts of *Salāt* and waits for the *Imām* to catch up with him, he has indeed incurred a sin upon him self though his *Salāt* is correct. (5)

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his *‘Sahīh*” (vol. 2 / p. 181) (no. 690), (747) and (811).
(2) Narrated by: Ad-Dārimī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / pp. 301-2) through a good chain of narration. Another narration reported by Abī Mūsā Al-Ash’arī-narrated by Ibn Mājah in his “Sunna” (no. 692)-supports it except that there is an unknown narrator in it. See: “Silsilat Al-‘ahādīth As-Sahihah” (no. 1725).
(3) Narrated by Al-Bazzar in his “Musnad”. Considering its various narrations, the hadith is an authentic one. See: “Silsilat Al-‘Ahādīth As-Sahihah” (no. 1393).
(4) This is the Junhūr’s view. Ash-Shawkānī, however, rejected this view in his “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 272). Having decided that preceding the *Imām* is *Harām*, Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘Doing so; however, does not render one’s *Salāt* as invalid. Those who held such an opinion postulated that those who precede their *Imām* have started their *Salāt* before their *Imām*. But this does not entail that their *Salāt* is invalid for considering acts of worship as invalid needs a specific hard evidence’. I believe the same applies on reciting *Taslīm* before the *Imām*.
(5) Some Fuqahā’ stated that a Ma’mūm’s *Salāt* is considered invalid if he / she preceded his / her *Imām* with two practical acts of *Salāt* or delayed doing them.
According to the *Fiqh* principle which states that ‘Forbidding an act entails its invalidity’, Ibn ‘Umar and Imām Ahmad considered that the *Salāt* done in the previously mentioned manner as invalid.

Different interpretations were provided regarding the transformation [of the head] mentioned in Abī Hurairah’s narration some of which are the following:

(a) Some say that the words mean their literal apparent meaning; the head is transformed into that of donkey. Using the future tense in the *hadīth* supports this view.

Some may argue that nothing in the *hadīth* indicates that the transformation of a head is really going to happen but the purport of the *hadīth* is that one is likely to fall under such a threat. This is indeed a false view for nothing prevents the threat to really take place.

(b) Some say that this threat is going to take place on the Day of *Qiyāmah* [Resurrection].

(c) Some held that the defacement refers to the abstract meaning of the word; that is extinguishing all goodness in one’s heart to an extent that one is unable to see the path of the Truth and guidance and hence going astray.

Ibn Hajar narrated that one of the *Muhaddithin* said that ‘he once traveled to Damascus in order to meet a great Shaikh there and learn *hadīth* from him. He accompanied the Shaikh for a long time

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No doubt that in doing so, one incurs a sin on himself for contradicting the Sunnah—as was previously mentioned—but there is no hard evidence that one’s *Salāt* is invalid; the Sahābah for example followed the prophet when he performed the fifth Rak‘ah which includes many Ḥathkār and did not order them to repeat their *Salāt*. Accordingly, many of the rulings [some of] the Fuqahāʾ deliver regarding the invalidity of some acts of worship are improper, sometimes. What is the difference between preceding the Imām in one or two acts or between verbal and physical ones?? See: “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / pp. 272-3).

(1) See: The treatise titled with “As-Salāt” by Imām Ahmad (pp. 37-8).

(2) See: “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 4 / pp. 150-1), “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 184) and “Ad-Dinul Khālis” (vol. 3 / p. 73-4).
during which the Shaikh was always veiling his face. After a while, the Shaikh uncovered his face veil and his face was like that of a donkey. Then he addressed his student: ‘Be ware my son of preceding the Imām in his Salāt. When I read the hadīth [about preceding the Imām] I didn’t believe that it could really happen. Accordingly, I preceded my Imām in Salāt. Consequently, my face was transformed in the shape you see now’. (1)

Those who precede the Imām in his acts should know that they do so just to finish their Salāt quickly and this is of Shaitān’s insinuations which are cast in their hearts. They should also realize that they will not end their Salāt but after the Imām does so, so why to be hasty?! And they should always bear in mind that such an act incurs sin and punishment on oneself.

[2/41] Most of those who precede their Imām in Salāt are of those who attend the mosque early. Not only have they lost the reward of waiting for doing Salāt in the mosque but they have also incurred a sin upon themselves for preceding the Imām. How misfortunate they are.

May Allāh (ﷻ) shower his mercy on Ibn Al-Jawzi who said: ‘Many people perform Nawāfil [optional acts of worship] perfectly and cause to loss the obligatory ones. For example, some may attend the mosque early before the ’Athān is pronounced, do Nawāfil and when doing the obligatory one with the Imām; they preced him’. (2)

The matter even gets worse amongst those who do Hajj and ‘Umrah; they end their Salāt before the Imām does so to have the chance of kissing the Black Stone before other people!!

Regarding this, Shaikh Ibn ‘Uthaimīn said: ‘I saw a thing that is totally strange; I saw some people recite Taslīm before their Imām does in order to pace to the Black Stone to have the chance to kiss it. Doing so, they have rendered their Salāt invalid and hence

(1) “Fathul Mulhim Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 2 / p. 64).
(2) “Talbīs Ibfīs” (p. 393).
causing to loss one of the greatest articles of Islām in order to do something which is optional and should only be done following Tawāf. All of this is due to their ignorance [of Islamic rulings].

[3/41] On the other hand, some people are so late in following the Imām in his Rukū‘ or Sujūd. Such people have indeed violated the prophet’s (ﷺ) order which states: ‘Verily, the Imām is appointed to be followed; so when he does Rukū‘ follow him, and when he rises from it, follow him’. (2)

The apparent meaning of the hadīth states that a Ma’mūm should do Rukū‘ after the Imām does so; that is after the Imām bends completely or after he commences in it and the Ma’mūm should not delay his Rukū‘ till the Imām is about to rise from it and then the former does it so quickly and follows the same manner in the rest of his Salāt. Whoever does so, has not achieved the state of Tuma’īnah [calmness] and reassurance for he is always afraid of loosing part of his Salāt.

The Imām is indeed recommended to fear Allāh (ﷻ) for he is a guarantor of others’ Salāt and should do Salāt calmly. Allāh (ﷻ) indeed guides to that which is right. Imām Ahmad said: ‘The Imām is indeed the one who should advice those who follow him in Salāt to follow him in Rukū‘ and Sujūd, and not to preced him or do the acts of Salāt simultaneously with him. The Imām should teach these rulings to people leniently and kindly for he is held responsible for them in this world and will be called to a count regarding them on the Hereafter. The Imām has indeed the more reason to do his Salāt.

(1) “Al-’Ahkāmul Fiqhiyyah” (p. 21).
(2) narrated by Al - Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (no. 688), (1113), (1236) and (5658) through a chain of narrators traced back to ‘Aishah. Another chain of narrators-documented by Al-Bukhārī-traced back to Anas (ﷺ) (no. 689) and (1114). The later includes an addition which states: ‘when he [the Imām] recites Takbīr, do the same after him’. This means that the Ma’mūm should wait till the Imām recites Takbīr fully, then do the same after him. Unfortunately, many people do not know such Ahādīths or may have misunderstood them, some may even ignore doing Salāt itself. Accordingly, it is not of Sunnah to recite Takbīr with the Imām simultaneously, but after he does so completely. Whoever recites Takbīr before the Imām; his Salāt is rendered invalid (this is the Jumhūr’s view). See: “As-Salāt” by Imām Ahmad (p. 39).
perfectly and in a good manner. Doing so, he would be granted a reward equal to that granted to whoever does Salāt behind him if he performs it perfectly. On the other hand, he would get sins equal to that of those who do it improperly if he himself does so’.(1)

The following authentic event shows our dear reader how keen were the Salaf [Sahābah] not to precede their Imāms in Salāt, considering the one who does so as a thief and a traitor.

Ibn Kathīr said: ‘Al-Hajjāj Ibn Yūsuf once performed Salāt near Saʿīd Ibn Al-Musayyab -before the former was appointed as an Amīr [deputy] on any of the Islamic states- while doing Salāt, Al-Hajjāj used to raise his head from Rukūʾ before the Imām does and do Sujūd before the Imām does.

Having recited Taslīm, Saʿīd took hold of Al-Hajjāj’s clothes till he finished the Athkār he used to recite after Salāt. In the meantime, Al-Hajjāj was trying to pull his clothes out from Saʿīd’s hand. Having finished all his Athkār, Saʿīd addressed Al-Hajjāj saying: ‘O stealer! O traitor! Do you perform your Salāt in such a manner?! I was about to hit your face with a slipper’.

Al-Hajjāj went away saying no word. Later on, Al-Hajjāj performed Hajj, went back to Ash-Shām, then was appointed as a deputy for the Amīr of Hijāz. He then went back to Madīnah as a deputy after killing Abdullāh Ibn Az-Zubair. Upon entering the mosque at Al-Madīnah, Al-Hajjāj noticed Saʿīd teaching his students. He headed towards him. People felt afraid that he would do evil to Saʿīd, but he sat before him and asked him: ‘Are you the one who said such and such words to me that day?’. Hitting him with his hand on his chest, Saʿīd answered in the affirmative.

Al-Hajjāj then said: ‘May Allāh (ﷻ) reward you with the best of rewards, O You good teacher. Since then I have never done Salāt but I remember them’. Then he stood up and went away’.(2)

On the other hand, some people are so late in following the Imān in his acts especially when doing Rukūʾ or Sujūd, some do

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(1) "As-Salāt" (pp. 47-8).
(2) “Al-Bidāyah Wan Nihāyah” (vol. 9 / pp. 119-20).
them even in a lazy way. These have indeed contradicted the
prophet’s (ﷺ) order in following the Imām.

Some Imāms push their followers to delay catching up with
them when the former do the acts of Salāt so fast. There is no might
but with Allāh.

[42] Reciting Takbīratul Ihrām while bowing down by
the Masbūq:

The following are some of the mistakes done by a Masbūq:

[1/42] Reciting Takbīratul Ihrām while going down for
Rukū‘ instead of reciting it while standing in order to catch up the
Rak‘ah with the Imām. This contradicts the prophets’ (ﷺ) order
which states: ‘When you stand to do Salāt, recite Takbīr’.

Accordingly, reciting Takbīratul Ihrām should be done while
standing not while sitting or going down for Rukū‘ or Sujūd.

Regarding this, Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘Reciting Takbīratul Ihrām
while in a sitting posture or in different wording is Bid‘ah and
every Bid‘ah is misguidance which leads its doer a stray.

So, what makes one fall in such Bid‘ah ?! Is it what some one
said or did, is this an enough reason to give away the truth?! (1) The
Jumhūr shared Ash-Shawkānī his opinion, and so did An-Nawawī
who said: ‘One must recite Takbīratul Ihrām while standing, so is
the case with the Ma‘mūm who attends the Salāt while the Imām is
doing Rukū‘, the former should recite Takbīr while standing. If one
recited even one letter of the Takbīr while bowing, his Salāt is
rendered invalid -if it was an obligatory one. If the Salāt is an
optional one, there is a disagreement amongst scholars regarding its
validity’. (2)

Ibn Qudamah stated nearly the same; he said: ‘The Masbūq
should recite Takbīratul Ihrām while standing. If he recited it while
bowing or while going down for bowing; it is then invalid for it is
recited in the improper position, in this case, one misses the Qiyam
[standing] which is one of the articles of Salāt. Another Takbīr

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(1) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 213).
(2) “Al-Majmū‘” (vol. 3 / p.296).
must be recited while going down for Rukū’. The first Takbīr is Rukn. This ruling does not apply on the Nafīlah Salāt’. (1)

Imām Alī Al-Qāri shared An-Nawawī his view. (2) Shaikh Ibn Bāz was asked regarding this point; and he answered: ‘When one attends Salāt while the Imām is in a state of Rukū’, he should recite two Takbīrs. The first is Takbirat Īl Ihrām which is one of the articles of Salāt. The second Takbīr should be recited while going down to Rukū’. If there is not enough time, one could recite Takbirat Īl Ihrām only -according to the soundest of the ‘Ulamah’s views- for both Takbīrs are two acts of worship gathered at the same time; that which is the major one has precedence over that which is minor and hence the validity of the Rak‘ah’. (3)

Many ‘Ulamah such as: Az-Zuhri, Sa‘īd Ibn Al-Musayyab, Al-‘Awza‘ī and Mālik stated that one Takbīr in such a state is sufficient. (4)

In addition to this,

[2/42] There is no need for what some people do of placing the right hand on the left one after reciting Takbirat Īl Ihrām and before going down for Rukū’. Placing the hands in such a manner should only be done while reciting Qur‘ān.

[43] Occupying oneself with Du‘a’ul Istiftah instead of following the Imām by the Masbūq:

[1/43] Occupying oneself with reciting Du‘ā’ul Istiftāh calmly followed by Isti’āthah and Basmalah and catching up with the Imām in the Rukū’ or when the latter is about to do it is one of the Masbūq’s mistakes.

Ibn Al-Jawzī said: ‘Some of those who are obsessed with Waswasah recite Du‘ā’ul Istiftāh followed by Isti’āthah and miss

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(1) “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 1 / p.544). This is also the Hanafi-Mathhab-as mentioned in “Hāshiyal Ibn Abdin” (vol. 1 / p.480).
(2) “Fusulun Muhimmah” (foil 79 / B).
(4) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp.217-8).
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reciting *Fātihah* then do *Rukū* with the *İmām*. This is indeed of *Shaitān*’s *Waswasah*.

They left what is obligatory -as some ‘*Ulamah* stated- to that which is *Sunnah...* (1) when I was young I used to perform *Salāt* behind our Shaikh Abī Bakr Ad-Daynawari -the greatest *Faqīh* of his time- and once he saw me doing that, he said: ‘O son, the ‘*Ulamah* disagreed amongst themselves regarding the obligation of reciting the *Fātihah* behind the *İmām*, but they all agreed that reciting *Du’ā’ul İstiftāh* is *Sunnah* [optional], so occupy your self with that which is obligatory and waste not the time with that which is *Sunnah* [optional’] (2).

[2/43] Some *Masbūqin* delay catching up with the congregation, waiting for the *İmām* to stand up [from *Sujūd*] and then join him. Doing so, this *Masbūq* misses the superiority of doing *Sujūd* besides violating the prophet’s (ﷺ) order which states: ‘When you hear the *İqāmah* walk to the mosque with tranquility and calmness and do not haste. Whatever you catch up with the *İmām*, do it with him, and whatever you miss complete it’ (3).

The great ‘*Ālim* Ibn Hajar said: ‘This hadīth was taken as an evidence on the recommendation of joining the *İmām* in whatever position he is. The same ruling is crystal clear in another hadīth, narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah traced back to a man [Sahābī] from the ’*Ansār* to have narrated it from the prophet (ﷺ) who said: ‘Whoever finds me doing *Rukū*, *Sujūd* or standing should join me in that position’. (4)(5)

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(1) “Talbīs Ibīls” (p.139).
(2) The previous reference.
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p.117) (no.636).
(4) Narrated by Al-Baihawqī in “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p.89). This man from the ‘*Ansār* is Abūlāh Ibn Al-Mughaffal as is stated in “Masā’il Ahmad Wa Ishāq” (vol. 1 / 127 / 1). In the Masā’il, the hadīth runs as follows: ‘Join the *İmām* whether he is doing *Sujūd*, *Rukū* or standing. If you joined the *İmām* in his *Sujūd*, you should perform a whole Rak’ah’. This hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic; all the narrators are of the reliable ones -the narrations of whom both Al-Bukhārī and Muslim narrated for- as stated by the great Muhaddith Al-Albānī in his “Silṣilat Al-’ahādith As-Sahīhah” (no.1188).

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Abū Bakrah (ﷺ) said that he once arrived at the mosque while the prophet (ﷺ) was doing Rukū’, he headed to the row while bowing. Having finished his Salāt, he told the prophet (ﷺ) what he had done. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘May Allāh (ﷻ) make you of those who are keen to do good deeds, but do not ever do that again’. (1)

The aforementioned hadīth indicates that one should join the Imam in whatever position he is. (2)

[3/43] Another mistake done by some Masbūqīn is pulling out a man from the last row in order to stand beside him in a new one depending on unauthentic ahādīth. (3)

One should instead join the last row if possible; if not, he should initiate a new row and his Salāt is correct for ‘Allāh (ﷻ) does not burden a soul that which it can not bear’. The hadīth that states ‘That whoever does Salāt alone in a row should repeat it’ (4) refers to the one who was not keen to do his best in joining the last row and fill a gab in it, not the one who could not join it; the latter’s Salāt is valid. This is also Ibn Taymiyyah’s view. (5)

Shaikh Ibn Bāz said: ‘The hadīth that states the permissibility of pulling out [a praying person from the last row] is a weak one, for such an act will cause a gab to exist in the row which is something that should be avoided. So, one is recommended to do his best to join the last row if possible, otherwise, stand to the Imam’s right hand side. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best’. (6)

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 267). (no. 783).
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 269).
(3) Read them from “As-Silsilah Ad-Da’īfah” (no. 921) and (no. 922).
(4) See: “Irwā’ul Galf” (no. 534).
(5) “Al-Ikhtiyārul ‘Ilmiyyah” (p. 42) and “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da’īfah” (vol. 2 / pp. 322-3).
(6) Ibn Bāz’s commentary on “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 213).
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Chapter Four

[44] The superiority of performing Salāt in Baitul Maqdis:

[1/44] It is commonly known amongst the muslim public that the reward of performing Salāt in Baitul Maqdis equals five hundred doubles of Salāt done anywhere else. [They believe so] depending on a ḥadīth narrated by Jābir ((fill) from the prophet (fill) to have said: ‘[The reward of] the Salāt done in Al-Masjidul Harām equals that of one hundred thousand Salāt [in any other place], and the [reward of the] Salāt done in may mosque equals that of one thousand Salāt and the [reward of the] Salāt done in Baitul Maqdis equals five hundred ones done in any other place’.

This hadīth was narrated by: Al-Baihaqi in “Shu’ab Al-Imān” and Al-Khatīb in his “Al-Muttifaq Wal Muftariq”. In the hadīth’s chain of narrators there is Ibrāhīm Ibn Abī Hayyah who errs a lot - as As-Suyūṭī stated in “Al-Jāmi’ Al-Kabīr” (vol.2/61/1).

Another narration, traced back to Abī Ad-Dardā’ who narrated it from the prophet (fill), was narrated by: At-Tabarānī in “Al-Kabir”, Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” and Al-Bazzār in “Al-Musnad”. The latter stated that its chain of narrators is a good one. Having mentioned it in “At-Targhib Wat Tarhīb” (vol.2/p.137), Al-Munthirī said: ‘This is indeed Al-Bazzār’s view only”.

Al-Hāfith An-Nāji, however, disagreed with Al-Bazzār in the former’s “‘Ujālatul Imlā’ Al-Mutayassirah” (foil.135/1) and said that Al-Munthirī’s statement supports this.

Commenting on Al-Munthirī’s statement, Al-Hāfith An-Nāji said: ‘It is indeed as Al-Munthirī said for in the hadīth’s chain of narrators there is Sa‘īd Ibn Sālim Al-Qaddāh whom many [of Ahlul Hadīth] considered as a weak narrator. The hadīth was also traced back to Sa‘īd Ibn Bashīr about whose reliability Ahlul Hadīth disagreed’. (1)

(1) See: “Irwā’ul Gallī” (vol. 4 / pp.342-3) and Tamamul Minnah (pp.292-4).

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The soundest of all opinions that the reward of the Salāt done in Baitul Maqdis equals two hundred and fifty ones done in any where else except the two Masjids in Makkah and Madīnah; they have greater superiority over Baitul Maqdis. Ibn Mājah narrated in his “Sunnan” (no.1406) and Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol3/no.343 and 397) traced back to Jābir that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘One Salāt in my mosque [at Madīnah] is superior to one thousand Salāt in any other place except in Al-Masjidul Harām. A Salāt in the latter is superior to one hundred thousand Salāt in any other mosque’.

The hadīth’s chain of narrators is Sahīh [authentic] according to the conditions set by both Al-Bukhārī and Muslim for authentic narrations.(1)

Al-Būṣīrī also affirmed its authenticity in “Misbāh Az-Zujājah”(2) and then said: ‘This hadīth stems from another hadīth reported in the two Sahīhs through a chain of narrators traced back to Abī Hurairah (ﷺ) and Ibn ‘Umar in Muslim’s Sahīh. Ibn Hibbān and Al-Baihaqi traced it back to Abdullāh Ibn Az-Zubair.

The evidence for what we previously stated is Abū Thar’s (ﷺ) hadīth. He (ﷺ) said: ‘Once, we raised the question of which has more superiority over the other: The prophet’s (ﷺ) mosque or Baitul Maqdis?’

The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘One Salāt in my mosque is four times superior than Salāt in Baitul Maqdis and the latter is indeed a superior place in which Salāt is performed. The time is about to come when one wishes that he has a piece of land the size of which is like that of a horse robe through which one could see Baitul Maqdis. This would be better for him than the whole world’. Another narration states: ‘It is better for him than the whole world and its fortunes’. (3)

(1) “Irwā’ul GafII” (vol. 4 / p.342).
(2) “Misbāh Az-Zujājah” (vol. 1 / p.453).
(3) Unfortunately the current events indicate that this state is on its way of taking place-which is one of the prophet’s (ﷺ) prophecies. They also indicate that the enemies’ conspiracies against Al-Masjidul Aqṣā and Baitul Maqdis are escalating and
This hadith was narrated by Ibn Tahmān in his “Mashyakhah” (no.62). And through the same chain of narrators, Al-Hākim narrated it in his “Al-Mustadrak” (vol.4/p.509), Ibn ‘Asākir in “Tārīkh Dimashq” (vol.1/pp.163-4), At-Tahāwī in “Mushkil Al-‘Āthār” (vol.1/p.248) and Al-Baihaqi- as mentioned in “At-Targhib Wat Tarhib” (vol.2/p.217).

The hadith’s chain of narrators is authentic.(1)

It is worth mentioning here that:

[2/44] Some people refrain from performing Salāt in the area that was added to Al-Masjidul Harām and Masjidul Madīnah believing that by doing so they will not gain the reward mentioned in the previously stated hadith.

This is indeed a false belief as indicated in Umar’s Ibn Al-Khattab statement -narrated by Ibn Shabbah in “Akhbārul Madīnah- which states: ‘If the area added to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Mosque extends to Thul Hulaiphah; it would be part of the Mosque’. Another narration states: ‘If the area added to the Mosque extends to the Jubbānah, it would be part of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Mosque and Allāh (ﷻ) will drive people to perform Salāt in it’.

This was indeed the Sahābah’s attitude to the area added to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Mosque. ‘Umar and ‘Uthmān (﹪) added extra area to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Mosque from the part that is to the direction of the Qiblah, and the Imām used to stand in the added area followed

(1) Shaikh Al-Albānī said in “Tamarul Minnah” (p.294). ‘This hadith was narrated and considered authentic by Al-Hākim with whom Ath-Thahabi agreed. It is indeed as they stated. It is fully narrated in At-Ta’līq Ar-Raghīb” (vol. 2 / p.138)... As for the narration that states that “one Salāt in Baitul Maqdis equals one thousand Salāt in any other place” it is a rejected one - as Ath-Thahabi stated"
by the Sahābah who used to stand right behind him in the first row and used not to stand back words- as some people do these days!!(1)

Shaikhul Islām said: ‘Many authentic ’Āthār affirm that the area added to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Mosque is considered part of the Mosque itself; that is the superiority of doing one Salāt in it equals one thousand ones else where. So is the case with Al-Masjidul Harām; a muslim is permitted to do Tawāf in the area added to it. Hence, the agreement amongst the Sahābah that doing Salāt in the first row in the addition which ‘Umar and ‘Uthman (ﷺ) added to the mosque is legal which all muslims has been following till these days. Had Salāt in the additional area been invalid, they [the Sahābah] would have ordered muslims not to perform it there’. Then he concluded: ‘The statements of all the great Imāms and their practices affirm this ruling. They stated that “standing right behind the Imām in the first row in the obligatory Salāt is better”’. This is indeed the Sunnah which both ‘Umar and ‘Uthman (ﷺ) followed; they both performed Salāt in the additional area of the mosque, and so did those who stood in the first row -which is the best row in which one could ever stand.

Accordingly; were not this addition part of the mosque, the rightly guided caliphs would not have done Salāt in it, and none of the Salaf had done so. Some late Fuqahā’ postulated that the additional area is not part of the Mosque but none of the ‘Ulamah’s views support this opinion’. (2)

[45] Performing congregational Salāt in places other than the mosques:

When the Mu’aththin calls for Salāt and when Salāt is due, many of those gathered in their aimless councils -talking in good or idle subjects- think that performing the Salāt in congregation in the place in which they are gathered is sufficient, and that they will

(1) “Silsilat Al-Ahādith Ad-Da’ifah Wal Mawdū’ah” (vol. 2 / p.403).
(2) “Al-Rad ‘Alā Al-AkhnāT” (p.125).
surely receive their rewards even if the mosque is only few meters a way.

[Regarding this,] Al-Hāfith Ibn Hajar said: ‘It was affirmed that some of the Sahābah stated that the twenty five doubles reward for any Salāt is only granted for those who perform the Salāt in the mosque which is a Jāmi’ [i.e. the mosque in which the Friday Salāt is conducted], though performing Salāt in any other place has its own superiority.

Saʿīd Ibn Mansūr narrated -through a good chain of narrators- that Aws Al-Muʾāfīrī asked Abdullah Ibn Al-ʿĀs: ‘what do you think of the one who performs Wudu’ perfectly, then does Salāt at home?!

He [Abdullāh] said: ‘This is indeed a good deed’. Aws then asked: ‘What about if he does it in the local mosque?’ He answered: ‘[He will be given] fifteen doubles reward for that’. Aws then asked: ‘What if he does it in the mosque which is a Jāmi’?’. Abdullāh said: ‘[He would receive] twenty five doubles reward’. (1)

This is also Imām Al-Bukhārī’s view i.e. that the ahādīth that state the superiority of doing Salāt in congregation are specified for the ones done in the mosque which is a Jāmi’ not the ones done at home. This was mentioned in “Al-Fath”, (2) “Irshādul Sārī”, (3) and “Lāmiʿ Ad-Darārī”. (4)

This is also the view of some Fuqahā’ such as Ibn Nujaim who said: ‘Whoever does Salāt with his house hold in congregation will not receive the [twenty five doubles] reward given for doing the congregational Salāt [at the Mosque] unless there is an excuse for doing so’. (5)

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(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p.135).
(2) (vol. 2 / p.131).
(3) (vol. 2 / p.26).
(4) (vol. 3 / p.121).
In addition to that, the congregational Salāt [for which the twenty five doubles reward is granted] refers to the one done in the mosques not at homes that is why the Sahābah (ﷺ) used to perform their Salāt in the mosques -not at homes- unless they miss it in the mosque; they would do it individually. The case is totally the opposite nowadays; people tend to do their congregational Salāt at home.(1)

He (ﷺ) said: ‘The superiority of the Salāt done in congregation [in the mosque] is twenty five doubles superior to that done at home or the work place provided one performs perfect Wudū’ and then attends the mosque for the sake of doing Salāt only. In every step he makes, he would be given areward and a sin will be plotted away. And the angels will send Salāt [i.e.Du‘ā’] on him so long as he is still in the mosque; they say: “O Allāh (ﷻ) send your mercy on him…”’. (2)

The prophet’s (ﷺ) words “And then attends the mosque” clearly state the cause [for getting the promised reward] that should not be ignored. Accordingly, this reward is only given for the one who attends the mosque to do Salāt in it not at home.

Al-Kashmīrī said: ‘Considering the view that states the permissibility of doing congregational Salāt at home, one could say that doing Salāt at home is less superior than the one done in the mosque. This bears the same meaning stated in the [hadīth]. As for doing Salāt at home in congregation by those who missed it in the mosque, this is not related to the point under discussion for doing so is of the incidental excuses but it does not entail that doing so is legally affirmed that rulings could be delivered based on it’.(3)

Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘Reflecting on the Sunnah deeply, one could realize that it is an obligation on a Muslim [man] to perform the congregational Salāt in the mosque unless there is an incidental

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(1) “Faidul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p.72,193).
(2) “Sahih Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p.131) (no.647).
(3) “Faydul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p.193-4). See also: paragraph no.2 in my book “I‘lāmul ‘Ābid Fi Hukm Tikrārul Jamā‘āti fil Masjidil Wād”

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cause that deters one from doing so. Both abandoning the mosque and the congregational Salāt -with no Sharʿ excuse- have the same ruling and hence the meanings in the ahādīth could be easily joined.

When the prophet (ﷺ) died and the bad news reached the people of Makkah, Suhail Ibn Amr delivered a speech and gave safety to Attāb Ibn Usaid- who was the prophet’s (ﷺ) deputy in Makkah and who concealed himself from the Makkans out of fear [of their reaction towards the news of the prophet’s (ﷺ) death].

The Makkans remained on their Islām. Then Attāb delivered his speech saying: ‘O people of Makkah: By Allāh (ﷻ) whoever abandons attending the mosque and doing Salāt with the congregation [except for a reasonable case] I will cut off his head’. The prophet’s (ﷺ) companions admired Attāb’s words which raised his rank in their eyes.

Accordingly, I strongly believe that no one is permitted to abandon doing Salāt in the mosque with the congregation unless there is a legal excuse. Allāh (ﷻ) knows that which is right’. (1)

[46] Multiple congregations in the same mosque and refraining from doing Salāt behind an Imām following a different Mathhab:

[1/46] Some of those who miss the original congregational Salāt with the Imām form another congregation and perform Salāt after the first one.

Many Fuqahāʾ considered this act as something impermissible; they held that whoever misses the original congregation should perform Salāt individually and must not form a new congregation. Some of these Fuqahāʾ are: Sufyān Ath-Thawrī, Abdullāh Ibn Al-Mubārak, Mālik Ibn ’Anas, Muḥammad Ibn Idrīs Ash-Shāfiʿī, Al-Ḥaith Ibn Saʿīd, Al-ʿAwzāʾī, Az-Zuhrī, ‘Uthmān Al-Batty, Abū Hanīfah, Abū Yūṣuf, Muḥammad Ibn Al-Ḥasan, Al-Qāsim, Yahyā

(1) “As-Salāt Wahukmu Tārikihā” (p.137).

The following are the evidences on the stated ruling:

(1) Allāh (ﷻ) said:

وَالذِّينَ اخْتَنَصُوا مسجَّداً ضُرْاراً وَكَفَّراً وَتَفْرِيقًا بَيْنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَإِرَاصَادِهِمْ مِنْ حَارِبِ الله وَرُسُولِه

‘And as for those who put up a mosque by way of harming and disbelief, and to disunite the believers and as an out post for those who warred against Allāh and His Messenger (Muhammad) afore time, they will indeed swear that their intention is nothing but good. Allāh bears witness that they are certainly liars’. (2)

The phrase “and to disunite the believers” indicates that the unity of muslims must be retained and preserved and this would not be achieved but with joining the Imām of the mosque in the original congregation which is the first one.

Ibn Al-‘Arabi [interpreted the verse and] said: ‘The verse means that they [Muslims] were one unity [used to gather] in one mosque. The hypocrites intended to excite disunity amongst them in their acts of worship and [consequently] lead them to disbelief and disobedience. This indeed shows us that the main aim of the congregation [in Salāt] is creating harmony amongst Muslims’ hearts, uniting them in doing all obediences, instilling the feelings of sacredness towards other Muslims so that all their hearts be free of grudge and malice.

Imām Mālik perceived this great deep meaning and consequently said: ‘There must not be two congregations in one mosque led by the same or another Imām. And this view contradicts that of many Ulamā’!!(3)

(1) For more details see our book ‘Ilmul ‘Ābid Fī Hukm Takrāril Jamā‘atti Fil Masjidil Wāhid” (paragraph no.9).
(2) Sūrat At-Tawbah (no. 107).
(3) As Az-Zayla‘ī mentioned in “Nasbur Rāyha” (vol. 2 / p.57); he said: ‘The Ahādīth that state the permissibility of conducting two congregations for Salāt in the same =

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It was narrated that Ash-Shāfi‘ī stated that ‘such an act is not allowed for it would disunite Muslims’ unity which contradicts the very aim and rationale of this congregation. Were establishing many congregations in one mosque allowed, this would be a pretext for the one who wishes to create another congregation to do so and be its Imām the thing which would indeed excite enmity among Muslims and undermines their firm structure. This was not clear to some of the ‘Ulamah!! Indeed, he [Ash-Shāfi‘ī] deeply knew the objectives of the lows of Sharī‘ah’. (1)

(2) Abū Bakra (ﷺ) related that ‘Once the prophet (ﷺ) arrived Madīnah, coming back from one of its supurbs and heading to the mosque to perform Salāt. Having seen that people have already performed their Salāt, he (ﷺ) went home, gathered his house hold and led them in Salāt’. (2)

The aforementioned hadīth indicates that were creating a second congregation permissible without any detestation, the prophet (ﷺ) would not have left doing Salāt in the Mosque in Madīnah and hence gaining the doubled reward. (3)

(3) Abū Hurairah narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘I intended [or planned or was about] to order my men to collect fire-wood (fuel), then order some one to lead people in the Salāt, then I would go and burn the houses of men who did not present themselves for the [compulsory congregational] Salāt’. (4)

(1) “Ahkamul Qur’ān” (vol. 1 / p.103). Ash-Shāfī reported this view in his Fatwa (p.126) and stated his agreement with it.

(2) In”Al-Majma’ “(vol. 2 / p.45), Al-Haithami said: ‘This hadīth was narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Kabir and “Al-Awsat” through a chain of narrators who are all reliable. It was also narrated by: Ibn ‘Adi in “Al-Kāmil” (vol. 6 / p.2398). Al-Albānī considered it as “A sound hadīth” in “Tamāmul Minnah” (p.155).


(4) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 125) (no. 644), (vol. 2 / p. 141) (no. 657), (vol. 5 / p. 74) (no. 2420) and (vol. 13 / p. 215) (no. 7224), Muslim in =

= mosque were rejected by Mālik but were accepted by other ‘Ulamah!!’. It is affirmed that many Fuqahā’ held this act impermissible as I mentioned in details in my book “I‘lāmul ‘Ābid Fi Hukmi ‘Ibrār ‘Ilāmi Fil Masjidil Wāhid”.

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The aforementioned hadīth indicates that were creating a second congregation permissible and affirmed, the threat of burning would not have any sense for those who did not present themselves in the first congregation could do so in the second.

If it were raised that by excusing the threat, the prophet (ﷺ) would miss the first congregation himself; the answer would be that if he (ﷺ) missed the whole Salāt with the congregation in his Mosque he (ﷺ) would surely do it in another mosque with its congregation.

The prophet’s (ﷺ) words “who did not present themselves for the (compulsory congregational) Salāt” refer to the one he ordered to be established for the second definite noun (the Salāt) is a repetition of the first mentioned definite noun; besides the definite article “the” serves the purpose of specification. This indeed affirms what we stated about the second congregation. Were the second congregation permissible, prophet (ﷺ) would have said: ‘who did not present themselves for Salāt’. (1)

(4) The Āthār: Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī said: ‘If there is an Imām appointed for a mosque and some people missed the congregational Salāt with him, they should perform their Salāt individually. Forming a[second] congregation is not permissible- for this act was not the practice of the Salaf; on the contrary they detested it- but if a second congregation was done, the Salāt is correct and valid’. (2)

Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s statement ‘they detested it” indicates that the Sahābah (ﷺ) abhorred establishing a second congregation [after the first one. The word Salaf’ according the ‘Ulamah refers to the Sahābah and the Tābi‘in (ﷺ)”.

(1) “Al-Kawkab Ad-Durrī” (vol. 1 / pp.115-6) and “I’lā’us Sunnan” (vol. 4 / pp.246-7). (2) “Al-‘Umm” (vol. 1 / p.181).
He also said: ‘It was also affirmed that some of the Sahābah missed the first congregation with the prophet (ﷺ) and then they performed it individually and the prophet (ﷺ) knew about it. They could have done it in a second congregation. They did not do so because they detested that another congregation be established in the mosque’. (1) The word Sahābah in Ash-Shāfi’ī’s statement refers to Abdullāh Ibn Mas‘ūd and others.

Abdir Razzāq narrated -and so did At-Tabarānī through the same chain of narrators- from Ma’mar from Hammād from Ibrāhīm that ‘Alqamah and Al-Aswad once accompanied Ibn Mas‘ūd to the mosque. Having reached the mosque, they found that people had already finished their Salāt. Ibn Mas‘ūd went back home with his two companions and led them in Salāt placing one of them to his left side and the other to his right side. (2)

Ibn Abī Shaibah and Abdir Razzāq narrated through their own chain of narrators traced back to Al-Hasan Al-Basrī to have said: ‘The prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahābah used to perform their Salāt individually in the mosque when they reached it and found that the people had already done it’. (3)

Were conducting a second congregation in the mosque absolutely permissible, Ibn Mas‘ūd would not have resorted to performing it at home knowing that performing compulsory Salāt in the mosque is much more superior and he could have made a second congregation.

Suhnūn narrated from Ibn Al-Qāsim from Mālik from Abdir Rahman Ibn Al-Mujabbir to have said: ‘I once accompanied Sālim Ibn Abdillah to Al-Jāmi’ and having reached there, we found that the people had already finished their Salāt. People suggested to Sālim that he makes another congregation.

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(1) “Al-Umm” (vol. 1 / p.181). Al-Baiḥaqī reported this in his “Al-Ma’rifah Wal Āthār” (1.28 / B,29 / A) a manuscript.
(2) Narrated by: Abdir Razzāq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p.409) (no.3883), At-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu’jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 9 / p.318) (no.9380). This Āthār’s chain of narrators is sound.
(3) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p.223) and Abdir Razzāq in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p.293) (no.3425 and 3426).
Sālim refused and said: ‘There should not be two congregations for the same Salāt in the same mosque’.

Ibn Wahb said: ‘Many a scholars reported the same from Ibn Shihāb, Yahyā Ibn Sa‘īd, Rabī‘ah and Al-Laith’.\(^{(1)}\)

Sālim’s statement clearly indicates the prohibition of conducting multiple congregations in the same mosque, with which many of the Tābi‘īn agreed.

(5) Forming a second congregation causes disunity amongst muslims of the first congregation for people would depend on attending the second one and care not if they missed the first one which lessens the number of those who attend it. On the other hand, if people realize that there is only one congregation to attend [which if missed they would loose its doubled reward] they would haste to attend it and the number of praying Muslims would increase accordingly.\(^{(2)}\)

Regarding the rationale that stands behind the impermissibility [of creating a second congregation], Al-Qādī Ibn Al-Arabi said: ‘This is indeed a firmly established objective in the Sharī‘ah with which the Mubtadi‘ah [i.e. people of Bid‘ah] can never mess in order not to open the way for people to abandon the first congregation and create a new one hence the disappearance of the sublime, noble objective of conducting the congregation and practicing it’.\(^{(3)}\)

Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī said: ‘I believe that those who detested the establishment of a second congregation believed that this would cause disunity amongst muslims and induce some people to abandon the original congregation when it is due and wait for people to finish performing the Salāt and then they would create

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\(^{(1)}\) Mentioned in “Al-Mudawwanah Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p.89) by Mālik through a chain of narrators who are all reliable.

\(^{(2)}\) See: “Bathlul Majhūd” (vol. 4 / p.278) and “Al-Mabsūt” (vol. 1 / pp.135-6).

\(^{(3)}\) “Āridat Al-‘Ahwāthī” (vol. 2 / p.21).
another congregation of their own; the thing which would cause turmoil in the Muslims’ unity which is indeed prohibited.  

Commenting on Ash-Shafi’i statements, Shaikh Ahmad Shakir said: ‘Imam Ash-Shafi’i’s view –which is truly correct– indicates the Imam’s deep understanding, thorough realization and open mindedness to the essence of Islam and Shar’iah objectives; the first and the most important of which is uniting Muslims and clustering their hearts towards one end; namely elevating Allah’s (ﷻ) Word [i.e. Islam], and uniting the efforts to be directed to achieving this aim. This would be spiritually achieved through attending the congregation for Salat and straightening rows in it. This deep objective cannot be realized and understood but by those whom Allah (ﷻ) endowed with spiritual light to understand the rulings of Religion and its blessings and objectives like Ash-Shafi’i. Muslims have indeed witnessed the negative, destructive effects of establishing more than one congregation for Salat and the confusion this caused to their structure. Those who do not feel such a thing are indeed of those whom Allah (ﷻ) effaced their hearts. Many people in many mosques abandon the original congregation, seeking the Sunnah as they falsely claim and hence creating other congregations believing that in such a way they would perform the Salat in a better manner than others. Were their claim true, they would loose their reward due to the sin they committed. Their belief of doing the Sunnah which other Muslims may have abandoned would avail them naught.

Other people may even abandon [the general] Muslims’ congregation and perform the Salat in mosques of their own the thing which causes harm to other Muslims and excites disunity amongst Muslims’ unity. We ask Allah’s (ﷻ) refuge from this and ask Him for His guidance to enable us retain Muslims’ unity. He is indeed the One who is Sami’ of our Du‘a’.

Due to the Muslims’ carelessness in stopping such a practice and due to some people’s belief that conducting more than one

(1) “Al-Umm” (vol. 1 / p.180). Ibn Al-Arabi shared Ash-Shafi’i’s his opinion, as was previously stated.
Mistakes done in the mosque

congregation in any mosque is absolutely permissible, a new *Bid’ah* was born in the grand mosques such as: Al-Azhar mosque and Al-Husain mosque and many others in Egypt and in other *Muslim* countries; two *Imāms* -sometimes more- are appointed for the same mosque [and each establishes his own congregation]. In Al-Azhar mosque, for example, there are two *Imāms*; one for the old *Qiblah* and the other for the new one, the same thing is done in done in Al-Husain mosque. In the latter, a *Shāfi‘ī* *Imām* performs *Fajr Salāt* in its early time and another *Hanafi* *Imām*, leading another congregation, performs it in its later time. The *Hanafi* scholars and their students never do their *Salāt* behind a *Shāfi‘ī* *Imām* even if it is being performed in their presence. In the aforementioned mosque, one could see the many congregations that perform *Salāt* simultaneously -believing this act to be the *Sunnah*. Doing so, they are all indeed sinners. Unfortunately, this *Bid’ah* even spread in the Holy Mosque in Makkah -as I heard; there were four Imams- each follows a different *Mathhab* -to lead four congregations. However, I did not witness such a thing my self for I performed Hajj during King Abdil ‘Azīs’s Ibn Abdir Rahmān Āl Su‘ūd reign and I heard that he eradicated such a *Bid’ah* and made people gather behind one *Imām*. May Allāh (ۚ) help *Muslim* ‘Ulamah eradicate such a *Bid’ah* in all their mosques through out the world guided by His bounty and help. He is indeed *Samī’ Ad-Du‘ā’.*

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Shaikh Ibn Taymiyyah was asked regarding the one who performs his *Salāt* behind an *Imām* who follows a different *Mathhab* than one’s own; is one’s *Salāt* valid behind this *Imām*? Did any of the *Salaf* held that a follower of one *Mathhab* must not perform one’s *Salāt* behind an *Imām* who follows another *Mathhab*? Is it a *Bid’ah* to claim such a view?? And if the *Imām* did the *Salāt* in a manner he believes to be correct and the *Ma’mūm* believes the opposite; is the *Ma’mūm’s Salāt* considered correct in such a case??

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(1) Ahmad’s Shākir commentary on “*Jāmi‘ At-Tirmithi*” (vol. 1 / pp. 431-2).
The Shaikh answered: ‘Yes, indeed. People of different Mathâhib may lead one another in Salât as did the Sahâbah and those who followed in their footsteps and as did the four Imâms. Though they differed in their views concerning some points and issues, they used to perform Salât behind one another. None of the Salaf held that one may not perform one’s Salât behind an Imâm following a different Mathhab than his. Whoever holds the opposite has indeed gone astray and followed a Bid’ah besides contradicting the rulings of the Qur’ân, Sunnah and the Salaf’s and other ‘Ulamah’s consensus. On the other hand, some of the late Mathhab fanatics held an opposite opinion, they claimed that the Salât done behind a Hanafi Imâm is invalid even if the latter perfumed all its Wâjibât for he [i.e. the Imâm] has done so with out believing that they are of the Wâjibât. Those who hold such an opinion -and should be punished for their Bid’ah- should indeed hold its opposite for it was affirmed in the two Sahîhs that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘They [i.e. the Imâms] lead you in Salât; if they do it perfectly; you would get your reward and they would get theirs. If they performed it improperly; you would get your reward but they will not get theirs’.(1)

In the aforementioned hadîth, the prophet (ﷺ) stated clearly that the mistake the Imâm does in his Salât, does not affect the Ma’mûm’s Salât for the latter thinks that the Imâm is permitted to do what he believes is right and so would not incur a sin upon himself for in this case he [i.e. the Imâm] is considered a Mujtahid or at least a follower of a Mujtahid and in either cases his mistake would be forgiven and his Salât is correct. Accordingly, he would not incur a sin upon himself if he does not repeat the Salât.(2)

The act of conducting more than one congregation [in the same mosque] appeared in the sixth century after Hijrah as mentioned in “Fathul Alî Al-Mâlik” (vol.1/p.92). Whenever they missed the

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(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhârî in his “Sahîh” (vol. 2 / p.187) and others.
(2) “Majmû’ Al-Fatâwâ” (vol. 23 / p.373) with little editing. See also: “Bathul Majhûd” (vol. 4 / p.178); a part of Rahmatullâh’s As-Sandahî the student of Ibn Al-Humam view. This part states the abhorrence of doing the same Salât by several Imâms.
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Salāt with the congregation in the mosque, the Salaf used to perform the compulsory Salāt followed by many Nāfilah [optional] Salawāt in order to gain a reward equal to that granted for doing Salāt with the congregation in the mosque.\(^{(1)}\)

(6) The reason behind doing a second congregation is the slackness and laziness to attend the first congregation which is something detested, so pay heed to this.

(7) In addition to that, the prophet (ﷺ) never ordered muslims to conduct more than one congregation in Al-Khawf [fear] Salāt and there was no proof that there used to be another congregation after his (ﷺ) and those who missed it used to perform the Salāt individually or in a congregation at home -as was previously mentioned.

(8) A muslim who misses the congregation -due to a legal excuse- at the mosque, may then do his Salāt alone and would be granted a reward equal to that given to him as if he did it with the congregation.

The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever performs perfect Wudū’ then walks to [the mosque to do] the Salāt, Allāh (ﷺ) will record a reward for him whenever he steps with his right foot, and will wipe out a sin whenever he steps with his left. Accordingly; one would get a reward in proportion to the steps he takes to the mosque, be it near of far. And when one attends the mosque and joins the congregation in Salāt, his sins will be forgiven. If one misses a part of the Salāt with the congregation, then joins the congregation with what is left and completes what he missed, he would also get a full reward. In case one reaches the mosque and finds that the congregation had already finished the Salāt and then performs his Salāt alone perfectly, he would also receive the full reward’.\(^{(2)}\)

\(^{(1)}\) See: “Siyar A‘lamun Nubalā’ “(vol. 12 / p.495) and (vol. 11 / pp.443-4).
\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by Abī Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p.154) (no.563) and so did Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p.69). The hadīth is authentic and it is reported in “Sahīh Al-Jāmi’ As-Saghīr” (no.440).
He (ﷺ) also said: ‘Whoever performs a perfect Wudū’ then attends the mosque and finds that the people had already finished their Salāt, Allāh (ﷻ) would grant him a reward equal to that granted to those who joined the congregation in the Salāt and their reward will not be diminished’. (1)

As-Sindī said: ‘The apparent meaning of the hadīth states that getting the doubled reward of doing Salāt with the congregation depends on exerting one’s effort to reach it on time whether one managed to join it or missed it. Whoever joined a part of it even in Tashahhud -he would receive the full reward’.

The issue of gaining rewards or not is something that could never be known through independent judgment [but through Sharī' texts]; accordingly, the opinions that contradict the prophet’s ahādīth are totally rejected. (2)

Paying heed to all the a aforementioned proofs, what is the purpose of conducting a second congregation [in the mosque]!!

It is worth mentioning here the following points:

[3/46] The first: The arguments that are raised by those who believe in the permissibility of establishing a second congregation hold no water. I refuted them all in details in my book “I‘lāmul Ābid Fī Hukm Takrārīl Jamā'īl Fil Masjidil Wāhid”. They consider the following hadīth to be a proof that supports their opinion. The hadīth was narrated by Abū Sa‘īd Al-

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(1) Narrated by: Abī Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p.154) (no.564), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p.11), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p.380), Al-Bukhārī in “Al-Tārīkh Al-Kabīr” (vol. 8 / p.46), Al-Baghwā in “Sharhus Sunnah” (vol. 3 / p.342) (no.789) and Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p.208) and said: ‘This is an authentic hadīth according to the conditions set by Muslim for authentic ahādīth’ and with which Ath-Thahābi agreed in his “At-Talkhis”.

I believe that the hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic. In it, there is Awf Ibn Al-Hārith from whom Muslim did not narrate any hadīth but Al-Bukhārī did. There is also Muhsin Ibn Alī from whom only Abū Dāwūd and An-Nasā‘ī narrated hadīth and whom Ibn Hibbān ranked of the reliables in his “Ath-Thiqāt” (vol. 5 / p.458).

(2) “Mirqātul Mafāţīh” (vol. 2 / p.130).
Khudrī who related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Is there any body to give this man a charity’. (1)

This hadīth does not, however, have any connection whatsoever to the point under discussion. The prophet (ﷺ) addressed those who have already done the obligatory Salāt with the congregation(2) and this is not an order to establish a second congregation in the mosque to do a Salāt that has been already done.

In other words, the one who gives the charity in the aforementioned hadīth is the one who joined the first congregation in the obligatory Salāt and then wishes to join the one who missed the twenty six doubles reward in the latter’s Salāt. Had the former done his Salāt alone, he would have only got one reward [and hence no extra rewards to give out in charity].

The prophet’s (ﷺ) phrase “gives charity” strongly refutes the opinion of those who believe in the permissibility of establishing another congregation.

In a second congregation who would be the giver of chaity and who would be the recipient???

Accordingly, Abdullāh Ibn Mas‘ūd said: ‘No one dares to abandon it [i.e. the congregational Salāt] but a hypocrite whose hypocrisy is known to every one’. (3)

Indeed, what does the pronoun “it” in Ibn Mas‘ūd’s statement refer to? Does it refer to the Salāt of those who are lazy to attend

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(1) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p.322), Abī Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p.157) (no.574), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahih” (vol. 3 / pp.63-4) (no.1632), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3 / p.5,45,46 and 85), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunan” (vol. 2 / p.303), in “Ma’rifat As-Sunnan Wal-Āthār” (foil 29 / A) and in “Al-Khulāfiyyāt” (vol. 2 / L / 56 / A), Ibn Al-Jārūd in “Al-Muntaqā” (no.330), Ad-Dārimī in “As-Sunan” (vol. 1 / p.318), Al-Baqhawī in “Sharhus Sunnah” (vol. 3 / p.436) (no.859), Ibn Hibbān in “As-Sahih” (no.436) and Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p.209). The hadīth is authentic.
(2) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p.254).
(3) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahih” (no.654), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no.550), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / pp.107-9).
the congregation with the Imām and instead do it alone after its due time is about to finish!! Were this the case how could one know their hypocrisy if all the other congregations are permissible to be established!!

[4/46] The second: If one misses the Salāt with the congregation unintentionally, he may do it with a man who had already done his Salāt with the congregation. This is clearly stated in Abī Sa‘īd’s hadīth.

[5/46] The third: An Imām may not perform any Salāt twice even if the second one is done for one which is missed.

All Imāms agreed that such a practice is a detested Bidʿah as mentioned by Shaikh Taqīyyud Din.(1)

[6/46] The fourth: Conducting more than one congregational Salāt is permissible in highway Mosques for which there is no appointed Imām nor Muʿaththin.

[7/46] The fifth: It is unanimously agreed upon that it is Harām [forbidden] that many congregations be done at the same time in the same mosque.(2)

[8/46] The sixth: The abhorrence of conducting a second congregation in the mosque which has its appointed Imām and Muʿaththin does not entail that those who did Salāt with the original congregation would not get their full reward.(3)

[47] The threat against those who abandon the congregational Salāt:

[1/47] Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘I was about or planned to order my men to collect fire-wood [fuel] then order some one to lead people in Salāt, then I would go and burn the houses of those who do not present themselves in the Salāt’.

(2) See: “I’lāmul Ābid Fī Hukmī Takrāril Jamā’ati Fil Masjidil Wahid” paragraph no (1).
(3) “Bulghatus Sālik” (vol. 1 / p.159).
Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) would not execute such a punishment on the one who has committed a minor sin. Accordingly; abandoning the congregational Salāt is one of the Kabā’ir [grievous sins]’.

Arguments were raised doubting the obligation of attending the congregational Salāt; the following paragraphs are going to deal with these arguments and refute them all.

(1) Some say that the prophet (ﷺ) did not execute the punishment although he was about to do it.

The answer:

The reason that detered the prophet (ﷺ) from executing the punishment is clearly stated in “Al-Musnad” and other Sunnah compilations that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘… but I could not because of the women and offspring who live in them’.

The apparent meaning of the prophet’s (ﷺ) statement is that it is not an obligation on women and kids to present themselves in the congregational Salāt. Had the prophet (ﷺ) executed his threat, many innocent lives would have been unjustly killed which is similar to the act of executing punishment on a pregnant woman. Regarding this, Allāh (ﷻ) said:

وَلَوْلَا رَجُلٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ وَنِسَاءٌ مُّؤْمِنَاتٌ لَمْ تَلْمِهَا مِنْ تَطْوُّؤِهِمْ فَتَصِيبُكُمْ مِنْهُمْ مَعْرِةً بَغيِّر

‘Had there not been believing men and believing women whom you did not know, that you may kill them, and on whose account a sin would have been committed by you without (your) knowledge, that Allāh (ﷻ) might bring in to His mercy whom He will, if they (the believers and the disbelievers) should have been a part, We verily had punished those of them who disbelieved, with painful torment’.¹(1)

(2) Others argued that the prophet’s (ﷺ) threat is addressed to those who abandon the Jumu‘ah Salāt.

¹ “Sūrat Al-Fath” (varse no.25).
The answer:

The context of the hadīth, however, refutes this misconception for in the context there is a mention of Al-‘Ishā’ and Fajr Salawāt, then the threat follows immediately.

(3) As for those who argue that the threat is addressed to those hypocrites [for their hypocrisy] not to those who abandon the [congregational] Salāt; this argument is totally rejected for many reasons; some of which are the following:

First: The prophet (ﷺ) used not to kill hypocrites for their hidden believes and intentions but for their apparent deeds, such as: abandoning doing the obligations or committing Harām. Were not such an act [i.e. abandoning the congregational Salāt] an obligation, the prophet (ﷺ) would not have threatened them of burning their houses.

Second: The punishment stated in the hadīth is connected with its reason which is abandoning the congregational Salāt; so the penalty must be connected with its reason.

Third: The threat in the hadīth is a hard evidence of the congregation being an obligation as reported in “Sahīh Muslim” that Abdullāh Ibn Mas‘ūd said: ‘Whoever wishes to meet Allāh (ﷻ) while being a [true] muslim, he should attend these five Salawāt when their time is due for indeed Allāh (ﷻ) revealed on His prophet (ﷺ) the paths of guidance and performing these five Salawāt in the mosque is one of these paths. If one does them at home, as those who abandon the congregational Salāt do, one has indeed abandoned the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah; and if one does so, he would go astray. Indeed, none would abandon them [the congregational Salawāt] but the one who is a sheer hypocrite. Indeed, even the sick man used to attend it reclining on two men from both sides to be able to stand and be positioned in the row’.(1)

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(1) Narrated by Muslīm in his “Sahīh” (no.654), An-Nasā’ī in “al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / pp.107, 109) and Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 550).
Abdullāh’s Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) statements indicate that all muslims believed in its being an obligation and they were taught this ruling from their prophet (ﷺ). Were it just a recommendable act like Qiyāmul Lail, Duhā Salāt and other Nāfilah Salawāt, some of the muslims would have attended it and others would not have, yet remain true believers as that Bedouin did when he said to the prophet (ﷺ) ‘By Allāh (ﷺ), I will not do more than that [which you stated of the obligatory Ibādāt] and I will not abandon any of them’. The prophet (ﷺ) commented: ‘He would win [Paradise] if he is sincere [in what he promised to do]’. 

No doubt that the acts of worship that are abandoned by hypocrites are all of the obligatory acts of worship that are obligatory on every muslim individual such as: going out to Tabūk Battle. The prophet (ﷺ) ordered all muslim men to participate in it; none to stay back but those who have Shar‘ excuse.(1)

The following are some of the hard evidences that affirm the obligation of attending the congregational Salāt:

(A) Imām Muslim narrated in his “Sahīh” that: ‘Once a blind man came to the prophet (ﷺ) and said; ‘O Allāh’s (ﷺ) Messenger, I have no one to lead me to the mosque’ asking for the prophet’s (ﷺ) permission to perform Salāt at home [which the prophet (ﷺ) gave]. When the man walked a way, the prophet (ﷺ) called him back and asked: ‘Do you hear the Athān [call] to Salāt?’ The man answered in the affirmative. Then he (ﷺ) said: ‘Then answer the call [i.e. attend the Salāt in the mosque]’.(2)

[According to the principles of the Islamic Jurisprudence,] the general order bears the meaning of obligation. Even the blind who lives far away from the mosque(3) may not abandon it. It was

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(1) “Majmū‘ Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Taymiyyah, (vol. 23 / p.228) with little editing. See: “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārikhā” (pp.115-7) by Ibn Al-Qayyim.
(2) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p.452) (no. 653), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3 / p.423), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no.552) and Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 792).
(3) “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārikhā” (p.118).
narrated in other narrations that the blind man told the prophet (ﷺ) that on his way to the mosque there are a lot of trees and rocks”. What presumptions could be stronger than these to affirm the obligation of the prophet’s (ﷺ) order!! And still some [falsely] argue that it is not an obligation?!(1)

(B) Allāh (ﷻ) said:

{وذلنا كنت فيه اتمتكم اتم الصلاة فانقم طائفة منهم معلک}

‘When you (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) are among them, and lead them in As-Salāt, let one party of them stand up (in Salāt) with you’ (2)

The aforementioned ‘Āyah indicates:

First: the obligation of doing the congregational Salāt even in a state of Khawf [fear], and hence by fortiori its being an obligation in states of security.

Second: the legality of doing Salātul Al-Khawf in a congregation with the permission to ignore some of the Salāt’s obligations such as: turning one’s back to the Qiblah and moving a lot -which must not be done unless there is Shar’ excuse- departing from Salāt before the Imām recites Taslim -according to the Jumhūr’s opinion- and delaying following the Imām in the acts of Salāt when the enemy is directly facing muslims’ rows. All these things are impermissible to be done in any Salāt unless their is Shar’ excuse.

Were these acts to be done in ordinary Salawāt, without any Shar’ excuse, Salāt is considered invalid. Accordingly, Were establishing a congregation something recommendable not obligatory, a muslim would be doing something that nullifies his Salāt in order to perform something which is recommendable, though he could have done perfect Salāt alone! This clearly

(1) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p.275).
(2) “Sūratul Nisā”(verse no. 102).
indicates that establishing a congregation for Salāt is an obligation.\(^{(1)}\)

It is worth saying here, that the obligation of attending the congregational Salāt does not entail that the Salāt done individually is not correct for in the latter case a Muslim would get only one reward. It is perfectly natural that performing that which is obligatory, one would get double rewards more than that which is not.\(^{(2)}\)

Regarding this point, Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘For an act being preferred over another does not entail [that doing what is less superior] frees one’s liability [from doing that which is more superior] completely, whether this is general or specified for preference could be made between two things one of which is totally the opposite of the other; for example, Allāh (ﷻ) says:

\\[\textit{\textbf{āchab Abj} \textit{yom} \textit{khair} \textit{mustaqra} \textit{wa hāsin} \textit{miqula}}\\

‘\textit{The dwellers of Paradise will, on that Day, have the best abode, and have the fairest of places for repose}’.\(^{(3)}\) [compared to the dwellers of Hell]. And he (ﷻ) also says: [\textit{Q}cl \textit{āzal khayr am jāhst al-jāhdi]\\

‘\textit{Say (O Muhammad (ﷺ)} ‘\textit{Is that (torment) better or the Paradise of Eternity?’}‘\(^{(4)}\) and many other similar verses.

Accordingly, the one out of twenty seven reward granted to the one who does his Salāt individually does not entail that establishing a congregation is not an obligation or that it is only recommendable. This single reward only means that one is free from liability though it is much less in superiority. The like of this is like two men doing Salāt in the same row but one’s Salāt is much more superior than the other’.\(^{(5)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) See: “Al-Fatāwā” by: Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 2 / pp.363-9), “Al-Masā’il Al-Mardiniyyah” (ppl90-2), “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārikhih” (pp.112-134) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp.276-7).
\(^{(2)}\) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p.277).
\(^{(3)}\) “Sūratul Furqān” (verse no.24).
\(^{(4)}\) “Sūratul Furqān” (verse no.15).
\(^{(5)}\) “As-Salātu Wahukmu Tārikhih” (pp. 130-1).
Chapter Four

Hopefully, from the aforementioned proofs, the reader could get hard evidences on the obligation of attending the congregational Salāt, thoroughly understand them to refute all misconceptions raised about this issue, deeply feel the destructive effects of abandoning it and sincerely attend it in the mosque. ‘It is an obligation on the Imāms [leaders of Salāt] to advice muslims to attend it reminding them with and warning them against Allāh’s ( سبحانه) threat and punishment’. (1)

Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘Whoever thinks that doing Salāt at home is better than doing it with the congregation in the mosque has indeed gone astray and he is of the Mubtadi‘ah -as all muslims’s [i.e. scholars] agreed upon- for doing [the compulsory] Salāt with the congregation is either a collective duty or an individual one. The proofs from the Holy Qur’ān and the Sunnah strongly indicate that it is an individual obligation’. (2)

‘You should know dear muslim reader -may Allāh ( سبحانه) guide you to the truth- that Shaitān tries his best to divert you from doing Salāt and talking with your Rabb. He begins first with diverting you from attending the congregation [in the mosque] then form reciting Tasbīh after Salāt and then form Salāt itself -as happened more than once.

How could you abandon the twenty seven doubles reward for only one?? Is it that you are in no need of them?? You would indeed need them when you stand before Rabb Tomorrow.

Pay heed to this and be not deceived by the great number of those who abandon it or do it lazily, those whom Shaitān has deceived. Beware of following Shaitān’s way.

Indeed, Sakīnah [reassurance, peace and calmness] will never get into one’s heart if one does [the congregational] Salāt at home. Allāh’s ( سبحانه) mosques are only inhabited by those who believe in Allāh ( سبحانه) and the last Day, are you not one of them?!

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(1) “As-Fatāwā” By: Shaikh Abdul ‘Aziz Ibn Bāz (vol. 1 / pp. 90-1).
(2) “Al-Fatāwā Al Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p.125).
Reflect on the *hadīth* which Al-Bukhārī narrated in his “Sahīh”, that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever goes to the mosque every time [for the congregational *Salāt*], *Allāh* (ﷻ) will prepare for him an honorable lodging in *Jannah* [Paradise] with good hospitality for every going to and coming back’. Are you in no need for this great reward??

The aforementioned discussion will indeed suffice whom *Allāh* (ﷻ) guided to that which is good’. (1)

Some people raised that man’s morality will not be perfect unless he abandons the congregational *Salāt*!!

Commenting on this false statement, *Imām* Ath-Thahabī said in his “Siyar” (vol.7/p.72): ‘May *Allāh* (ﷻ) curse such a morality. It is indeed foolishness and haughtiness that deters one form being with the common people at the same place! Many of those in authority do their *Salāt* in separate rows in the mosque or on large carpets specially spread for them so that no other *muslim* could get near them. Indeed to *Allāh* (ﷻ) shall we return’.

It is worth mentioning here that some of the *Ahādīth*, many callers to *Allāh* (ﷻ) use so often in order to encourage people perform the [congregational] *Salāt*, are weak ones. May *Allāh* (ﷻ) reward these callers with the best of rewards, but they should check these *ahādīth* and make sure of their authenticity and throw the weak ones away.

**Some of these weak *ahādīth* are the following:**

[2/47] ‘Whoever attends the congregational *Salāt* frequently, bear witness that he has faith’.

This *hadīth* was narrated by Dārāj Abīs Samh from Abī Haitham from Abī Sa‘īd. In his “At-Taqrīb” (vol.1/p.235) Al-Hāfith stated that Dārāj is ‘an honest narrator but his narrations from Abī

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(1) “Salātul Jamā’ah” by Abdullāh As-Sabt (p.174).
Haitham are rejected ones’. Al-Hākim, however, stated that Darrāj’s narrations are all rejected.\(^{(1)}\)

\[3/47\] Saying: “O Allāh forgive me my sins” when entering the mosque. The hadīth that states this is Munqati’, as At-Tirmithī stated. The hadīth was narrated by Laith Ibn Abī Sa‘īd who is a weak narrator.

The origin of the hadīth was, however, narrated by Ismā‘īl Ibn ‘Ulayyah, who is a noble reliable narrator. The hadīth includes only sending Salāt and Salām on the prophet (ﷺ) when entering the mosque but it does not include asking for Allāh’s forgiveness for one’s sins. This indicates that the hadīth which states asking Allāh’s (ﷺ) forgiveness for one’s sins is not authentic, it is indeed rejected.

Accordingly; I believe that joining this unauthentic Du’ā’ to the authentic ones when reciting the latter is impermissible and one must not believe it to be part of Sunnah! Pay heed to this.\(^{(2)}\)

\[4/47\] “Let not your children enter your mosques”; this hadīth is indeed unauthentic one. Al-Bazzār ranked it to be of no origin.\(^{(3)}\)

Depending on this false hadīth, many of the commoners believed in the prohibition of letting children enter the mosques!!

\textit{Imām} Mālik was asked regarding this point; he answered: ‘If the child is old enough to behave well in the mosque and realizes that he should not cause mess inside the mosque, then there is no harm that he enters the mosque. On the other hand, if he was too young to behave well but plays around a lot; I think he should not be brought to the mosque’.

\(^{(1)}\) “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp.291-2).
\(^{(2)}\) The previous reference (p.290). See also: “Takhrīj Al-Kalīmut Tayyib” (pp.63-6) and “Mishkātul Masābiḥ” by shaikh Al-Albānī (pp.703, 731, and 749).
\(^{(3)}\) See: “Misbāhuz Zujājah Fī Zawā’id Ibn Mājah” (foil 51 / A), “Kashful Khaflā’ “(vol. 1 / p.400), Al-Fawā’idul Majmū’ah” (p.25), “Ad-Durarul Muntathirah” (p.95) and “Tamīyzul Al-Tayyib Minal Khabīth” (p.75).
Ibn Rushed said: ‘This issue is so obvious that needs no further explanation; no doubt that a child may enter the mosque. \( \text{Allāh} (\text{ﷻ}) \) said: 

‘\textit{And put her [Mariam; i.e. Mary] under the castody of Zakariya; every time he entered the Mihrāb [praying place] to visit her...‘}’\(^{(1)}\) And the prophet (ﷺ) used to shorten his \textit{Salāt} whenever he hears a baby crying lest his mother’s heart be distracted form \textit{Salāt} because of his crying.\(^{(2)}\)

It is detested that children enter the mosques only if they play around a lot for mosques are indeed not places for fun and play. \( \text{Allāh} (\text{ﷻ}) \) guide us to that which is good’.\(^{(3)}\)

I witnessed the destructive effects of applying this false \textit{hadīth} when some commoners chase away young children out side the mosque- depending on this false \textit{hadīth}- and consequently, chasing them away from their religion while the missionary institutions open their gates wide open for Muslims’ children as well as their own.

\[5/47\] Another false \textit{hadīth} is that which relates Tha‘labah’s Ibn Hāṭib story in which its lying fabricator says that ‘Tha‘labah was of those Muslims who always liked to sit in the mosque that he was later on called “the pigeon of the mosque”. His great fortune- which constitutes of a large herd of sheep- induced him not to attend the \textit{Jumu’ah Salāt} and the other congregational \textit{Salawāt} afterwards and then not to pay the Zakāt [of his sheep]!! After a while, he realized that he had indulge in a great sin from which he wanted to repent. He came to the prophet (ﷺ) in order to repent. The prophet (ﷺ), however, did not accept his repentance, neither did Abū Bakr nor ‘Umar later on!!’

This story is frequently related by many Khutabā’ and callers to \( \text{Allāh} (\text{ﷻ}) \) without paying attention that while doing so they are labeling a Sahābī -who attended \textit{Badr Battle}- of being a hypocrite

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\(^{(1)}\) “\textit{Sūrat Alī Imran}” (verse no.37).
\(^{(2)}\) See: “\textit{Sahih Muslim}” (vol. 4 / pp.186-7).
\(^{(3)}\) “\textit{Al-Bayān Wat Tahsil}” (vol. 1 / pp.283-4).
and also destroying one of the affirmed *Islamic* rulings, i.e. forcing those who do not pay *Zakāt* to do so even if it costs launching war against them.\(^{(1)}\)

May *Allāh* (ﷻ) shower His mercy on Ibn Hazm who said about this story: ‘Tha‘labah is at least a *Muslim*; it is incumbent upon Abū Bakr and ‘Umar to accept his *Zakāt*, no doubt about that. If he was a *Kāfir* [disbeliever], he must not be allowed to live in the Arabian Peninsula in the first place. Accordingly, this story is a false one.

Besides, in the story’s chain of narrators, there is Ma‘ān Ibn Rafā‘ah, Al-Qāsim Ibn Abdir Rahmān and Abdil Mālik Al-Alhānī and all of them are weak narrators’.\(^{(2)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) All Muhaddithin and ‘Ulamah considered this story as a weak one unlike the interpreters of the meanings of the Holy Qur’ān; the latter mention it when interpreting Sūrat At-Tawbah.

Both Adāb Al-Himish in his “Tha’labah Ibn Hatib As-Sahābī Al-Muftara Alaih” and Salīm Al-Hilālī in his treatise “Ash-Shihābuth Thāqib Fith Thabbi An Tha’labah Ibn Hatib” compiled on this story and affirmed it being a fabricated one.

\(^{(2)}\) “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 11 / pp.207-8).
Chapter Five

Mistakes Done After Congregational and Individual Salāt

* Mistakes regarding As-Salām (greeting others) and shaking hands after it.

* Mistakes regarding Tashbīh (i.e. abandoning Athkār after Salāt and reciting Duʿāʾ instead, leaving one’s praying place before the Imām diverts from the Qiblah, proceeding the obligatory Salāt with Nāfīlah immediately and reciting Tashbīh using the left hand fingers or the rosary).

* Doing prostration to recite Duʿāʾ after Salāt.

* Chatting after doing Ishāʾ Salāt.

* Reciting Tashbīh in congregation causing inconvenience for others.

* Passing in front of a praying person.
Mistakes Done after Congregational Salāt

[48] Mistakes regarding Taslīm and shaking hands after it:

[1/48] Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whenever you meet your [muslim] brother, greet him with *Salām*. And when a tree, a wall or a rock separates between you and you meet each other again; greet him with *Salām* once again’.(1)

In the aforementioned *hadīth*, the prophet (ﷺ) orders *muslims* to greet one another with *Salām* whenever they meet each other. This would increase the chance of creating mutual love in their hearts and decreases the chance of malice, hatred and aversion to exist amongst them.

The prophet’s (ﷺ) order does not entail that greeting other *muslims* is an obligation(2), it is only a recommended act; whether one is inside a mosque or outside, for the authentic *Sunnah* affirms that one is recommended to greet other *muslims* in the mosque whether they are doing *Salāt* or not.

Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) said: ‘Once, the prophet (ﷺ) went to *Qubā*’ to perform *Salāt* in it. A group of *Al-Ansār* came in and greeted him while he was performing *Salāt*.

Ibn ‘Umar said: ‘[when Bilāl (ﷺ) told me this,] I asked him about the manner in which the prophet (ﷺ) returned the greeting while he was performing *Salāt*’.

He said: ‘He spread his hand like this’. Ja‘far Ibn ‘Awn spread his hand making its palm facing downwards.’(3)

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(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 5200) through an authentic chain of narrators who are all reliable. Refer to: “As-Silsilah As-Sahīhah” (no. 186).
(2) For more details on evidences concerning this point see: “‘Iqd Az-Zabarjad Fī Tahiyati ‘Ummati Muhammad” (p. 159).
(3) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (no. 927) and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol 2 / p. 30) through an authentic chain of narrators according to the conditions set by the two great shaikhs for the authentic ahādīth. See also: “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth As-Sahīhah” (no. 185).
Both Imām Ahmad Ibn Hanbal and Imām Ishāq Ibn Rahawiah affirmed the ruling mentioned in the hadīth.

Having heard the hadīth, Shaikh Al-Marwazī said to Imām Ahmad: ‘Is it permissible that one greets other people while they are performing Salāt?’

He answered in the affirmative and then mentioned Bilāl’s narration and Ibn ‘Umar’s inquiry regarding the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner of returning the greeting back, to which Bilāl explained that he (ﷺ) used to point with his hand.

Ishāq said: ‘It is indeed as Imām Ahmad stated’. (1)

Al-Qādī Ibn Al-‘Arabī held the same view, he said: ‘Pointing with one’s hand while one is doing Salāt may be done for: returning others’ greeting, something unusual takes place during Salāt or for a dire necessity the praying person needs to satisfy. As for the first case, it was affirmed in many authentic narrations one of which states that the prophet (ﷺ) did so while he was doing Salāt in Qubā’ and other mosques’. (2)

As for greeting others after performing Salāt, it is clearly stated in Abī Hurairah’s (ﷺ) hadīth. He (ﷺ) said that ‘once, the prophet (ﷺ) entered the mosque. Then a man came afterwards, did Salāt, headed towards the prophet (ﷺ) and greeted him. The prophet (ﷺ) returned the greeting and then asked the man to repeat his Salāt and said: ‘You have not performed your Salāt [properly]’. The man repeated his Salāt in the same manner he did earlier. Then he came to the prophet (ﷺ) (and the same conversation took place three times)’.

This hadīth was narrated by the two shaikhs and many other hadīth scholars. (3)

Al-Albānī said: ‘Siddīq Hasan Khān in his “Nuzulul Abrār” (4) considered the aforementioned hadīth to be a hard evidence for the

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(1) “Masā’il Al-Marwazī” (p. 22).
(2) ‘‘Āridat Al-Ahwathī” (vol. 2 / pp. 162).
(3) Its authentic narrations were mentioned earlier.
(4) (pp. 350-1).
recommendation of greeting others more than once if one meets them so often’.

He [i.e. Al-Albānī] also said: ‘The hadīth also indicates the legality of greeting others inside a mosque as is affirmed in the hadīth that stated that an Ansār group greeted the prophet (ﷺ) inside Qubā’ mosque. Despite all these evidences, some fanatics pay no attention to this Sunnah; denying it to be of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah but instead an abhorred act; they enter the mosques and greet none of those inside. Hopefully, after reading these lines, they would adhere to this Sunnah and call others to it. Verily, calling others unto Allāh (ﷻ) will surely benefit the believers’.(1)

To conclude, greeting others should be done when meeting and departing from them even if the period is very short and whether they are inside a mosque or not.

[2/48] Regretfully, when you meet some people after performing Salāt and greet them with “As-Salām ‘Alikum Warahmattullāh”, they instantly say: “Taqabbala Allāh” [i.e. may Allāh accept your Salāt from you] thinking that they have indeed done what is incumbent on them as if they have not heard Allāh’s (ﷻ) verse:

ٞفإِذَّا حَيَّيْتَ مِنْهُمْ فَاحْيِبْهِمْ بِاَحْسَنِ مِنْهُمْ أَوْ رَدْوَهَا إِنِ اللَّهُ كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حِسَابٌ’.(2)

‘When you are greeted with a greeting, greet in return with what is better than it, or (at least) return it equally. Certainly, Allāh (ﷻ) is Ever a Careful Account Taker of all things’. (2)

Others even greet other people with “Taqabbala Allāh” [instead of As-Salāmu ‘Alikum] though Allāh (ﷻ) says:

ٞفَعَلْتَ بِهِمْ بِمَا يَقْلُونَ مَسَلَّمًَّا’.(3)

‘Their greeting on the Day they shall meet Him will be “Salām”’. (3)

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(1) “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth As-Sahihah” (vol. 1 / p. 314).
(2) “Sūrat An-Nisā’” (verse no. 86).
(3) “Sūrat Al-Ahzāb” (verse no. 44).
The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘**Greet each other with Salām so often**’,(1) and he (ﷺ) never said: ‘say: Taqabbala Allāh’!!

None of the Sahābah nor the Salaf (ﷺ) used to shake hands with those on their left and right sides right after performing Salāt saying: “Taqabbala Allāh”. Had this been done by any of them, it would have been transmitted to us even through weak chains of narrators, and those who are well -versed in every filed of knowledge- going deep into its rulings and who report every act, deed or approval of the prophet (ﷺ) would have reported it to us.(2)

How could this act be of Sunnah and many of the well-versed scholars affirmed that shaking hands in the previously described manner is a **Bid’ah**?!

Shaikh Al-'Izz Ibn Abdīs Salām said: ‘Shaking hands [with other praying muslims] after [performing] Fajr Salāt and ‘Asr Salāt is a **Bid’ah**. However, shaking hands when meeting other muslims in the mosque is permissible; but it should take place before performing Salāt. After performing Salāt the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite the Athkār, ask Allāh’s (ﷻ) forgiveness thrice, then leaves away. It was narrated that he (ﷺ) used to say [after performing Salāt] ‘O Allāh (ﷻ), save me from your torture on the Day You resurrect your bond men’.(3) Indeed, all goodness is in the following of the prophet (ﷺ)’.(4)

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(1) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 54), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 391, 442, 447 and 495) and many others.
(2) “Tamāmul Kalām Fi Bid’iyyatil Musāfahah Ba’das Salām” (pp. 24-5), and “Al-Maṣjid Fil Islām” (p. 225).
(3) The words “it was narrated” indicate that the hadīth is weak, but it is not. Shaikh Al-‘Izz should have said: ‘It is affirmed” or the like. The hadīth is narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 62), At-Tirmidhī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 3398) and (3399) and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / p. 290).
(4) “The Fatāwā” by Al-Izz Ibn Abdīs Salām (pp. 46-7).
At the time of the Shaikh, this Bid'ah was only practiced at Fajr and Asr Salawāt; these days -however- it is practiced after every Salāt. Indeed, no might nor power but with Allāh (ﷻ).

Shaikh Al-Laknawī said: ‘Two things are widespread these days throughout the Muslim countries especially the country from which the Fitān [lack of fiath, abandoning Sunnah, … etc.] emerge [i.e. India]. These two things must be totally abandoned; they are:

First: many people do not greet those who are in the mosque when they enter it at dawn; instead, they immediately perform the Fajr Sunnah Salāt, do the obligatory Salāt and after finishing it and all that which follows it [of Tasbīh], they greet one another. This is indeed a hideous act, for greeting others should be done when meeting them -as is affirmed in the authentic narrations- not when sitting with them.

Second: people shake hands with each other after performing Fajr Salāt, ‘Asr Salāt, the two Eids Salāt, and the Jumu’ah Salāt though shaking hands should preferably be done at the time of meeting’.\(^{(1)}\)

Having mentioned the disagreement amongst scholars regarding the legality of shaking hands with others immediately after performing Salāt, Al-Laknawī added: ‘Ibn Hajar Al-Haitamī Ash-Shafi’ī and Qutbud Dīn Ibn ‘Ala’id Dīn Al-Makkī Al-Hanafī were of those who considered such an act as illegal. Al-Fādil Ar-Rūmī in his “Majālisul ‘Abrār” considered it a hideous Bid’ah; he said: ‘Shaking hands with those you meet is a good deed, but doing it after Jumu’ah Salāt and the two Eids Salāt -as is widespread these days- was not mentioned in the hadīth [that recommended spreading Salām]. Accordingly; there is no proof that supports such an act. And as we stated earlier: that which depends on no

\(^{(1)}\) “As-Si‘yāyah Fil Kashf Ammā Fi Sharah Al-Wiqa‘iyah” (p. 264). The author’s statement indicates that one could shake hands with the one he did not meet before.

Al-Albānī said in his “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth As-Sahihah” (vol. 1 / p. 23): ‘Shaking hands with others [praying Muslims] after performing Salāt is no doubt a Bid’ah except for those who have not meet each other earlier. Then it is a Sunnah’. 

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[authentic] proof is totally rejected and hence imitation at this point must not take place’. (1)

He also said: ‘The Hanafī, Shāfi‘ī and Mālikī scholars stated clearly that such an act is abhorred and it is even a Bid‘ah. In “Al-Multaqat”, the author stated that shaking hands with others after performing Salāt is totally detested for the Sahābah never shook hands with each other after performing Salāt. Besides, this act is one of the Ṭāfadah distinctive features. Ibn Hajar -one of the Shāfi‘ī scholars- said that what people do after performing Salāt of shaking each others’ hands is something detested that has no origin in our Shar‘. (2)

Later on, he stated his view clearly saying: ‘In my opinion, all scholars agreed that this act of shaking hands [after performing Salāt] has no original basis in the Shar‘. However, they disagreed whether it could be classified with the Makrūh [detested] acts or the Mubāh [permitted] ones. Accordingly, the proper ruling that should be delivered is that it is banned; for repelling evil is given precedence over bringing benefit and by fortiori over Mubāh.

Unfortunately, those who practice this act believe that this is a good deed and hence their persistence on doing it and launching war against any opposer. It was also mentioned earlier that persisting on doing that which is Mubāh leads to doing the Makrūh, with all the more reason persisting on practicing Bid‘ah -that has no original basis in the Shar‘. No doubt that such an act is totally Makrūh -as many scholars stated whose rulings are far away ahead of those who did not scrutinize the narrations they gathered regarding this point; and hence collecting all that which is true and false, such as the compilers of “Jāmi‘ul Barakāt”, “As-Sirājul Munīr” and “Matālib Al-Mu‘minīn” -a few to mention. How strange that the author of “Khizānatur Riwāyah” narrated such false narrations in his “Aqdul La‘āli” such as: the prophet () said:

(1) The previous reference.
See also: “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 4 / p. 314), “Al-Madkhal” (vol. 2 / p. 84) and “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtad‘at” (pp. 72, 87).
(2) The previous reference.
‘Shake hands [with each other] after performing Fajr Salāt and Allāh (ﷻ) will reward you with ten rewards’ and ‘Shake hands [with each other] after performing Asr Salāt and you will be granted mercy and forgiveness’. It did not come to the author’s mind that such forged ahādīth were fabricated by those who practice such a Bid’ah. Indeed, we belong to Allāh (ﷻ), and to Him we shall return’.\(^{(1)}\)

[3/48] Lastly, it is worth mentioning here that a muslim must not interrupt his muslim brother while the latter is reciting Tashbīh unless there is a Shar’ excuse for doing so.

Unfortunately, some people cause inconvenience for their muslim brothers when the former stretch their hands to the latter while they are reciting their Tashbīh [after Salāt].

At this stage, it is not of wisdom not to stretch your hand for them; for this would be of bad manners which Islām abhors. Instead, return the greeting and take your brother’s hand and leniently explain to him that such an act is Bid’ah which the ignorants invented. Verily, many a man returned back to the straight path through good advice. Accordingly, scholars and their students are advised to tread this path when calling unto Allāh (ﷻ) for good manners, leniency and benevolence attract people’s hearts to accept the truth willingly. Indeed, the nature of a human being dislikes every act of violence’.\(^{(2)}\)

[49] Mistakes regarding reciting Tashbīh:

[1/49] Reciting Tashbīh and Takbīr after performing Salāt is a recommended act of worship not an obligation. Accordingly, one is permitted to leave his praying place before reciting them but following the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah is better. It is affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) used sometimes to say Tashbīh ten times, say Tahmūd

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(1) “As-Sī‘yāh Fil Kashf Ammā Fī Sharh Al-Wiqāyah” (p. 260).
(2) “Tamāmul Kalām Fī Bid‘iyyatil Musāfaħah Ba‘das Salām” (p. 23).
ten times and say Takbūr ten times. Other times, he used to recite each of the aforementioned Athkār eleven times.\(^{(1)}\)

If time is not enough to recite the full Tasbīḥ, one could resort to the tens and hence practicing the Sunnah and being able to satisfy one’s need.

Dear muslim, may Allāh guide me and you; the variable wordings of the Athkār is one of Allāh’s bounties on muslims for the numerous benefits one could gain from them, some of which are the following:

(a) Doing an act of worship in variable ways and wordings increases one’s concentration while practicing them for if one does a thing so often in the same manner, he is going to do it automatically without paying much attention or being fully given to it, unlike doing it in many different ways.

(b) One may choose the easiest amongst these ways for one reason or the other and hence performing this act of worship so easily.

(c) In every way, there is an extra statement that does not exist in the other and hence appraising Allāh more.

To conclude, some of the Athkār recited after Salāt have many wordings, when a muslim recites any of which, he has indeed done a good deed. It is better though to recite them alternately.

\[2/49\] In case one wants to leave the mosque [before reciting the Athkār], he must not do so before the Imām turns away from the direction of Qiblah.

Shaikul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘The Ma’mūm should not leave his praying place till the Imām moves away from the direction of the Qiblah. The period the Imām should stay after reciting Taslīm facing the Qiblah must not exceed the period enough to seek Allāh’s forgiveness thrice and say “Alāhumma Antas Salām,

\((1)\) See: “The Fatwāwā” by Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 22 / p. 494) and “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 329).
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*Waminkas Salām, Tabāraktā Ya Thal Jalali Wal Ikrām*. When the *Imām* moves away from his place, one may leave his, and he could also stay and recite the *Athkār*’.

The aforementioned ruling of Ibn Taymiyyah rests on the prophet’s (*ﷺ*) *hadīth* -narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” traced back to Anas (*ﷺ*)- which states: ‘*O people! Verily, I am your Imām, so do not precede me in Rukū’, Sujūd, Qiyām or leaving [the praying place]’.

[3/49] When one sits at the end of *Salāt* and recites *du‘ā’, one should commit oneself to the affirmed, authentic *Athkār* mentioned in the prophet’s (*ﷺ*) *ahādīth* which are reported in the Sunnah compilations such as: The *Sihāh, Sunnan*, and *Masānīd*. He (*ﷺ*) used to recite them at the end of his *Salāt* before *Taslīm* and used to teach them to his *Sahābah* and order them to recite them.

No doubt that reciting *du‘ā*’ immediately after *Salāt*; after talking to *Allāh* (*ﷻ*), is not proper; that is why the prophet (*ﷺ*) used to recite *du‘ā*’ in his *Salāt* and during talking to his *Rabb*; this would be more proper.

*Shaikh Ibn Bāz* said: ‘It is not proved that the prophet (*ﷺ*) used to raise his hands [to recite *du‘ā*] after performing the obligatory *Salāt*, nor did his *Sahābah* (*ﷺ*). Accordingly, what people do of raising their hands after performing *Salāt* to recite *du‘ā*’ is a *Bid‘ah*.

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(1) “Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 22 / p. 505) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 280-1).
(2) Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 426).
(3) See: “Fatāwā” Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 22 / p. 500).
(4) “Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 1 / p. 74).
The prophet (ﷺ) used to recite Tasbīh using his [right hand] fingers.

Abdullāh Ibn Amr said: ‘I saw the prophet (ﷺ) recite his *Tasbīh* using his right hand’.(1)

Accordingly, reciting *Tasbīh* using one’s right hand is much better than doing it with the left or both hands and also better than using the rosary for using the latter contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) order. He (ﷺ) addressed a group of women saying: ‘*Recite Tasbīh, Tahlīl, Taqdis* and never forget *Tawhīd* —In other narration: [and ask *Allāh*’s (ﷻ) *Rahmah*— and use your fingers to do so for they will be called to account and testify [for you]*’.(2)

Regarding the point of using the rosary in *Tasbīh*, Shaikh Ibn Baz said: ‘It is better to leave it for some of the well-versed scholars detested using it, using one’s fingers is much better for the prophet (ﷺ) used to do so’.(3)

I believe that the Shaikh’s ruling is true specially after doing *Salāt* for the prophet (ﷺ) ordered *muslims* to use their fingers for they will be called to account and will testify.

Shaikh Al-Albānī said: ‘Suffice it to say that using the rosary caused -or about to cause- the disappearance of one of the prophet’s (ﷺ) *Sunnah* which is using one’s fingers, taking into consideration that the ‘*Ulamah* agreed that the *Sunnah* is much more better’. (4)

(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1502), At-Trimithī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 3486), Al-Hākim in his “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 547) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / p. 253). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic. Ath-Thahābī considered the hadīth to be authentic and At-Tirmithī considered it a good one.

(2) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1501) and other scholars. Al-Hākim considered the hadīth authentic and so did Ath-Thahābī. Both An-Nawawī and Al-‘Asqalānī considered it a good one. A narration traced back to ‘Aishah supports it - as mentioned by Al-Albānī in his “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da’īfah Wal Mawdū’āḥ” (vol. 1 / p. 112).

(3) “Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 1 / p. 76).

(4) “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da’īfah Wal Mawdū’āḥ” (vol. 1 / p. 117). The Shaikh discussed this issue in details, pay heed to his words.
[5/49] It is clearly stated in Ka‘bs Ibn Ujrah’s hadīth -narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh”(1) - that reciting Tasbīh and other Athkār should be done after performing the compulsory Salāt. Accordingly, one must not proceed the Fard [compulsory] Salāt with Nāfilah [optional] Salāt immediately. One should separate between them by reciting the affirmed authentic Athkār.

Disagreement, however, took place as to whether proceeding the Fard [obligatory] with the Sunnah is considered a separation between Salāt and thikr. Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar casted doubt on it.(2)

[50] Prostrating oneself for reciting Du‘ā’ after performing Salāt:

Some people prostrate themselves after performing Salāt in order to recite their Du‘ā’. This prostration has no origin in the Shar‘, nor was transmitted to be done by the prophet ( ﷺ) nor his Sahābah. It is better for a Muslim to call unto Allāh ( ﷻ) while being in Salāt as is affirmed to be done [by the prophet ( ﷺ)]. This was mentioned in the “Tatimmah” and was commented on by Abū Shāmah who said: ‘Prostration being a way of seeking approach with Allāh ( ﷺ) in Salāt does not entail that it is so outside it, just like Rukū’’.(3)

Al-Izz Ibn Abdī Salām said: ‘There is nothing in the Shar‘ that affirms that seeking approach with Allāh ( ﷺ) could be gained through performing one single prostration which has no reason. Doing acts of worship that bring one nearer to Allāh ( ﷺ) has its reasons, conditions, times and articles without any of which; these

(1) The hadith states: ‘Successors which if recited after performing every Salāt, one would never loose: thirty three times Tasbīh, thirty three times Tahmīd and thirty four times Takbīr’. Narrated by Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 596).

The hadith states clearly that these Athkār should be recited after performing Salāt -whether this Salāt is followed by Sunnah Salāt or not. Those who held that these Athkār should be recited after Sunnah Salāt depend on no proof, besides contradicting the aforementioned hadith. May Allāh ( ﷺ) guide us to the truth. This opinion is held by Shaikh Al-Albānī. See: “Silsilat Al-Aḥādīth As-Sahīhah” (vol. 1 / p. 162) and (vol. 1 / p. 333).

(2) See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 328).

(3) “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inṣārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādīth” (p. 58).

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acts would be null and void. For example, one can not seek approach with \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) by standing on ‘Arafah or Muzdalifah and throwing the pebbles or going between Safā and Marwā without indulging in a certain act of worship that takes place at a certain time and has its non causes and conditions [i.e. Hajj or ‘Umrah]. Similarly, one may not seek approach with \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) by doing a single prostration though it is considered an act of worship when done in its proper time and has a proper \( \text{Shar'} \) cause. And seeking approach with \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) may be not be done by doing \( \text{Salāt} \) or Siyām any time one wishes.

Indeed, those who are ignorant seek approach with \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) through doing acts that move them away from \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) while they know not’.(1)

To conclude, according to the \( \text{Shar'} \), one may seek approach with \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) through prostration done only in \( \text{Salāt} \) or done for a certain purpose such as the two prostrations of forgetfulness, the prostration of giving thanks to \( \text{Allāh} (\text{א}) \) or when reciting \( \text{Sajdah Āyah} \).

Both Imām Al-Haramain Abul Ma‘ālī and Al-Gazālī and many others denied doing the two prostrations. Al-Gazālī even held that none of the ‘Ulamah believed that even a single prostration is incumbent on the one who vows to do it. Regarding this, two opinions were held, the first: one could perform one additional Rak‘ah in his \( \text{Salāt} \). The second: this vow is considered as a nonsense discourse.(2)

This \( \text{Bid'ah} \) was born out from that which some Sūfis believe in that every praying person is recommended to prostrate one prostration of forgetfulness to make up for the forgetfulness of the heart one would certainly fall in during one’s \( \text{Salāt} \). And since this forgetfulness is caused by Shaitān one must move him away strongly [i.e. through performing prostration]!!

(1) “‘Ilmiyyah” (pp. 7-8) and see also the previous reference.
(2) See: “Al-Bā’ith” (pp. 57-8), Al-Wajīz” (vol. 2 / p. 234), “Musājahah ‘Ilmiyyah” (pp. 7-8), “Islāhul Masājid” (p. 84) and “Al-Masjid Fil Islām” (pp. 227-8).
No doubt that it is Shaitān who insinuated into these Sūfis such a Bid’ah by decorating for them the act of inventing new worship in religion. And since the only way through which Salāt is performed is by totally following [the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner], the well-versed Imāms considered this extra prostration as Bid’ah.

[51] Chatting after ‘Ishā’ Salāt:

Abū Barzah ( רביעי ) said that ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to hate sleeping before [performing] ‘Ishā’ Salāt and chatting after it’.⁴¹

Abdollāh Ibn Masʿūd ( רביעי ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘No one should stay awake late at night after performing ‘Ishā’ Salāt except a traveler and a praying person’.⁴²

According to the aforementioned ahādīth, spending the time after performing ‘Ishā’ Salāt in chatting is detested unless for discussing something needed.

This ruling rests on several rationales:

The first: Not to abandon Qiyāmul Lail.

Ibn Khuzaimah said: ‘I strongly believe that he (ﷺ) detested that one wastes one’s time chatting [after performing ‘Ishā’ Salāt] because doing so prevents one from performing Qiyāmul Lail for one will surely oversleep and will not wake up on time and if one does, one will not be active enough to perform Qiyāmul Lail.’³

The second: If one spends the first hours of the night chatting, then sleeps deeply, one would miss the Fajr Salāt⁴ or at least miss

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(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 568), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 647), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / pp. 420, 423, 424) and Ibn Aḥī Shaibān in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 280) and many others.
(2) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / pp. 444, 421, 463 and 375), At-Tāyālīṣī in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 73), Al-Baḥqāqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Ḳubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 452), Abū Nuʿaym in “Al-Hilyah” (vol. 4 / p. 198) and Al-Marwazī in “Taʾthīm Qadrus Salāt” (no. 109). The hadīth is authentic.
(3) “Sahīh Ibn Kuzaimah” (vol. 2 / p. 292).
(4) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 49).
the Salāt with the congregation in the mosque; both are grave sins for missing either is one of the characteristics of the hypocrites.

Accordingly, every muslim should be keen to attend the congregation in the mosque when Salāt is due and avoid abandoning it. It is incumbent on the Imāms of the mosques to encourage muslims to attend the congregational Salāt and warn them against Allāh’s (ﷻ) punishment and wrath.

Shaikh Ibn Bāz said: ‘It is impermissible for a muslim to stay awake late at night even for reading Qur’ān or seeking knowledge, if doing so makes him miss Fajr Salāt with the congregation or miss the Salāt itself at its due time. The matter is even worse if one spends the night watching television, playing cards or the like!!

Whoever does so has incurred a sin upon himself and deserves Allāh’s (ﷻ) punishment and the punishment of those in authority in order to get back to the right path’.(1)

The third: Some of the well-versed scholars believed that the prophet (ﷺ) warned against staying awake late at night after performing ‘Ishā’ Salāt because after one’s sins are forgiven due to performing Salāt, it is not proper to chat with others lest one articulate words that incur sins on oneself. One should preferably go to sleep immediately after being completely free of sins.(2)

Sufyān Ibn ‘Uyaynah said: ‘Having performed ‘Ishā’ Salāt, I talked [with my companions] then I thought I should not go to sleep as shuch. Accordingly, I performed Wudū’, performed two Rak’ah Salāt and asked Allāh’s (ﷻ) forgiveness. I have not told you this to seek your praise but that you do the same’.(3)

Al-Qāsim Ibn Abī Ayyūb said: ‘Sa‘īd Ibn Jubair used to perform four Rak‘ah Salāt after performing ‘Ishā’ Salāt. Then when I speak to him while being with him at home he would never talk back to me’.(4)

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(1) “Al-Fatāwā” (vol. 1 / p. 92).
(2) “Ta‘thīm Qadris Salāt” (vol. 1 / pp. 166-7).
(3) Narrated by: Al-Marwazi in “Ta‘thīm Qadris Salāt” (no. 113).
(4) Narrated by: Al-Marwazi in “Ta‘thīm Qadris Salāt” (no. 114).
Khaithamah said: ‘They [i.e. Sahābah] preferred that one goes to sleep immediately after doing Witr Salāt’.(1)

[52] Reciting Tasbīh and duʿāʾ in congregation causing inconvenience for those who are praying:

[1/52] It is not of Sunnah that people sit after performing Salāt in order to recite Athkār and Duʿāʾ-whether affirmed in Sunnah or not- in congregation raising their voices -as is the habit in some countries. This hideous habit turned to be a religious ritual for some people that they reproach whoever denies it. Indeed, this Munkar should be denied.

In his “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtadʿāt”, the author said: ‘Asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) forgiveness after performing Salāt in congregation is a Bid’ah’.

It is also a Bid’ah to say after asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) forgiveness: ‘Yā Arhamar Rāḥimīn Irhamnā’ [O the Most merciful of those who are merciful! have mercy on us] in congregation. It is also detested that one performs the Sunnah Salāt immediately after doing the Fard without separating between them -as mentioned in the hadīth narrated by Muslim.

It also a Bid’ah to: proceed Salāt with reciting Al-Fātihah as a way of showing honor to the prophet (规模以上), recite ‘Allāhumma Ajīrni Minan Nār’ [O Allāh (ﷻ) save me from hell-fire] seven times in congregation after performing Fajr Salāt and to add the following statement to the aforementioned duʿāʾ ‘Wamin ʿAthābin Nār, Bifadlika Yā ʿAzīzu Yā Gaffār’(2) [i.e. and from the torture of hell through Your Bounty, O Almighty, O Forgiver].

Ash-Shāṭibī said: ‘The prophet (规模以上) used not always to recite his duʿāʾ and Thikr in a loud voice after performing Salāt unless for the purpose of teaching them to people.

(1) Narrated by: Al-Marwāzī in “Qiyāmul Lail” (p. 102) and “Taʾthīm Qadris Salāt” (no. 115).
(2) “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtadʿāt” (p. 70).
Had raising the voice with Thikr been practiced by him (ﷺ), it would have been the Sunnah which all ‘Ulamah would inescapably follow for it was indeed of the prophet’s (ﷺ) characteristics to perform acts of worship continuously and publicly [so people could learn them] - as some ‘Ulamah mentioned. If it were raised that ‘had the prophet’s (ﷺ) du’ā’ been recited secretly by him (ﷺ), we would not have known about it’, the answer would be that his (ﷺ) acts of worship would certainly be displayed accidentally or intentionally so that Muslims learn them 

(1) “Al-I’tisām” (vol. 1 / p. 351).
(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / pp. 324-5) (no. 841, 842) and Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunan” (no. 1002) and (no. 1003).
(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 326).
(4) Previous Reference.
(5) “Al-I’tisām” (vol. 1 / p. 352).
only those who substituted *Sunnah* with *Bid’ah* who approve such an act. *Allāh* knows what is best.

The prophet (ﷺ) used to recite all the *du‘ā’s* related to *Salāt* during *Salāt* itself and he (ﷺ) ordered his *Sahābah* to do the same. This is indeed what should be done for a *Muslim* talks with his *Rabb* during *Salāt* and this talk ceases when one finishes *Salāt* and recites *Taslīm*; his meeting with his *Rabb* ends. How could a *Muslim* abandon asking his *Rabb* while being so near to Him and adopt this act after his departure??!! Accordingly, a *Muslim* should do the opposite’.(1)

A *Muslim* should say the *Istighfār* thrice, *Tahmīd*, *Tahlīl*, and *Takbīr* thirty three times each, secretly after performing *Salāt* in whatever position a *Muslim* is: standing, sitting or walking. Reciting these *Athkār* in congregation in a loud voice is *Bid’ah* to which people got used. Were any other act of worship -such as *Tahiyyatul Masjid* - to be done in the aforementioned manner, people would strongly condemn it.(2)

[3/52] It is also a *Bid’ah* to recite a special kind of *Thikr* after every *Taslīm* in *Qiyāmul Lail* in *Ramadān* raising voices with it following one tone.

[53] Passing in front of (a) praying person(s):

Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Never perform *Salāt* but towards a *Sutrah*. And never let any one pass in front of you; if he insists on passing, fight him for the *Qarīn* [i.e. *Shaitān*] is accompanying him’.(3)

Abū Sa‘īd Al-Khudrī said: the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whenever one performs *Salāt*, one should do so towards a *Sutrah* and should come close to it and let no one pass between him and the *Sutrah*. Whoever wants to pass; fight him for he is *Shaitān*.’(4)

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(1) “Zādul Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 66).
(2) “Fatāwā” by Muhammad Rashīd Ridā (vol. 4 / pp. 1358-9).
(3) The hadith’s chains of narrators were mentioned earlier.
(4) The hadith’s chains of narrators were mentioned earlier.
Abū Sālih said: ‘I once saw Abū Sa‘īd Al-Khudrī performing Salāt towards a Sutrah lest people pass in front of him and this was on Friday. A young man from Banī Mu‘ait wanted to pass between him and his Sutrah but Abū Sa‘īd pushed him back. The young man could find no alternative but to pass in front of Abū Sa‘īd. And again, Abū Sa‘īd pushed him back by the chest more strongly than before -getting angry with Abū Sa‘īd- the young man went to complain to Marwān. Abū Sa‘īd followed him to Marwān. The latter inquired: ‘What is the matter between you and your nephew Abū Sa‘īd?’ He said: ‘I heard the prophet (ﷺ) say: (the hadīth).’(1)

The two aforementioned ahādīth state the legality of pushing back the one who tries to pass in front of a praying person. The Fuqahā’ stated that “pushing back” should be done in the most lenient way at first, if the passer by insists on passing, the praying person can resort to the most aggressive way even if this leads to the passer’s death; just like fighting the one who wants to kill you or rob your money. This kind of fighting is permissible and no compensation is to be paid.(2)

Qādī Iyād said: ‘They [i.e. the ‘Ulamah] agreed that the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth does not entail to fight the passer by with a weapon nor with anything that causes his death. If one pushes him and this push caused his death, no punishment is to be executed -as unanimously agreed amongst scholars.

The ‘Ulamah, however, disagreed as whether blood money is to be paid or not; Imām Mālik reportedly held the two opinions.

The ‘Ulamah also agreed that the praying person is not permitted to walk towards the passer by to push him back; he should do so from his place for walking while doing Salāt is a more grievous deed than being passed by from a far away distance. One is permitted to push the passer by back according to how far one’s hand could reach and this is the reason why a praying person

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should come close to his Sutrah. If the passer by is a little bit far, a praying person could make a gesture or recite ṭasbīh [to attract his attention not to do so].

The ‘Ulamah also agreed that if one passed in front of another, the latter must not force the former to go backwards for this would be considered a second passing. There is a narration traced back to the Salaf that the praying person could do so and some of the Salaf interpreted this narration in a way that complies with the hadīth.\(^{(1)}\)

The prophet (ﷺ) stated the gravity of the sin one would incur upon oneself if he/she passes before the hands of a praying muslim. He (ﷺ) said: ‘\textit{Had the passer by in front of the praying muslim known the gravity of his sin, he would prefer to stand for forty [days, months or years] than to pass before him}’.

Abun Nadr -one of the hadīth’s narrators- said: ‘\textit{I don’t know whether he (ﷺ) said: forty days, months or years}’.\(^{(2)}\)

The hadīth clearly states that had the one who passes before the hands of a prying person known the magnitude of sin he incurred upon himself, he would have preferred to stand for forty than to commit this evil deed. Indeed this is severe threat.\(^{(3)}\)

The Sahābah recognized the gravity of this sin, that some of them even considered it similar to worshipping idols, quoting some verses from the Holy Qur’ān!!

‘Abdullāh Ibn Buraidah (ﷺ) said: ‘My farther once saw some people passing in front of others while they were doing Salāt. He then said: ‘Indeed, when these people’s children grow up, they would say: Verily! We found our fathers doing this’’.\(^{(4)}\)

\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by: An-Nawawī in “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 4 / p. 223) and said: ‘This is the end of that which Al-Qādī stated. How valuable it is’.

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in the “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 584) (no. 510) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 363) (no. 507). Ṭhaṭṭhabī also narrated it in his book “Al-Kabā’ir” (p. 226) in a chapter titled with: “What might be considered of the Kabā’ir”.

\(^{(3)}\) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 4 / p. 225) and “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 585).

\(^{(4)}\) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 283) and its chain of narration is authentic.
Wabrah said: ‘I have never seen a person who hates that one passes before him while doing Salāt more than Ibrāhīm An-Nakh‘ī and Abdur Rahmān Ibn Al-Aswad’. (1)

[1/53] The apparent meaning of the general statement in the hadīth “before the hands of the praying person” is that passing in front of a praying person is prohibited whether the latter is performing Salāt towards a Sutrah or not, for the prophet (ﷺ) did not distinguish between the two cases.

‘Some held that one is permitted to pass in front of a praying person if the latter ignored placing a Sutrah in front of him such as: doing Salāt in a street or in the entrances people use. This opinion; however, rests on no hard evidence at all; it is not even a view of any of the Salaf. And the more worth it; it contradicts the meaning stated in the hadīth that ‘the one who passes in front of a praying person would prefer to stand for forty years than to pass’. Is there any praying person whose Salāt extends forty minutes the thing that would cause inconvenience for other people and hence the need to deliver such a ruling in Allāh’s (ﷻ) religion by a mere opinion and so considering such an act as not one of the Kabā’ir [grave sins]?! O Allāh (ﷻ) we are free of letting the rein loose for the opinions of mind when dealing with your religion and [O Allāh (ﷻ)] we ask You to help us commit ourselves to Your rulings and not go beyond your limits’. (2)

[2/53] The prohibition in the hadīth is specified with “passing before the hands of the praying person”.

The words “before the hands of the praying person” mean in front of him and being close to him. The word “hands” is used figuratively since all the acts one does during Salāt are done using one’s hands. There was a disagreement regarding the distance one must not pass beyond in front of a praying person. Some limited it

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(1) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 284) through a good chain of narrators.
(2) “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (p. 116). See also: “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 303-4) and “Fatāwā Muhammad Rashīd Ridā” (vol. 1 / p. 32).
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to one’s prostration spot. Others to three cubits. Others said: ‘The distance which one must not go beyond is equal to that when a stone is thrown’. {(1)}

The farther the passer in front of a praying person is -in case the latter ignored putting a Sutarh- the safer he would be of sin for in this case one is not considered passing in front of him, just like the one who passes beyond the Sutarh.{(2)}

Ibn Hazm said: ‘If the distance between the one who passes in front of the praying person and the praying person is more than three cubits, the former will not incur a sin upon himself and the latter needn’t push him back, and vice versa.

In case the Sutrah is so close to the praying person; i.e. the distance between them is less than three cubits, then there is no sin on the one who passes beyond or over it’.{(3)}

He also said: ‘I have not found any evidence regarding this distance to be more than that. Accordingly, this distance is the maximum that one must not go beyond’.{(4)}

The aforementioned distance is a fixed one that should be taken into consideration for if the distance was to be measured according to the point of one’s Rukū’ or Sujūd, different measures will surely come out since people differ in their heights. And as we have affirmed earlier that a praying person should put a Sutrah in front of him and should not stand away from it, the farthest point permitted is three cubits. This distance explains the prophet’s (ﷺ) words: “within his hands’ outreach”. The prophet (ﷺ) also ordered us not to let any one pass in front of us while doing Salāt and Allāh (ﷻ) burdens not our souls with that they could bear not. While in the sitting position in Salāt, one can not push back any one passing in front of him more than three cubits ahead. This all affirms what

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(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 585).
(2) Shaikh Abdil Azīz Ibn Bāz commentary on “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 582).
(3) “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 1 / p. 261).
(4) “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 1 / p. 263).
has been established besides being the opinion of most of scholars.(1)

It is worth mentioning here that:


Abdullāh Ibn Mas'ūd (ﷺ) said: ‘Do your best not to let any one pass in front of you while doing Salāt for the passer by diminishes the praying person’s reward’.²

It is also narrated that ‘he [i.e. Abdullāh (ﷺ)] used to take hold of the one passing in front of him and then push him away and [after Salāt] say to him: ‘A praying person looses half of his reward for Salāt when one passes in front of him’.³

‘Umar (ﷺ) said: ‘Had the praying person known how much he looses of reward when one passes in front of him, he would never perform Salāt but towards a Sutrah’.⁴

Commenting on the two previously mentioned statements of Abdullāh and ‘Umar (ﷺ), the great, well-versed Ibn Hajar said: ‘These two statements indicate that the act of pushing away is due to some imperfection caused to one’s Salāt not due to something related to the passer by. Though these two statements are traced back to two great Sahābah, they are legally treated as the ahādīth traced back to the prophet (ﷺ), for such rulings are not mere opinions [but things surely taken from the prophet (ﷺ)]’.⁵

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(1) “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (pp. 54-5). See also: “Muhammad’s Rashīd Rīdī” Fatāwā (vol. 1 / p. 32).
(2) Narrated by: Abdir Razāq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / pp. 24-5), Ibn Abī Shaibah in his “Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 283) and Al-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu‘jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 9 / pp. 298-9). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic.
(3) Narrated by: Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 282), Abdir Razāq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 25) and through the same chain of narrators; it was narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Mu‘jam Al-Kabīr” (vol. 9 / p. 299).
(4) Narrated by: Abū Nu‘aim Al-Fadl Ibn Dakīn in the chapter about “Salāt” as mentioned in “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 584) and a similar narration by Abdir Razāq in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 24).
(5) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 584).
[4/53] Passing in front of the one doing Salāt nullifies the Salāt itself -in some cases.

Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Salāt is rendered null and void if a woman, a donkey or a black dog passes in front of the one doing Salāt unless the latter puts a Sutrah the height of which is like that of a saddle’.

Another similar narration related by Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Salāt is considered null and void if a black dog or a mature woman passes in front of the one doing Salāt’.

Stating these three must be for a certain purpose and a feature not found in others. It was mentioned earlier that one losses some of his Salāt’s reward if others pass in front of him and these three stated in the hadīth do more than that; they render one’s Salāt as null and void.

Be ware, dear brother, of loosing the reward of your Salāt by letting any of these three stated pass between you and your Sutrah.

[5/53] ‘Some people held that it is allowed for those carrying the dead to pass in front of a praying person. This opinion is not, however, held by any of the well-versed scholars -as far as I know- for no hard evidence supports it. Some claim that this could be done if one is carrying a dead and wants to bury it. Those who carry the dead could take any other way. Besides, people could perform the Funeral Salāt any where and not necessarily in a mosque. The Sunnah is to perform the Funeral Salāt in a special Musallā. Some scholars even held that it is impermissible to perform the funeral Salāt in the mosque but there is no scope to refute this opinion here. In many occasions, people delay burying

(1) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 228 -with the Sharh).
(2) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 347), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujrabā” (vol. 2 / p. 64), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 2), Ibn Hibbān in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 53), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 703). The hadīth is authentic.
(3) Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Rizq Ibn Tarhūnī in his invaluable book “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (p. 75 ...) mentioned in details the cases in which one’s Salāt is rendered null and void. Pay heed to his words.
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the dead for trivial reasons for which they have no legal evidence from \textit{Allāh} (لاه) and when it comes to laws set by \textit{Allāh} (لاه); how strange, they are easily violated in order to bury the dead -as they claim.

Hypothetically speaking, were there any inconsistency between passing in front of a praying person and delaying burying the dead, the latter is considered a minor sin while the former is considered a \textit{Kabīrah} [major sin].\(^{(1)}\)

\(^{(1)}\) “Ahkāmus Sutrah” (pp. 116-7).
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* Prelude.
* Abandoning Friday Salāt by thousands of football-matches fans.
* Abandoning Friday Salāt by the guards of kings and Sultans and standing at the mosque entrances holding weapons instead.
* Abandoning the Friday Salāt and other congregational Salāt by the bridegroom.
* Going on picnics instead of attending Friday Salāt.
* Mistakes that diminish or cause to loss the reward of doing the Friday Salāt such as: attending the Salāt so late, not applying perfume and using the siwāk, talking when the khatīb is delivering the speech, busing one self with: {providing people with water, raising funds, talking to others, reciting Tasbih or Qur’an, returning greetings back to others and asking Allah’s (ﷻ) bless for those who sneeze}, sleeping during the khutbah [speech], turning one’s back to the Imām or the Qiblah, playing with pebbles or the rosary or walking between other sitting people and hence causing inconvenience.
* Performing Sunnah - Salāt before performing Friday Salāt.
* Mistakes regarding Tahiyyatul Masjid:-
  (Leaving it when the Imam is delivering his speech, the khatīb’s order to those who come late not to do it, doing it when the khatīb sits between the two khutbahs, and delaying
performing it in order to repeat after Mu’athin the Athan and then start doing it when the khatib starts his khutbah).

* Miscellaneous mistakes done by the khatib:–
  (Prelude, verbal mistakes, practical mistakes, mistakes done in Salat).

* Mistakes regarding the post-Sunnah Salat.
**Prelude:**

1- Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘One of you would raise his Subbah a mile or two away from his home but finds no grass then goes further. When Friday Salāt is due; he does not attend it, then the second Friday, then the third one till his heart is sealed [from all goodness].’\(^{(1)}\)

This is indeed a severe threat against the one who abandons Friday Salāt in order to raise his Subbah of sheep or camel, getting far away from the mosque then misses the Salāt.

The Subbah is the herd of horses, camels or sheep between twenty and thirty, and it is said that it is between ten and forty heads.\(^{(2)}\)

2- Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) and Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) said that they heard the prophet (ﷺ) say while standing on his pulpit: ‘Either those who abandon attending Friday Salāt stop doing so, or Allāh (ﷻ) will seal their hearts [from all goodness] and then they would become of the Ghāfilin’.\(^{(3)}\)

[The ghāfilin are those whose hearts know no good].

3- Ibn Mas‘ūd (ﷺ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) addressed those who do not present themselves on Friday Salāt: ‘I was about to order a man to lead people in Salāt then burn the houses of those men who do not present themselves on Friday Salāt’.\(^{(4)}\)

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In “At-Targhib Wat Tarhib” (vol. 1 / p. 308), Al-Munthiri said: ‘This hadīth was narrated by Ibn Mājah through a sound chain of narrators’. Al-Albānī considered it to be a good hadīth in “Sahīh Al-Jāmi‘ As-Saghīr” (no. 2656).

(2) As Al-Munthiri said.

(3) Narrated by Muslim in his Sahīh under “Kitābul Jumu‘ah: Bāb Al-Taglīth FiTarkil Jumu‘ah” (vol. 2 / p. 591) (no. 865), Ad-Dārimi in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 pp. 368-9) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubra” (vol. 3 / p. 171).

(4) Narrated by: Muslim under the title of “Kitabul Masajid Wamawadi’ As-Salāt” section “Fadlu Salātil Jama’ah Wabayan At-Tashdid Fit Takhalufi ‘Anha” (vol. 1 /
4- Muhammad Ibn Abdur Rahman Ibn Zurarah said: ‘I heard my uncle -who has no like in our family- say: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever hears the ’Athān for Friday Salāt and does not respond [i.e. attend the mosque] then hears it and does not respond, then hears it once again and does not respond, Allāh (ﷻ) will seal his heart and turns it into that of a hypocrite’.’ (1)

5- Ibn ‘Abbas (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever does not present himself to Friday Salāt three consecutive times has indeed casted Islām behind his back’. (2)

6- Abil Ja’d Ad-Damrī -who was one of the prophet’s (ﷺ) companions related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever abandons three Friday Salāt out of laziness, Allāh (ﷻ) will seal his heart’. (3)

The words “out of laziness” mean out of carelessness for the act of ignoring Allāh’s (ﷻ) orders is considered an act of disbelief.

(1) Narrated by: Al-Baihaqī and Abū Ya’la as mentioned in “At-Talkhis Al-Habīr” (vol. 2 / p. 53), Al-Marwazi in “Al-Jumu’ah Wafadluhā” (no. 64). Ibn Hajar in “At-Talkhis Al-Habīr” said that Ibn Al-Munthir considered this hadith as good and all its narrators are reliable.

(2) Narrated by Abū Ya’la through an authentic chain of narrators traced back to a Sahabī - as mentioned in “At-Talkhis Al-Habīr” (vol. 2 / p. 53), “Majma’ Az-Zawa’id” (vol. 2 / p. 193), “Silsilat Al-Ahādith Ad-Da’ifah” (no. 657) and “At-Targhib Wat Tarhib” (vol. 1 / pp. 308-9).

(3) Narrated by At-Tirmithī (no. 500), Abū Dāwūd (no. 1052), An-Nasā’ī (vol. 3 / p. 88), Ahmād (vol. 3 / pp. 424-5), Ibn Mājah (no. 1125), Al-Hākim (vol. 1 / p. 280), Ad-Dūlābī (vol. 1 / pp. 21-2), Al-Baghawi (no. 1053), Al-Baihaqī (vol. 3 / p. 172), At-Talawī (vol. 4 / p. 230), Ibn Kuzaimah (no. 1857) and (1858), Ibn Hibbān (no. 553) and (554) and Al-Marwazī (no. 62). The hadith is authentic according to many scholars such as: Ibn As-Sakan and Ath-Thahabī. See: “At-Talkhis Al-Habīr” (vol. 2 / p. 52) and “Al-Kabī’ir” (p. 208).
We hope that those who abandon the Friday Salāt -and indeed they are many- may be aware of this threat and get themselves out of the darkness in which they are diving deeply especially those who busy themselves with: watching football games, guarding those in authority, going on picnics instead, and the bridegroom.

[54] **Thousands of football matches fans abandon Friday Salāt:**

The fans of football matches -the number of which may reach hundreds of thousands- crowd in the stadiums and when the Ṭālā‘ calls them for Salāt, they respond not to it due to the paralysis in their minds and the blunting of their emotions, for what?! only for being hideously fanatic to this or that team. Even the members of the same family, each cheers a team different from the other. The matter even gets worse when the supporters of the winning team make fun of the loosing one then severe fights follow immediately, the consequences of which are hundreds of casualties and deaths. The whole thing was plotted in order to busy the Islamic ‘Ummah with trivials instead of being occupied with its great mission; namely fighting its enemies and solving its serious issues.

Accordingly, the ‘Ummah looses its sense of pride and honour due to wasting alot of money and precious time on trivialities. Had these two factors been utilized properly, the Islamic ‘Ummah would have been ahead of the developed nations in various domains.

Consequently, great values have been altered, the “hero” these days is the one who plays football professionally and hence makes a fortune (!!) not the one who sincerely defend the ‘Ummah’s pride and honour. Indeed, İslâm does not agree on such unbalanced false values; in İslâm every human being receives what he deserves with no excessiveness nor negligence.

To conclude, football now has become one of the destructive hoes which our enemies are using in order to destroy the Islamic ‘Ummah encouraging other nations to do the same.
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The thirteenth protocol in “Protocolāt Hukamā’ Suhyūn” is a hard evidence on this. It states: “... and in order to keep crowds in their walking through the abys of astray, knowing nothing about the serious issues that concern them nor what should they be establishing, we are going to occupy them with trivial things, through establishing ways of fun, developing exciting games, various kinds of sports and encouraging them build great palaces and fascinating buildings, all with the help of mass media inviting crowds to sport matches, art galleries ...’ etc. (1)

Dear brother, your enemies plan to lead you astray that you never see “light”. Through abandoning the Jumu’ah Salāt, you are helping them achieve this purpose and hence a seal [be cast] on your heart that it no more receives goodness nor Allāh’s (ﷻ) mercy touches it; consequently, it becomes impure and an absorbent of every evil. Indeed, we seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) refuge from all this.

The apparent meaning of the aforementioned Ahādīth is that whoever does not present himself on Friday Salāt three times without having any Shar ‘ excuse, his heart will be sealed and one will be of those ghāfiḥīn and hypocrites. These three times are not necessarily successive ones, they could be separate - as some

(1) “Brotocolāt Hukamā’ Suhyūn” (vol. 1 / p. 258, P. ‘Ajāj Nuwaihid), and for more details about the negative effects of football matches, see “Mushkilāt Ash-Shabāb Fī Daw’ Al-Islām” (p. 89) by Abdil Halim ‘Uweis, and “Al-Hay’at Al-Ijtimā‘yyah Fī Tafkīr Al-Islām” (p. 35) by Ahmad Shalābī.

It is worth mentioning here that Islām urges Muslims to practice sport individually or with others in order to build up their bodies’ strength. Football matches serves but little part of this purpose. It is even worse that some people in our Islamic countries call for applying the betting system in football matches as a way of saving some sport clubs from bankruptcy. Would such voices repent to Allāh (ﷻ) and go back again to the straight path.

The British sport experts have been calling for eliminating the betting system in sports for this would help stop riots from taking place - which have become a distinctive feature of the British matches from which no match could escape. Besides, this system destroys the basic principle of sport; namely wishing the winner more success and the looser good luck.

But what really happens is the opposite; exchanging insults, showering others with stones and chairs and hitting the referees.

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scholars held even if these three took place each in a different year; this heart will be sealed after the third time.

Ibn Abbās’s Ḥadīth is a hard evidence for those who held that the three times should be successive ones.

It is of Allāh’s (ﷻ) mercy to give his bondman three chances so one could repent and go back again to the straight path and attend the Jumu‘ah Salāt and never abandon it but for Shar‘ excuse.

The third Ḥadīth indicates that those who abandon the Jumu‘ah Salāt without having any Shar‘ excuse have indeed committed a great sin for which they deserve a severe punishment.

Some scholars -such as Mālik, Ahmad and Ash‘-Shāfi‘ī in the latest of his opinions- held that those who abandon the Jumu‘ah Salāt without any Shar‘ excuse -such as football players and their cheerers- may not perform Thuhr Salāt before the Imām performs his Salāt; they should hasten to catch even a part of it with the Imām for it is an obligation on them. In case they missed it, they should perform Thuhr Salāt after the Imām finishes his(1). Ibn Mas‘ūd’s Ḥadīth supports this view. He (ﷺ) said: “Whoever misses the two Rak‘ahs [of Jumu‘ah Salāt] should perform four Rak‘ahs instead”.(2)

(1) See: “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 4 / p. 294).
(2) Narrated by: Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 126) and At-Tabarānī in “Al-Kabīr”. The Ḥadīth is Hasan [sound], as is mentioned in “Al-Majama’” (vol. 2 / p. 192). There is another supporting narration in Ibn Abī Shaibah’s “Musannaf” (vol. 1 / p. 206) through an authentic chain of narrators traced back to Abdir Rahman Ibn Abī Thu‘aib who said: ‘I once accompanied Az-Zubair in a travel on Friday, he performed the Friday Salāt four Rak‘ahs’.

Al-Hassan’s opinion supports this. He held that a woman who attends the mosque on Friday should follow the Imām in his Salāt and it will suffice her. It is also related that he said: ‘Women used to perform the Jumu‘ah Salāt with the prophet (ﷺ) and were ordered not to go out [of their homes] with perfume applied’. This chain of narrators is authentic.

Another narration related by Al Ash‘ath traced back to Al-Hasan to have said: ‘Women amongst the Muhājirūn used to perform Jumu‘ah Salāt with Allāh’s (ﷻ) messenger instead of performing Thuhr Salāt’.
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Whoever does not present himself on the *Jumu‘ah Salāt* without having any *Shar‘* excuse, should perform *Thuhr Salāt* and give away a *Dinar* or half a *Dinar* in charity. [The *Dinar*: a gold coin that weighs approximately 4.25 grams of fine gold].

Samurah Ibn Jundub related that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: “Whoever abandons the *Jumu‘ah Salāt* intentionally, should give away in charity a dinar or half a dinar, in case one could not afford paying the dinar”. (1)

Some scholars held that the order in the aforementioned *hadīth* is only a recommendation for *Thuhr* is a possible substitution for the *Jumu‘ah Salāt*.

The apparent meaning of the *hadīth*, however, indicates that the order is an obligation -as the general principle of *‘Usūlul Fiqh* states. Having a substitution for the *Jumu‘ah Salāt* does not entail that the order in the *hadīth* is not an obligation for the ruling might be that one is obliged to perform *Thuhr Salāt* and pay *Kaffārah* as a punishment for not attending the *Jumu‘ah Salāt* without any *Shar‘* excuse.

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(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1053), An-Nāṣīr in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 89), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / pp. 8, 14), Ibn Hibbān (no. 582) and Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadarak” (vol. 1 / p. 286) traced back to Qudāmah Ibn Wabrah to have narrated it from Samurah.

Ahmad said about Qudāmah Ibn Wabrah that he is an unidentified narrator, while Ibn Ma‘īn decided that he is a Thiqah [trusted]. Al-Bukhārī said that he never [Ibn Wabrah] met Samurah.

On the other hand, Qudāmah was not the only one to narrate it from Samurah, Al-Hasan narrated the *hadīth* tracing it back from another narrator -as Ibn Mājah mentioned in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1128).

Ibn Hibbān and Al-Hākim considered the *hadīth* as authentic on which Al-Thahābī agreed.
Mistakes regarding Friday Salāt

May Allāh (ﷻ) shower his mercy on Ibn Al-Ikhwah who said - regarding those who abandon the Jumu‘ah Salāt: ‘Whoever occupies himself with investing money or having fun instead of attending the Jumu‘ah Salāt should be stricken with “‘Umar’s staff” that makes him taste the taste of humiliation of punishment no matter how old one is or what position he occupies for, indeed, nations before you [Muslims] were destroyed because when the noble amongst them steals no punishment would be executed against him, and when the ignoble steals, punishment would be executed against him’.(1)

[55] Guards abandoning Jumu‘ah Salāt, standing at the mosques’ entrances, holding weapons to guard their kings or sultans instead:

It is one of the most hedious Munkarāt [sing. Munkar] that the kings’ or sultans’ guards keep standing at the mosques’ entrances, holding weapons, guarding one of Allāh’s (ﷻ) creatures instead of joining the Imām in his Salāt - as if they were not enjoined to obey Allāh (ﷻ) and as if they have not heard the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘None should be obeyed in that which displeases Allāh (﷽) verily, obedience should be only in that which is Ma'rūf [i.e. every deed that pleases Allāh (﷽)]’.(2)

Kings, Sultans and those in authority should be aware of Allāh (ﷻ) regarding those under their authority, and help them worship Allāh (﷽). They should also remember the day when all will be presented before Al-Mighty and the Compeller when a crier will cry: ‘To whom belong the dominion today?’ It will be said: ‘To Allāh, the One, the Compeller’.

This Bid‘ah was first practiced by the Mamluks and is still practiced in some Islamic countries. Praise be to Allāh (﷽), guards in other Islamic countries; however, join Muslims their Salāt and

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(1) “Ma‘ālim Al-Qurbah Fī Ahkāmil Hisbah” (p. 265).
(2) Narrated Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 13 / p. 122) (no. 7145) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 1840) and others.
recite Du‘ā’ with them. Indeed this is the great success for which people should dedicate themselves.\(^{(1)}\)

[56] Abandoning the Jumu‘ah and other congregational Salawāt by the bridegroom:

One of the most prevalent mistakes people make is believing that it is permissible for a bridegroom to abandon the Jumu‘ah and other congregational Salawāt in the mosque depending on the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘A virgin’s proportion is seven days and the matron’s proportion is three days’.\(^{(2)}\)

This is indeed a false interpretation of the hadīth. The aforementioned hadīth concerns the man who gets married to another woman; Al-Bukhārī’s narration which is traced back to ’Anas is a hard evidence on this. The narration states: “If one marries a virgin and he has already got a wife, he should stay...”

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\(^{(1)}\) “Ad-Dīmul Khalīs” (vol. 4 / p. 313).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in the “Sahīh” (vol. 9 / pp. 313-4) (no. 5213 and 5214), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 1461), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 2124), At-Tirmīzī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 1339), Abdīr Razzāq in “Al-Musannaf” (no. 10643), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 7 / p. 301), Al-Baghawī in “Sarh As-Sunnah” (no. 2326), Al-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma‘ānī Al-Āthār” (vol. 3 / p. 315), and Mālik in “Al-Muwatta’” (vol. 2 / p. 520 / no. 15).

They all narrated it through a chain of narrators traced back to one of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahābah. Khālid Ibn Mahrān al-Haththā’ added in his narration ‘If I ascribed this to the prophet (ﷺ) I would be telling the truth, but indeed this is the Sunnah’.

The hadīth was narrated through a chain of narrators traced back to the prophet (ﷺ) by " Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1916), Ad-Dārimī in As-Sunnan (vol. 2 / p. 144), Ahmad in Al-Musnad (vol. 3 / p. 99), Abū Nu‘aim in “Al-Hilyah” (vol. 2 / p. 288) and (vol. 3 / p. 13), Ibn Khuzaimah, Ibn Hibbān and Al-Isnādī - as is mentioned in “Al-Fath” (vol. 9 / p. 315).

Anas’s statement “… but it is the Sunnah” -as narrated by Khālid- supports that this ruling must have been taken from the prophet (ﷺ).

In “Nasbur Rāyah” (vol. 1 / p. 314), Az-Zaylī said: ‘It is known that if a Sahābī stated that a certain act is a “Sunnah”, he certainly referred to “the prophet’s (ﷺ) ruling”. The same thing applies on others’ sayings unless they ascribe it to other than prophet (ﷺ) such as: ‘The two ‘Umers’ Sunnah” and phrases like this’.

See: “Al-Kifāyah” by Al-Khatīb (p. 421) and “Ihkāmul Ahkām” (vol. 3 / p. 67) and (vol. 4 / p. 41) by Ibn Daqīq Al-Eid.
with the new wife for seven days, and if someone marries a matron, he should stay with her for three days. Then he divides the days equally between them [i.e. all of his wives]”.

Abū Quūbah -the one who narrated the hadīth from ‘Anas-said: ‘I could say that ‘Anas must have heard it from the prophet (ﷺ)’. (1)

Muhammad Al ‘Utbī Al-Qrutūbi was asked regarding whether the bridegroom who gets married on Thursday night is permitted to abandon the Jumu‘ah Salāt.

He answered: ‘No. Not even Thuhr and Asr Salawāt. He should attend them with the congregation’.

Then he continued: ‘Such false acts prevail when the well-known and the reverend amongst his people deliver false rulings’. (2)

Muhammad’s statement indicates that this mistake has been practiced long ago, and some of those who claim to be of the scholars deliver such a false ruling. Indeed, we have no might nor power but with the help of Allāh (ﷻ), the ‘Athim, the ‘Ali’.

He also said: ‘Sahnūn said that some people claim that a bridegroom could leave attending [the Jumu‘ah Salāt] for this is her [the bride’s] right granted to her by the prophet (ﷺ) !! And Mālik said: ‘I hate that a bridegroom leave attending any Salāt’’. (3)

Commenting on Suhnūn’s and Mālik’s statements, Muhammad Ibn Rushd said: ‘Suhnūn’s statement about what people think that this is the bride’s right on her husband; i.e. not to attend the Jumu‘ah Salāt nor any other Salāt and stay with her; is a shear ignorance -as Mālik said- and an avowed mistake’.

Then he said: ‘I believe that Mālik meant that he disliked that a bridegroom be permitted to leave attending all the Salawāt with the

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(1) “Sahih Al-Bukhari” (vol. 9 / pp. 313-4).
(2) “Al-Bayān wat Tahiṣīl” (vol. 1 / p. 356).
(3) The previous reference.
congregation but he is permitted only to leave some to satisfy his bride’s needs and attract her heart to him.

Attending *Jumu’ah Salāt* is, however, an exception; it is an obligation on him to attend it. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to the right path’.(1)

Having mentioned the interpretation of the hadīth, Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar said: ‘It is a detested act that a bridegroom leaves attending the congregational Salawāt in both the three or seven-day limit and abandon doing any of the righteous deeds he used to do. This opinion was also stated by Ash-Shāfi‘ī’.

Then he reported Ibn Daqīq Al-Eid’s statement: ‘Some Fuqahā’ exaggerated regarding this and held that his staying with her is a *Shar‘* excuse for him not to attend the *Jumu’ah Salāt*, and they showered their opposers with criticism*. (2)

The following paragraphs state Ibn Daqīq Al-Eid’s precise words: ‘Some Mālikī Fuqahā exaggerated in this issue and held that staying with one’s bride is considered a *Shar‘* excuse for leaving *Jumu’ah Salāt* - if it happens to be part of the proportion days. This opinion, however, contradicts the Fiqh principle; for staying with the bride is of good manners and *Sunnan* for doing which the *Wājib* [*Fard*] should not be abandoned.

Having sensed that such an opinion is not true and staying with the bride is not a *Shar‘* excuse, some late Fuqahā’ interpreted that those who held the aforementioned opinion believed that the *Jumu’ah Salāt* is a *Fard* Kifāyah [collective duty] (!!) which is a sheer falsehood for this view entails the possibility of staying with the bride be a real *Shar‘* excuse which is untrue.

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(1) The previous reference.
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 9 / p. 316).
Many \textit{Shar\textquotesingle} texts and the practice of the \textit{Ummah} both affirm the obligation of attending \textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} on every \textit{male Muslim}\textsuperscript{(1)}.

Taking into consideration the obligation of \textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} [on every male \textit{Muslim}], Ibn Daqīq Al-Eid statements affirm that the opinion that states the permissibility of leaving congregational \textit{Salāt} to stay with one’s bride holds no water\textsuperscript{(2)}. And the more worth it, leaving the \textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} for the same excuse!! ‘\textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} has indeed been given more superiority and has more characteristics than any other \textit{Fard Salāt} such as: holding the congregation [in the \textit{Jāmi}], the least valid number of the praying \textit{Muslims} who attend it, being in a state of residence is one at its prerequisites, the permissibility of assigning certain place in which the \textit{Salāt} is performed, and reciting the \textit{Qur\textquotesingle}ān loudly in it. In addition to that, a severe threat was delivered against those who abandon it, which was not delivered for leaving any other \textit{Salāt} but the ‘\textit{Asr Salāt}’\textsuperscript{(3)}.

‘\textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} is a greatly affirmed \textit{Fard Salāt} in Islām and the most superior congregation Muslims could attend and comes second in superiority after ‘\textit{Arafah}’ congregation. Whoever abandons it out of laziness, \textit{Allāh} (ﷻ) will seal his heart.

The more a \textit{Muslim} sits near the \textit{Imām} in the \textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} and the earlier he attends the mosque, the nearer he would be to \textit{Jannah} on the Day of \textit{Qiyāmah} [Resurrection] and would be of the first to get more credit on the Day of \textit{Mazīd}’\textsuperscript{(4)}.

Accordingly, every \textit{Muslim} should be keen to attend the \textit{Jumu\'ah Salāt} and never leave it for trivial, false excuse for such excuse will never save him from Him who knows every tiny thing.

\textsuperscript{(1)} “\textit{Ihkāmul Ahkām}” (vol. 4 / p. 42). Both Ibn Al-Qayyim in “\textit{Zād al-Ma‘ād}” (vol. 1 / p. 398) and Ibn Rushd in “\textit{Bidāyat Al-Mujtahid}” (vol. 3 / p. 255) displayed the origin of this Mālikī false opinion that they considered attending \textit{Jumu’ah Salāt} as a collective duty. Study this well.

\textsuperscript{(2)} Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar stated this clearly in his “\textit{Fath}” (vol. 9 / p. 316).

\textsuperscript{(3)} “\textit{Zād al-Ma‘ād}” (vol. 1 / p. 397).

\textsuperscript{(4)} “\textit{Zād al-Ma‘ād}” (vol. 1 / p. 376).
[57] Going on picnics instead of attending Jumu‘ah Salāt:

Many people these days, intentionally, go on picnics on Fridays instead of attending the Jumu‘ah Salāt and honouring it in the manner prescribed by Allāh (ﷻ) and his Messenger (ﷻ), i.e. giving out charities, reciting Athkār, ... etc. Some people even commit many abominations on this day such as: listening to songs, drinking alcohol and many other sins that one feels ashamed to mention and the more worth it committing them.

I have witnessed, with my own eyes, in some countries many men leave Jumu‘ah Salāt just to attend a wedding party, to help in preparing a banquet as they claim. Some of those may be of those who are keen to attend Salāt in congregation. But this time, they were defeated in the face of [a hideous] tradition!

To those who ignore this Salāt, to those who were deceived by the false beauty of this world(1) and to those endowed with fortune and prestige we offer them this valuable advice:

Never be deceived with the good health, young age, and money with which Allāh (ﷻ) provided you.

Appreciate Allāh (ﷻ) and His bounties and show gratitude to Him in the manner He (ﷻ) deserves, perform all duties He enjoined on you, never abandon the congregational Salāwāt and attend the Jumu‘ah Salāt for indeed being called to account is a real hardship. Allāh (ﷻ) says:

وَأَتِمْنَى بِيَوْمِي نَجْعُوْنَ فِيهِ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ تُؤْفَى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظَلَّمُونَ

‘And be afraid of the Day when you shall be brought back to Allāh. Then every person shall be paid what he earned, and they shall not be dealt with unjustly’. (2)

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(1) Such as those who live in the disbelieving countries; they ignore doing Jumu‘ah Salāt. For more details on the obligation to attend Jumu‘ah Salāt by them see “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da‘ifah” (vol. 2 / pp. 318-9).
(2) Sūrat Al-Baqarh (verse no. 281).
Some people may abandon the Friday for other reasons which they believe to be conditions for the validity of Friday Salāt such as the minimum number of those who attend it though there is no proof for such a condition. Some -such as Ar-Rāfidah- hold that this Salāt must not be done but behind a just Imām. Ash-Shawdānī refuted such a condition and stated that “It is not of the Sharī‘; accordingly it should be thrown away”.(1)

A third condition some hold is the place in which the Friday Salāt should be performed. Defining this “palce”, they differed a lot. Some say: ‘A place in which there is a just ruler and a just judge who apply and execute all the rulings of Sharī‘”. Others said: ‘A place where there are roads and markets and where there are a just ruler and a scholar to be referred to’. All such conditions are false ones. The Friday Salāt should be performed for it is one of the Islam rites even if there were two people; one should deliver the speech and the other listens then both perform Salāt.(2)

According to what was mentioned, those who abandon the Friday Salāt in some villages in India, although their number exceeds thousands.

Shaikh Abī-Tayyib Muhammad Shamsul Haq Al-‘Athīm Ābādī (d. 1329 H.) wrote a beneficial treatise refuting the aforementioned practice. It is called “At-Tahqīqāt ‘Ulā ‘Ithbāt Faradiyyatul Jumu‘ah Fil Qurā’”. At its end, the shaikh stated that: ‘Performing Friday Salāt is an obligation and one of the Islamic rites and must be done in every city, village … etc. Abandoning it for Al-Kharkhi’s or Al-Balkhi’s interpretation is considered deficiency in one’s mind and weakness in one’s faith”.

(1) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 297).
(2) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 298).
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[58] Mistakes that diminish the reward given to those who perform Jumu‘ah Salāt:

1- Aws Ibn Aws (ﷺ) said: I heard Allāh’s (ﷻﷺ) messenger (ﷺ) say: ‘Whoever takes a bath on Friday perfectly then goes [to Salāt] early, [heads to the mosque] on foot not riding, sits so close to the Imām [i.e. in the first rows], listens [to the Imām carefully] and does not do any act of laghw; for every step he makes he would be granted a reward equal to that given to the one who fasts and perform Qiyāmul lail for a whole year’. (1)

2- Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘On Friday, angels stand on the entrances of mosques, recording the first to attend the mosque then those who follow. The like of the one who comes so early like the one who offers a camel for the sake of Allāh (ﷻﷺ), the one next is like the one who offers a cow, then a horned ram, then a hen and then an egg. When the Imām shows up, they close their records to listen to the Thikr [Khutbah]’. (2)

3- Salmān Al-Fārisī (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever bathes on Friday, cleans himself with that he could use, then applies perfume, then proceeds early [to the mosque], separating not between any two sitting together and performs what he could of Naflah and when the Imām comes, he listens carefully; whatever sins he commits between this Jumu‘ah and the one that follows would be forgiven’. (3)

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(1) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / p. 104), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnah” (no. 345), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 97), Al-Tirmīthī in “Al-Jāmī’ ” (no. 496), Ibn Hibbān in “As-Sahih” (no. 559), Ibn Kusaimah in “As-Sahih” (no. 1758), Al-Baghawī in “Sharh As-Sunnah” (no. 1064) and (no. 1065), and Al-Marwazī in “Al-Jumu‘ah Wa Fadluhā” (no. 51). This hadīth is authentic.

(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 929) and (3211) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 850) and many others.

(3) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 883) and (910), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 5 / pp. 438-440) and Ad-Dārimī in “As-Sunnah” (vol. 1 / p. 362) and many others.
4- Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When you ask your companion to keep quiet and to listen when the ʿImām is delivering the Khutbah (religious speech), then you have done laghw yourself [i.e. evil act]’. (1)

In another narration, he (ﷺ) is reported to have said: ‘Whoever does laghw on Jumuʿah Salāt, he would receive no reward’. (2)

The aforementioned Ahādīth indicate that the one who performs Jumuʿah Salāt would be granted a great reward if it is done properly fulfilling all its conditions, etiquettes and Sunnan. One would:

First: get a reward the amount of which is like that given to one who spends a whole year fasting its days and spends its night doing Qiyām.

Second: get a reward equal to that who offers a camel (3), be it a she camel or he camel, a cow, a hen, a horned ram -for it would be more perfect than other rams- a hen or an egg for the sake of Allāh (ﷻ) each in proportion to how much early one attends the mosque.

Third: be forgiven of all his sins which he commits between the present Jumuʿah and the one that follows and three more days -as some narrations state.

Fourth: get one’s reward recorded by the angles -other than preserving ones.

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(1) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 934) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 851) and many others.
(2) The hadith’s narrations will follow soon. Inshā’ Allāh (ﷻ).
(3) In Ibn Juraij’s narration: “… he would get a reward equal to that of the size of the camel”. This narration was interpreted as: the reward is so great like the size of the camel. This is, however, untrue. Ibn Juraij’s narration should be interpreted in accordance with the other narrations, that is: the reward given to the one who attends the mosque for Jumuʿah Salāt so early is as great as the one given to the one who offers a camel … etc. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best. This view was held by Shaikh Ibn Bāz in his commentary on “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 p. 366).
Unfortunately, many people loose these great rewards due to their laziness, ignorance and abandoning their prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah through:

[1/58] Attending the mosque so late:

It is greatly recommended that one attends the mosque to perform Jumu‘ah Salāt so early—as stated in the first two Ahādīth and indicated in the third one which states: ‘... then performs what Allāh (ﷻ) has destined for him [of Salāt] and when the Imām comes, he listens to him carefully’. It was indeed the Salaf’s habit, such as Ibn ‘Umar, to prolong [Nāfilah] Salāt before performing the Jumu‘ah Salāt. This is a greatly recommended act for the one who attends the mosque on Friday; i.e. to spend his time doing Salāt till the Imām shows up [and starts delivering his speech]’.(1)

The first hadīth indicates that:

* Going to the mosque early is a condition for one to gain the full reward of attending Jumu‘ah Salāt, i.e. one would get for each step he takes a reward equal to that given for the one who spends a whole year fasting its days and performing Salāt at its nights.

* One should preferably go to the mosque on foot. Both An-Nasā‘ī and Al-Baihaqī and many others titled the chapters dealing with this point: “The superiority of walking to Jumu‘ah Salāt”.

* And going to the mosque on foot is better than going to it riding [one’s mount car, ... etc.], specially for attending Jumu‘ah and the two Eids Salawāt.

As mentioned in “Masā’il Abdullāh” (no. 472), Imām Ahmad said: ‘It is preferred that they [muslims] go to the Jumu‘ah Salāt and the two Eids Salawāt on foot’.

* It is also greatly recommended that one comes close to the Imām in Jumu‘ah Salāt. it is affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Attend Thikr [i.e. the speech and Salāt on Friday], come so

(1) “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 436).
close to the *Imām*. The more a man retreats from the *Imām* the lower his rank will be in *Jannah*, though he will enter it’. (1)

Attending *Jumu‘ah Salāt* so early was the habit of the righteous *Salaf* (ﷺ); Abū Shāmāh said: ‘In the first century, streets would be crowded with people going to the mosques holding their lamps, at dawn; just like what happens on *Eid* days. This habit is no more taking place the thing which made scholars say that the first *Bid‘ah* to appear in *Islām* was going late to the mosque on Friday’.(2)

*Imām* Mālik denied the act of going so early in the morning of *Jumu‘ah Salāt* the thing which Ibn Al-Qayyim refuted saying: ‘Ash-Shāfi‘ī stated that ‘it would be better if one attends this *Salāt* after dawn and before the sunrise’. Al-Athram also reported the same from *Imām* Ahmad Ibn Hanbal who was asked regarding Mālik’s denial of attending the mosque early on Friday; Ahmad said: ‘This opinion contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) *hadīth*’. (3)

Accordingly; going to the mosque on Friday in the early hours of the morning is greatly recommended. The hours mentioned in the *hadīth* are the astronomical one.

Consequently, those who attend the mosque at the first part of the hour or at its end share the same reward -the camel, the cow or the sheep- but differ in its perfectness. *Allāh* (ﷻ) knows best. (4)

The righteous *Salaf* used to reproach themselves with great regret whenever they attend the mosque late or feel that they did not do their best to attend it early.

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(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1198), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 289), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 238) and Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / p. 11) and the *hadīth* is authentic.
See: “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth As-Sahihah” (no. 365).
(2) “Al-Bā‘ith ‘Alā Īnkārīl Bida‘ Wal Hawādīth” (p. 97).
(3) “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / pp. 403-7).
See also: Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 369) and “Al-Mjmū’” (vol. 4 / p. 541).
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Once, Ibn Mas'ud () attended the mosque early and saw that three people have proceeded him. He got sad and reproached himself saying: ‘The fourth of four, indeed; the fourth of four is not too late’. (1) Verily, he () was always keen to attend the mosque so early before any other muslim.

How strange how many people these days behave -except those whom Allāh (ﷻ) showered with mercy- they attend the mosque while the Imām is on the pulpit, some even attend it while Salāt is being performed or is about to be performed; (2) that is after the angles have folded their records. The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘When the Imām comes, angles fold their records to listen to the Thikr’.

In another narration by Muslim, the narration runs as follows: ‘When the Imām sits [on the pulpit], the angles fold their records to listen to the Thikr’.

The apparent meaning of these Ahādīth is that: as soon as the Imām comes, angles start folding their records and finish doing that as soon as he sits on the pulpit in order to listen to the Thikr; that is the Khutbah.

The records, angels fold, are the ones in which the names of those who attend the mosque early are recorded and their ranks only; not the ones in which the names of those who listen to the Khutbah, attend the Salāt, Du ‘ā’ and be fully submitted in them are recorded for these are recorded by the two preserving angels no doubt. (3)

(1) Narrated by: Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunan” (no. 1094), Al-Baihaqī in “Shu’ab Al-Imān” -as mentioned in “Zād al-Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / p. 408)- At-Tabarānī in “Al-Majmū‘ Al-Kabīr” (vol. 10 / p. 96) (no. 10013) and Ibn Abī ‘Āsim-as mentioned in “Misbah Az-Zujājah” and said: ‘The hadith’s chain of narrator is sound”.

(2) It is worth mentioning here that attending the Khutbah on Friday is an obligation -as the soundest of the ‘Ulamah’s opinions states. Ash-Shawkānī held an opposite opinion and so did Siddiq Hasan Khān and Sayyid Sābiq in “Fiqh As-Sunnah”. For more details see: “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 332) and “Al-Ajwibah An-Nāfi‘ah” (pp. 52-4). Accordingly, whoever does not attend it, or was late; he would incur a sin on himself. We seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) refuge.

(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 367-8).
Leaving bathing, applying perfume, beautifying oneself and using Siwāk before going to the mosque:

Naming the various benefits indicated in Abū Hurairah’s (ﷺ) hadīth, which states: ‘Whoever takes a bath on Friday -similar to that taken after Janābah- then attends [the mosque], [his reward] would be similar to the one who offers a camel [for Allāh’s (ﷻ) sake] ...’,(1) Ibn Hajar said: ‘This hadīth includes many benefits; some of which are the following: The superiority of taking a bath on Friday and the superiority of attending the mosque early; one would not get the full reward unless he does both acts. The general narrations that make mention only of going early to the mosque as a pre-requisite for gaining the promised reward and do not make mention of doing Ghusl should be interpreted in accordance with this hadīth’.(2)

Some well-versed ‘Ulamah even held that a muslim who ignores doing Ghusl does not only loose the reward stated in the previously mentioned Ahādīth but also incurs a sin upon himself.

Some ‘Ulamah held that taking a bath on Friday is an obligation as clearly stated in many Ahādīth; some of which are the following:

1- Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever amongst you intends to attend Jumu‘ah [Salāt], should take a bath’. (3)

the aforementioned hadīth states clearly that taking a bath should be done for the sake of attending Friday Salāt and doing it for any other intention causes to loss the promised reward -whether

(1) The narrations of the hadīth were previously narrated.
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 368).
(3) Narrated by: Al-Būkhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 877), (894) and (919), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 844) and (5290), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 9, 35 and 149), Al-Humaidī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 608), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / pp. 105-6), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmī” (no. 495) and Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahīh” (no. 1749) and many others.
one has taken it at the beginning of the day, in its middle or at its end.

Ibn Khuzaimah’s, Ibn Hibbān’s and Abī ‘Uwānah’s narration supports the aforementioned ruling. The narration states: ‘Whoever amongst you -men or women- intends to attend the Jumu‘ah Salāt, should take a bath’. Ibn Khuzaimah’s narration adds: ‘... and whoever does not intend to attend it, does not have to take a bath’. (1)

2- ‘Amr Ibn Sulaim Al-Ansārī said: ‘I testify that Abū Sa‘īd said: I testify that Allāh’s (ﷻ) messenger said: ‘It is an obligation on every adult to take a bath on Friday, to use the Siwāk and to apply perfume if he could find some’.

‘Amr said: ‘As for taking a bath, it is indeed an obligation but as for using the Siwāk and applying perfume, Allāh (ﷻ) knows about that. This is, however, what I was told’. (2)

“Using the Siwāk” means to use the Siwāk for brushing one’s teeth.

Under the title of “As-Siwāk”, Ibn Nu‘aim reported the following narration: ‘Using the Siwāk and taking a bath on Friday are both obligations on every Muslim’. (3)

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(1) Ibn Abidl Barr related the unanimous agreement that whoever takes a bath after performing Jumu‘ah Salāt has not applied the order mentioned in the Ahādith. This view was strongly held by Ibn Hajar in “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 358) and indeed it is the truth. See: “Al-Maw‘ithal Hasanah” (p. 20) and “Al-Ajwibah An-Nāfi‘ah” (pp. 51-2) accompanied with Shaikh Ahamd’s Shākir commentary on it (p. 306).

(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 779) and (880), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 846), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 341), An Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 93), Mālik in “Al-Muwatta” (vol. 1 / p. 102) (no. 4), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1089), Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 26), Al-Humaidī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 736), Abū Ya‘lā in his “Musnad” (no. 978), and (1127), Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1745) and Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 1 / p. 294) and (vol. 3 / p. 188).

(3) Narrated by: Abū Nu‘aim in “As-Siwāk” as mentioned in “Takhrīj Ahādith Al-Iḥyā”. And from him, Az-Zubaidī narrated it in “Sharh Al-Iḥyā’” (vol. 2 / p. 35).
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The prophet (ﷺ) strongly urged his ‘Ummah to use Siwāk even on his death bed for doing so, specially on Friday, one wins Allāh’s (ﷻ) pleasure.

It is worth mentioning here the invaluable benefit Shikh Ibn Taymiyyah reported [in his Fatāwā] and which many people need when using Siwāk; he said: ‘One should use his left hand when using the Siwāk. This is Imām Ahmad’s view as reported by Ibn Mansūr Al-Kawsaj in his “Masā’il”. None of the Imāms held an opposite opinion -as far as I know- for using the Siwāk is a way of cleaning oneself just like blowing the nose, cleaning oneself from Najāsah and the like; all such acts must be done using one’s left hand’. (1)

The prophet’s (ﷺ) statement ‘... and should apply perfume if one could find some’ correspond with that which Muslim narrated ‘... and apply whatever one could afford of perfume’. Another narration states: ‘... even if it was women’s perfume’.

All of the aforementioned narrations affirm the act of applying perfume when going to the Jumu’ah Salāt for they stated that: [First:] one could apply a little amount even if it was only by touching it and this makes the order easy to be applied. [Second:] the words “whatever one could afford” in the aforementioned narrations affirm that one should do whatever is with one’s capability to apply perfume. However, it could be interpreted as applying perfume as much as one could find. The first interpretation is, however, the sounder. [Third:] The order is even more affirmed by the prophet’s (ﷺ) permission for the one who couldn’t afford men’s perfume to use women’s perfume, although it is a detested act in general for women’s perfume has slight scent and is coloured. (2)

In Salmān’s aforementioned hadīth, the reward of forgiving one’s sins -commited between the two Fridays- has an important

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(1) “Majmū’ Al-Fatāwā” by Ibn Taymiyyah (vol. 21 / p. 108).
(2) This is all taken from “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 364) with little editing.
pre-requisite which is taking a bath [Ghusl], applying oil [on one’s hair], applying perfume and separating not between any two persons.

Wearing one’s most beautiful clothes is also of beautifying oneself. Ibn Rush said: ‘The etiquettes of attending Jumu’ah Salāt are three main ones: applying perfume, using the Siwāk and wearing good clothes. There is no disagreement amongst the ‘Ulamah regarding this for the many Āthār that support it’. (1)

Abdullāh Ibn Sallām said: that he heard the prophet (ﷺ) say on the pulpit of Friday: ‘Why don’t every one of you buy two garments to wear only on Friday other than the two he wears for work’. (2)

3- Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) related that: while ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattāb was delivering his speech on Friday, a man from the early Muhājirīn entered the mosque. ‘Umar called him and asked him about the reason of being so late. The man said: ‘I was so busy at work that I couldn’t go home till the ’Athan was called and hence performing Wudū only’. ‘Umar then reproached him saying: ‘You only did Wudū’?! Indeed, you know that the prophet (ﷺ) used to order that one should do Ghusl [on Friday]’. (3)

‘Umar’s condemnation for that great Sahābi’s act while the former being on the pulpit and other Sahāba’s agreement on it is a hard evidence that they all strongly believed in the obligation of making Ghusl. Besides, had making Ghusl been non-obligatory, the

(1) “Bdīyatul Mujtahid” (vol. 3 / p. 299).
(2) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1078), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1095) through an authentic chain of narrators. The hadīth is supported by Āishah’s narration which was narrated by: Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1096), Ibn Khuzaimah in “Sahīh” (no. 568) and Ibn Hibbān reported from him (no. 568). In “Misbāh Az-Zujājah” (L. 72 / A), Al-Buseiri said: ‘This chain is authentic and the narrators are trust worthy’.
(3) Narrated by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 878 and 882).
Sahābī wouldn’t have resorted to defend himself with any excuse. Indeed, how strong this proof is.\(^{(1)}\)

The Jumhūrul ‘Ulamah doubted the obligation of doing Ghusl on Friday depending on the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘Whoever does Wudū’ on Friday, it is indeed a good deed, and whoever does Ghusl, it is then better’.\(^{(2)}\)

Ibn Hazm, however, refuted this view saying: ‘Even if this narration is authentic; it does not state clearly that Ghusl on Friday is non-obligatory. It only states that Wudū’ is a good deed and Ghusl is better, and there is no doubt about that. Allāh (ﷻ) said:

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\text{‘And had the people of the scriptures believed, it would have been better for them\(^{(3)}\), does this entail that believing [in Allāh (ﷻ)] is not an obligation?! We seek refuge in Allāh (ﷻ) from saying such a statement. Besides even if this hadīth states the non-obligation of doing Ghusl on Friday, it is still not considered a proof for this hadīth would coincide with people’s state before the prophet’s (ﷺ) later order for Muslims to do Ghusl on Friday in his ahādīth such as: ‘It is an obligation on every adult to do Ghusl on Friday’, in another narration ‘... on every muslim’. No doubt that the latter Ahādīth abrogate the former. Accordingly, one must not abandon the abrogator for the abrogated.}\(^{(4)}\)
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\(^{(1)}\) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 120)
\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / pp. 6, 11 and 22), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 354), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 94), At-Tirmízī in “Al-Jāmi’” (no. 497), Ad-Dārīmī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. / p. 632), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma’ānī Al-Āthār” (vol. 2 / p. 119), Al-Marwazi in “Al-Jumu’ah Wa Fadluha” (no. 31), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 97), Al-Baghawī in “Sharh As-Sunnah” (no. 335), Ibn Khuzaimah in “As-Sahih” (no. 1757), Al-Khaṭīb in “Tarih Bagdad” (vol. 2 / p. 352), Al-Baihaqi in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubra” (vol. 1 / pp. 295-6) and (vol. 3 / p. 190) from Al-Hasan from Samurah.

The narrators are trust worthy for whom the two Shaiks narrated except that Al-Hasan Al-Basrī is a Mudallis [who conceals narrators and reveals others while narrating ahadīth] narrator. However, considering the many narrations of the hadīth, it is authentic.

\(^{(3)}\) “Al-Imrān Sūrah” (verse no. 110).
\(^{(4)}\) “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 2 / p. 14).
Chapter Six

In “Iqtidā’ As-Sirāt Al-Mustaqīm”, Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘One is recommended to make Ghusl on Friday; some ‘Ulamah even said that it is an obligation. The proof that states its being an obligation is stronger than those which state the obligation of doing Witr Salāt, the one which states the obligation of doing Wuḍū’ after touching a woman, when laughing, nose bleeding, cupping, vomiting and that which states the obligation of sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ)’. (1)

To conclude, the Ahādīth that state the obligation of doing Ghusl on Friday have extra information than those which state its being recommended. Accordingly, inconsistency has no access to the two Ahādīth; one must put under application the one with extra information.

For more details, see “Naylul Awtār” by Ash-Shawkānī and “Al-Muhallā” by Ibn Hazm. (2)

Considering the aforementioned ruling, one could easily realize the negligence of many people for this obligation on Friday, and even those who apply it; they do so for the sake of cleanliness not for the sake of attending the Jumu‘ah Salāt. Indeed, we seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) help. (3)

[3/58] Talking while the Khaṭīb is delivering his Khutabah:
It was previously mentioned that Aws (幞) narrated from the prophet (ﷺ) to have said: ‘Whoever makes a perfect Ghusl on Friday, attends the mosque early on foot not on amount, comes close to the Imam, listens to him carefully with no Lagw [letting nothing distracts him], will be granted for every step he takes a reward equal to that given to the one who spends a whole year fasting its days and doing Qiyām at its nights’. (4)

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(1) Reported by: Ibn Al-Qayyim in “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 376).
(2) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 120).
(3) “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da‘ifahwal Mawdū‘ah” (vol. 1 / p. 188).
(4) This hadīth’s narrators were previously mentioned.
A Muslim may do Ghusl and attend the mosque walking not riding but sits in a place convenient for him though faraway from the Imām, although the Prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘The more the man retreats [from the Khatib] the lower his rank in Jannah will be - even if he was admitted to it’.

Some of those who attend the mosque early and come close to the Imām cause their rewards to loss because of their ignorance of some of the Jumuʿah etiquettes believing they are doing well.

[4/58] Some of them may go around serving people water while the Imām is delivering his speech.

Imām Mālik said: ‘I hate that one drinks water or serves it to others while the Imām is delivering his speech on Friday’. (1)

Commenting on the aforementioned statements, Ibn Rushd said: ‘It is indeed the truth. Since silence is an obligation in both Salāt and while the Khutbah is being delivered, the case is the same with eating and drinking; they are both forbidden while being in Salāt and should be so while the Khutbah is being delivered’. (2)

Ibn Hani’ said: ‘I asked Imām Ahmad regarding drinking water while the Imām is delivering his speech he said: ‘One must not drink water [in such a state]’’. (3)

[5/58] The same ruling applies on those who go around in the mosque on Friday for the purpose of fund raising while the Imām is delivering his speech -as happens in some villages.

[6/58] Some people enter the mosque talking while the Imām is delivering his speech and hence falling in that which is forbidden as stated in Abū Hurairah’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘If

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(1) “Al-Bayān Wat Tashīl” (vol. 1 / p. 322).
(2) The previous reference.
(3) “Masāʾīl Imām Ahmad” by Ibn Hāni’ (no. 459).

In “Al-Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 234), Imām Ash-Shāfiʿī said: ‘One may drink water while the Imām is on the pulpit [delivering his speech] in case one feels thirsty. In my view, one is detested to drink water for the sake of enjoyment only’.
you asked your mate to be quiet on Friday while the Imām is delivering his speech, you have then committed Laghw [idle talk or deed]. This Laghw causes one’s reward to loss.

An-Nadr Ibn Shumail interpreted Laghw as ‘the loss of reward’. It is also said that ‘one’s superiority of one’s attendance for Jumu‘ah Salāt is null and void’ and also said that ‘Laghw means that one’s Jumu‘ah Salāt has turned into Thuhr Salāt’.

The following Ahādīth support the first two interpretations.

1- Abū Hurairah narrated that once while the prophet was delivering his speech on Friday, Abū Thar asked ‘Ubay Ibn Ka‘b regarding the time a certain Sūrah of the Qur’ān was revealed. ‘Ubay did not provide any answer. Having finished his Jumu‘ah Salāt, ‘Ubay addressed Abū Thar saying: ‘You have gained nothing of your Salāt but that Laghw you did’. Hearing this, Abū Thar hurried to the prophet and told him what has happened. He said: ‘‘Ubay has spoken the truth’.

(1) This hadīth’s narrators were previously mentioned.
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 414).
(3) Narrated by: At-Tayālīsī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 2365), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 220), At-Tahāwī in “Sharh Ma‘ānī Al-Āthar” (vol. 1 / p. 367), and Al-Bazzār as mentioned in “Al-Majām” (vol. 2 / p. 185). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is good.

There is another supporting narration traced back to ‘Ubay Ibn Ka‘b narrated by: Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1111) and Abdullah Ibn Ahmad in “Zawā'id Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / p. 143). This narration’s chain of narrators is good.

In “At-Targhib Wat Tarhib” (vol. 1 / p. 257), Al-Munthirī considered the hadīth’s chain of narration as good. In “Misbāh Az-Zujājah” (L. 77 / A), Al-Buseirī ranked the hadīth’s narrators as trust worthy.

In “Hāshiyyat Ibn Mājah” (vol. 1 / p. 343), As-Sindī said: ‘The chain of narrators is authentic and the narrators are trust worthy ones’.

I believe that As-Sindī believed so for the many supporting narrations the hadīth has, some of which are the following:

* Jābir’s hadīth narrated by: Abī Ya’lā in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 3 / p. 335) (no. 1799), Ibn Hibbān (no. 577), Sa‘īd Ibn Mansūr as mentioned in “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 431), At-Tabarānī in “Al-Wasat” and “Al-Kabīr”.

The narrators for whom Abū Ya’lā narrated are trust worthy one as mentioned in “Al-Majma’” (vol. 12 / p. 185).

* Sa‘īd Ibn Abī Waqqās hadīth, narrated by:
2- Abdullāh Ibn Amr (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said:
‘Those who attend the Jumu‘ah Salāt are of three types of men:
the first: a man who does laghw during it and this is only what he gains of it. The second: a man who attends it and calls Allāh (ﷻ) with du‘ā’. He, indeed, calls Allāh (ﷻ) and it is up to Allāh (ﷻ) to grant him his Du‘ā’ or withhold it. The third is the one who attends it, keeps quiet and silent during it, does not tresspass other people nor harm them. This man will be rewarded with forgiveness for the sins he committed between the present Jumu‘ah and the one that follows with extra three days. Indeed Allāh (ﷻ) said:

‘Whoever does a good deed will be rewarded ten doubles for it’. (1)

3- ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said:
‘Whoever comes close to the Imām and listens carefully to him committing no laghw will be rewarded with a double share of reward. And whoever withdraws from the Imām, commits no laghw and listens to him carefully will be rewarded with one share of reward. And whoever comes close to the Imām and listens not to him but commits laghw instead will incur a double sin upon himself. And whoever withdraws from the Imām and commits laghw and listens not to him, will incur a sin upon himself. Indeed, whoever orders others to keep quiet, he has indeed spoken. And whoever speaks, has caused his Jumu‘ah [reward] to loss’. (2)

Another narration runs as follows:

(1) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / p. 214), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1113). The hadith’s chain of narrators is a good one.

(2) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 93). The hadith’s chain of narrators is weak for the manumitted slave of Atā’s wife is unknown.
‘Whoever orders his mate on Friday to keep quiet, one has indeed committed laghw and whoever commits laghw has gained nothing of his Jumu‘ah’. (1)

One of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahābah narrated that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever talks on Friday while the Imām is delivering his speech, his reward would be [equal to the weight and value of] a hand full of sand’. (2)

As for the third interpretation of laghw, it is supported by the narration -narrated by Abdullāh Ibn ‘Amr- that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever speaks or trespasses people, his Jumu‘ah Salāt would be considered as Thuhr Salāt’. (3)

Ibn Wahb’s -one of the hadīth’s narrators- interpretation runs as follows: ‘The hadīth means that one’s Salāt is valid but one has caused his Jumu‘ah reward to loss’. (4)

I believe that the extra information [Ibn Wahb provided] indicates that the three previously mentioned interpretations [of laghw] are closely related in meaning with no slight sign of inconsistency.

The purport of Abū Hurairah’s (ﷺ) hadīth indicates the prohibition of talking [during the Khutbah] for the prophet (ﷺ) considered the words “Be quiet” to be of laghw although this is originally of enjoining what is good, and the more worth it other kinds of speech.

In Ahmad’s “Musnad”, Al-A‘raj’s narration, traced back to Abū Hurairah (ﷺ), states: ‘... you have committed laghw, let nothing distract you [from listening]’.

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(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1051); Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 320). In the chain of narrators, there is Atā’s wife who is an unknown narrator.
(3) Narrated by: Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1810) and Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” (no. 347) and the hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic.
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The aforementioned narration indicates the prohibition of speaking with whatsoever while the Khutbah is being delivered.

According to the *Jumhūr*, this ruling applies to those who hear the Khutbah. Other *‘Ulamah* applied it on whoever attends it whether one could hear it or not.\(^{(1)}\)

Reporting the unanimous agreement amongst the *‘Ulamah* on the obligation on those who hear the *Khutbah* to keep quiet and listen while it is being delivered -to the exclusion of some Ṭābi‘īn who held an opposite opinion-, Ibn Abdil Barr said: ‘There is no disagreement -as far as I know- amongst the *Fuqahā’* throughout the countries regarding the obligation on those who could hear the *Khutbah* to keep silent while it is being delivered. And they agreed on the impermissibility of asking those ignorant who speak while the *Imām* is delivering his *Khutbah* to keep quiet or the like in accordance with the aforementioned *hadīth*. It was narrated that Ash-Sha‘bī and some others that they used to speak while the *Khutbah* is being delivered and keep quiet only when the *Imām* recites some verses from the Holy *Qur’ān*.

Then said: “According to the well-versed scholars; their act is rejected”. But they may have not heard the prophet’s (ﷺ) *hadīth*.\(^{(2)}\)

Considering the aforementioned view as a strange one, Al-Hāfīth [Ibn Hajar] said: ‘Ash-Shāfi‘ī has two famous opinions’.

The following paragraph quoted from “Al-‘Umm” states them: ‘I believe that whoever attends the *Khutbah* should listen to it carefully and speak not, from the moment the *Imām* starts speaking till the second *Khutbah* is finished. One is; however, permitted to speak while the *Imām* is standing on the pulpit and the *Mu’āththinūn* are calling the ‘Athān or after finishing it but before the *Imām* starts delivering his *Khutbah*. When the *Imām* starts, no one should speak till he finishes the second *Khutbah*. One is

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\(^{(1)}\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 415) and “Al-Ta’līq Al-Mumajjad” (vol. 1 / p. 139) by Al-Laknawī.

\(^{(2)}\) The previous reference.
permitted to speak during the period that separates between the second *Khutbah* and when reciting *Takbir* for *Salāt*. It is, however, of good manners not to speak till the two *Khutbahs* and *Salāt* are totally finished.

If one speaks while the *Khutbah* is being delivered - which is something strongly detested-, one’s *Salāt* is still valid and does not have to repeat it.

I believe that the aforementioned person will surely incur a sin upon himself - as mentioned in the *Ahādīth* stated earlier- and this is the soundest of the ‘*Ulamah*’s opinions which was held by Mālik, Al-Awzā‘ī, Abū Yūsuf, Muhammad and Ahmad.

[7/58] **Keeping quiet means not to talk to other people totally.**

Al-Laknawī reported Ibn Khuzaimah’s opinion which states: ‘The interpretation of keeping quiet is not to talk to others totally - to the exclusion of reciting *Athkār* ... . His view was, however, refuted because it entails that one could recite *Qur’ān* and *Athkār* while the *Khutbah* is being delivered. The order [in the *hadīth*] apparently means to keep totally quiet.’

Some scholars held it permissible to return *Salām* and bless the one who sneezes while the *Khutbah* is being delivered, but the apparent order of the *hadīth* prohibits this.

The Shafi‘ī scholars held three different views which An-Nawawī mentioned in his “*Majmū‘*” (vol. 4 / p. 524) then said: ‘The soundest opinion [which goes in line with the evidences] is the one that states the prohibition of returning *Salām* and asking

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(1) “Al-‘Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 233).
(2) “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 4 / p. 140).
(3) “Al-Ta‘līq Al-Mumajjad” (vol. 1 / p. 139).
blessing for the one who sneezes [while the Khutbah is being delivered]’.

Since asking one’s mate to keep quiet is considered as Laghw, although it is originally of enjoining that which is good [Amrun Bil Ma’rūf] and forbidding that which is evil [Nahyun ‘An Al-Munkar], which is a great principle [in Islām], but doing that which has more importance [in this situation] -that is listening to the Khutbah- is preferred to doing that which is less important -i.e. enjoining what is good-. Accordingly, any act of enjoining that which is good and forbidding that which is evil such as: sending blessings on the one who sneezes, returning Salām, repeating after the Khatīb while reciting Athkār, sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) and other such acts share the same ruling. And the more worth it, every speech that lies out side the circle of enjoining that which is good.

The aforementioned Aws’s hadīth -which states: ‘... then comes close to the Imām, listens and speaks not’- indicates that one should listen deeply and carefully to the Khutbah; that is, one should be all ears: following and understanding the Khatīb’s words.

Accordingly, it is a mistake to:

[8/58] sleep while the Imām is delivering his speech.

Ibn ‘Awn related that Ibn Sīrīn said that the Sahābah strongly detested sleeping while the Imām is delivering his speech and condemned it severely.

Ibn ‘Awn then continued that Ibn Sīrīn met him afterwards and said: ‘Do you know what the Sahābah say about that? They say that their like [i.e. the people who sleep while the Imām is delivering the Khutbah] is the like of a detachment that failed in its mission’. Then he said: ‘Do you know what this means? It means that they have gained nothing’” .(1)

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(1) “Tafsīr Al-Qurtubī” (vol. 18 / p. 117).
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The praying person is greatly recommended to change his place in the mosque when he feels sleepy.

Ibn ‘Umar related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever feels sleepy while being in the mosque on Friday should move from his place to another one’. (1)

The rationale of changing one’s place is that movement does away with sleepiness or that there is a shaitan sharing one his praying place!! (2)

It is not to be raised that this movement while the Khutbah is being delivered is detested for it prevents one from listening to the Khatīb. This movement is not, however, prohibited according to the aforementioned Ahādīth. Besides, it helps the praying person get rid of sleepiness and keeps him awake to listen to the Khutbah carefully.

[9/58] The prohibition of turning one’s back to the Imām and the Qiblah:

Regarding the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner and his Sahābah while delivering the Khutbah, Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘He (ﷺ) used to deliver his Khutbah while standing and facing the Sahābah and they facing him’. (3)

Some praying muslims recline on a wall or a pole in the mosque turning their backs to the Qiblah and the Khatīb, how strange!! The Khatīb is the only one permitted to turn his back to the Qiblah to be able to face the people to have a great influence on

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(2) “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 4 / pp. 145-6).
(3) “Zād al-Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / p. 430).

See also: “Tafsīr Al-Qurtubi” (vol. 18 / p. 117) and “Sahīh Al-Bukhārī” in “Kitāb Al-Jumu’ah”, chapter: “The Imām faces people while delivering his Khutbah and they face him” (vol. 2 / p. 402).
them while preaching them. The aforementioned type of people ignore such a great rationale; they even do not pay their attention to the Imam nor get close to him. Indeed, there is no might nor power but with Allāh (ﷻ), the Almighty, the Great.

Regarding this point, Ibn Hajar said: ‘Facing people entails that the Imam turns his back to the Qiblah which is permitted [for him only] to be able to face them and this helps them listen to him carefully and facing him is also a sign of respecting his speech. Facing the Imam also helps one be totally given to the Khutbah and understand it’. (1)

At-Tirmithī said: ‘This was the Sahābah’s (ﷺ) manner and other scholars; they all considered facing the Imam as a strongly recommended act’. (2)

This opinion was also held by the four Imāms, Sufyān Ath-Thawrī, Al-‘Awzā‘ī and Ishāq.

Al-‘Athram said: ‘I asked Abi Abdullāh Ahmad Ibn Hanbal about diverting oneself from the Qiblah in order to face the Imam’. He said: ‘Yes, you should face him’. (3)

Regarding this point, As-San‘ānī said: ‘This ruling is a firmly established one just like the other rulings about which the Ulamah agreed unanimously. Abut Tayyib, one of the Shāfi‘ī scholars, firmly affirmed its obligation’. (4)

[10/58] The prohibition of messing with the pebbles, the rosary or the like while the Khutbah is being delivered.

The prophet (ﷺ) described the words “be quiet” which a muslim says to his brother muslim -while the Khutbah is being

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(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 402).
(2) “Al-Jāmi’” by Al-Tirmithī (vol. 1 / p. 363) and Sharhus Sunnah” (vol. 4 / p. 260).
(3) “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 2 / p. 186).
(4) “Subulus Salām” (vol. 2 / p. 82); the dicussion of hadith no. (28) in “The Jumu‘ah” chapter.
delivered- as *Laghw* which lexically means: idle and useless speech.

He (ﷺ) also used the same word to describe useless movement, as stated in the following hadīth. He (ﷺ) said: ‘**Whoever messes with pebbles has indeed committed Laghw**’ (1) for such an act diverts one’s attention from being fully given to the Khutbah, and so is the case with messing with the rosary, keys ... etc.

**[11/58] Tresspassing people’s rows:**

The aforementioned Salmān’s hadīth sets several preconditions for gaining the great reward of *Jumu’ah Salāt*, i.e. forgiveness of sins committed between the present and the following *Jumu’ah*.

Some of these preconditions are: ‘... **then one attends the mosque early and separates not between any two muslims**’ (2)

Abū Sa‘īd’s narration states other two preconditions: ‘... **then commits no Laghw nor any act of ignorance till the Imām finishes the Salāt**’. (3) Ibn Khuzaimah used this precondition as a title for one of the chapters in his “*Sahīh*”.

Acts of ignorance are of many types, the following are some of which:

**First:** separating between any two muslims by sitting between them or in the place of one of them.

**Second:** tresspassing other muslims by raising one’s foot to the level of their shoulders or even heads and some times his legs cling with their clothes accordingly.

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(1) Narrated by: Muslim in his “*Sahīh*” (vol. 2 / p. 588), Abū Dāwūd in his “*Sunnan*” (no. 1050), At-Trimithī in “*Al-Jāmi‘*” (no. 498), Ibn Mājah in his “*Sunnan*” (no. 1025) and (1090), Ahmad in his “*Musnad*” (vol. 2 / p. 424) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 1818).

(2) The narrations of this hadīth were previously mentioned.

(3) Narrated by: Ibn Khuzaimah in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 1817) and Ahmad in “*Al-Musnad*” (vol. 3 / p. 39). The hadīth is authentic.
Third: hurting others by insulting, back biting or mocking them.

Fourth: fighting with others even while walking to the mosque.

One must not sit in another muslim’s place if one could not find enough place for himself; he should instead look for any empty spot available.

Jābir Ibn Abdillāh (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘No one should force his brother to move away from his place on Friday and sits in it; instead, one should [kindly] ask his brothers to make space for him’. (1)

An-Nawawī said: ‘The order in the hadīth shows prohibition. Accordingly, whoever comes to the mosque or any other place earlier and sits in a place on Friday or any other day, for the purpose of doing Salāt or any other purpose, has more right in it. It is forbidden on any other muslim to force him move away from it - as the hadīth states’. (2)

One is strongly recommended not to trespass other muslims when coming late to the mosque -as Abdullāh’s Ibn Busr hadīth states. It runs as follows: Once a man attended the mosque to perform the Jumu‘ah Salāt with the prophet (ﷺ). He walked through the mosque trespassing other muslims while the prophet (ﷺ) is delivering his speech. Seeing this, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Sit! you have indeed hurt others and have been late’. (3)

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(1) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 14 / p. 161), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 6 / p. 70), Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1820) and Ash-Shāfi‘ī in “Al-Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 235).
(2) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 14 / p. 160) and “Al-Umm” (vol. 1 / pp. 234-5).
(3) Narrated by: An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 1 / p. 207), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1118), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / pp. 188-90), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / pp. 278-88), Ibn Hibbān in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 199), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 231) and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1811). The hadīth is authentic.
See also: “Sahīh Al-Jāmī” As-Saghir (no. 155).
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The aforementioned hadīth clearly states the prohibition of trespassing other people. The apparent specification of this prohibition indicates that it is only prohibited on Fridays. However, this specification only presents what usually happens on such a day when the number of praying Muslims is great.

Accordingly; the ruling applies to all Salāt and this is the apparent meaning of the hadīth’s words that state the reason of this prohibition, namely causing harm to others. Thus, the same ruling applies to knowledge gatherings and the like.

Having stated the aforementioned ruling, Ibn Hajar excluded trespassing others to fill gaps existing in the first rows [when doing Salāt]; one’s trespassing is forgiven in such a case for it takes place because of other people’s negligence to do what they are told to do [i.e. getting close to each other when standing in the rows].

Tresspassing other people on Friday causes one’s reward to loss -as mentioned in Ibn ‘Amru’s hadīth; the Prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever commits Laghw or trespasses other people, his Jumu‘ah Salāt will turn into Thuhr Salāt.’

Ibn Wahb -one of the hadīth narrators- interpreted the hadīth that one’s Salāt is valid but one’s Jumu’ah reward is lost.

[12/58] Doing Ihtibā’ while the Khatīb is delivering Khutbah:

Ahmad, Abū Dawūd, At-Tirmīthī and Al-Hākim narrated from Mu‘āth that the Prophet (ﷺ) forbade that one does Ihtibā’ while the Khatīb is delivering the Khutbah. Ihtibā’ means: putting one’s legs so close to one’s belly and wrap them all with one garment with the back - it also applies to arms. This sit causes one’s private parts to be displayed and causes one to sleep. Be ware, dear Muslim, of doing such an act in order to retain the rewards given to you.

(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / pp. 292-3). See also “Al-’Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 228).
(2) Narrated by: Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1810) and Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 347). The hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic.
(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 414).
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[59] Pre-Jumu‘ah Sunnah Salāt :

The prophet (ﷺ) used to attend the mosque on Friday, ascend the pulpit, and after the Mu’aththin calls the ’Athān he (ﷺ) would start delivering his Khutbah.(1)

Had there been a pre-Jumu‘ah Sunnah Salāt, the prophet (ﷺ) would have ordered his Sahābah to do it immediately after the ’Athān is called, and the prophet (ﷺ) would have done it himself. At his (ﷺ) time, only the ’Athān used to be called prior to the Khutbah.

As-Shāfi‘ī said: ‘The Sunnah is that one Mu’aththin calls the ’Athān when he [the Imām] is on the pulpit; not a group of Mu’aththinūn’. Then he reported that As-Sā’ib Ibn Yazīd said that there was only one ’Athān at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time, and the prophet (ﷺ) would have done it himself. During Uthmān’s (ﷺ) era, and because of the great number of muslims, he (ﷺ) ordered that a second ’Athān to be called. This has been practiced since then’.

Then he commented on this saying: ‘ ‘Atā’ denied that it was Uthmān (ﷺ) to be the first one who ordered the second ’Athān to be called, it was Mu‘āwiyah. Whatever the truth, the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah is preferred to anything else’, (2)

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(2) “Al-’Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 224).

‘Atā’s denial has no basis since many narrations affirm that Uthmān was the one who ordered it to be done. And this is affirmed in “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 395). Besides, As-Sā’ib’s narration is related by Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 393) (no. 912) and others. Ibn Abdil Barr affirmed this even more strongly in his “Tahmīd” (vol. 10 / p. 247); he said: ‘There is no disagreement amongst scholars -as far as I know- that it was Uthmān who ordered a second ’Athān to be called on Friday’.
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It is worth mentioning here that this second ’Athān used to be called on the top of a house called Az-Zawrā’ located in the center of the market.

Narrations related from As-Sā’il state the causes that induced ‘Uthmān to take such a step. Some of which are:

1- “... During ‘Uthmān’s () caliphate, the number of muslims increased a lot and their houses extended too far from the center of the city’. (1)

2- “... so that people could know the Jumu’ah Salāt is due’. (2)

3- Al-Qurtubī reported that Al-Mawardī said -regarding the second ’Athān:- ‘ ‘Uthmān () ordered that it be called to give people a chance to prepare themselves and attend the mosque. This was at a time when the number of people in Madīnah increased and their houses extended far away’. (3)

The reasons mentioned earlier do not exist at the present; there is no such a city -like the Enlighted Madīnah- (4) with great number of people whose houses are far away from the central mosque in which all people gather and many of whom can not hear the Mu’āththin when he calls the ’Athān at the entrance of the mosque.


(2) Narrated by: At-Tabarānī.

(3) “Al-Jāmi’ Li ’Akhāmil Qur’ān” (vol. 18 / p. 100).

(4) The expression “Al-Madīnah Nabawiyah” [The Prophet’s () Madīnah] is commonly used by the biographers of the prophet’s () Sīrah and by many Sunnah interpreters; the “Madīnah Munawwarah” [the Enlightened Madīnah] used by some later compilers and authors.

As for the History book of Ibn Shabba h; it was titled by its publisher as “Tārikh Al-Madīnāl Munawwarah” not by its real author -as could be easily discovered through tracing the book back to its author.

Al-Madīnah was indeed enlightened by the prophet’s () presence in it -whether alive or dead-, by the Sahābah’s presence, and by the Qur’ān revelation in it.

The description “enlightened” is originally traced back to the Hassān’s Ibn Thabit eulogy of the prophet () which one of its lines states:

In Taybah there is the prophet’s way ⊃ Lighthening though ways could vanish

See: “Juz’un Fī Ziyāratīn Nisā’ Lilqubūr” by Shikh Bakr Abū Zaid (p. 5).
Nowadays; however, people could easily hear the ‘Athān recited through loud speakers wherever they are and hence the non existence of the need for the second ‘Athān which ‘Uthmān () ordered to be called.

Accordingly, calling a second ‘Athān is impermissible for adding a new act in Sahri‘ah with no need is impermissible. And this very thing induced ‘Alī () to omit this second ‘Athān and revert to the prophet’s () Sunnah -as Al-Qurtubi mentioned in his “Tafsīr”.(1)

To conclude, I believe that the Sunnah ‘Athān -i.e. one ‘Athān- is sufficient and should be called when the Imām ascends the pulpit and there is no need for a second ‘Athān. Following the Sunnah is much more better.(2)

According to the previous discussion and since the ‘Athān used to be called outside the mosque during ‘Uthmān’s () era and Hishām Ibn Abdil Malik was the first to order that it be called inside a minaret then inside the mosque after a period of time, then all the caliphs after him followed his foot steps till this day -as Ash-Shātibī and others (3) stated- it becomes clear to you that there is no pre Jumu‘ah Sunnah Salāt. Had the Sahābah () performed such a Salāt, it would have been transmitted to us.

It may be raised that the prophet () ordered the man -who entered the mosque while he () was delivering his speech- to perform the two Rak‘ah Salāt [before sitting].

The answer is that these tow Rak‘ahs are “Tahiyyatul Masjid” which the man had not performed and hence the prophet’s () order him to do them.(4)

(1) “Al-Jāmi‘ Li Ahkhāmil Qur‘ān” (vol. 18 / p. 100).
(2) “Al-Ajwhiban Nāfi‘ah” (pp. 10-11).
(3) See: “Al-I’tisāmi” (vol. 2 / pp. 146-7) and “Al-Ajwhiban Nāfi‘ah” (pp. 14-5).
(4) The narrators of this hadith will follow soon.
Several *ahādīth* were related in the “Sunnan” by Ibn Mājah\(^{(1)}\) traced back to Abū Hurairah and Jābir (ﷺ) to have said: ‘Sulaik Al-Ghatafānī once entered the mosque while the prophet (ﷺ) was delivering his *Khutbah*. The prophet (ﷺ) asked him: ‘Have you performed the two *Rak‘ahs* before you came?’ Sulaik answered in the negative. The prophet (ﷺ) then said: ‘Do them now and make them short’\(^{(2)}\).

Abū Shāmah said: ‘Some of our contemporary writers interpreted the words “before you came” to indicate that these two *Rak‘ahs* are the Pre-*Jumu‘ah* Sunnah Salāt not the ones of *Tahiyyatul Masjid*.\(^{(3)}\) They seemed to have understood that the words mean “before you came to the mosque”; that is: at home. But this is not true.

This *hadīth* is narrated in the two “*Sahīhs*”\(^{(4)}\) and other compilations\(^{(5)}\), and none of their narrations includes this phrase “before you came”.

The narration –stated in Al-Bukhārī’s “*Sahīh*” and traced back to Jābir- states: ‘A man attended the mosque while the prophet (ﷺ) was delivering his *Khutbah on Friday*. The prophet (ﷺ)

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\(^{(1)}\) Sunnan Ibn Mājah, the book of “Iqāmatus Salāt”, chapter: “The narrations about entering the mosque while the Imām is delivering his speech” (vol. 1 / pp. 353-4) (no. 1114).

\(^{(2)}\) This view was held by Abul Barakāt Ibn Taymiyyah as clearly stated in “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 434) but refuted by his grand son Abul ‘Abbās.

\(^{(3)}\) Some scholars attributed this narration to Imām Muslim only such as: Al-Munthirī in “Mukhtasar Sunnan Abī Dāwūd” (vol. 2 / p. 23), At-Tabrīzī in “Mishkātul Masābīli” (vol. 1 / p. 442), Al-Majd Ibn Taymiyyah in “Muntaqal Akhbār” (vol. 3 / p. 314), Ibn Hajar in “Al-Fath” (vol. 2 / p. 407) and in his “At-Talkhīs” (vol. 2 / p. 61) and As-Suyūṭī in “Al-Jāmī‘ As-Saghīr: (vol. 1 / p. 85). That which Abū Shāmah stated is the truth, both Al-Bukhārī and Muslim narrated the hadīth. The former narrated it in “Kitāb Al-Tahajjud” of his “Sahīh”, chapter: “Narrations regarding Nafilah Salāt in twos” (vol. 3 / p. 49) (no. 1166) - with Fathul Bārī, and the later narrated it in “Kitābul Jumu‘ah” of his “Sahīh”, chapter: “Performing Tahiyyatul Masjid while the Imām is delivering the Khutbah” (vol. 2 / pp. 596-7) (no. 57) and (59).

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asked him: ‘Have you performed the Salāt?’ The man answered in the negative.

The prophet (ﷺ) then asked him to stand up and perform the Salāt. (1)

The narration reported in Sahīh Muslim and traced back to Jābir runs as follows:

‘Sulaik Al-Ghatafānī once entered the mosque on Friday, and the prophet (ﷺ) was on the pulpit. Sulaik sat down without doing any Salāt. The prophet (ﷺ) then addressed him saying: ‘O Sulaik! Stand up and perform two Rak‘ahs and make them short’. (2)

Accordingly, the prophet’s (ﷺ) order “stand up” indicates that he (ﷺ) may have not noticed the man but until he sat down, and then ordered him to do the two Rak‘ahs. Or that he (ﷺ) may have guessed that the man performed the two Rak‘ahs immediately after attending the mosque and before coming close to the prophet (ﷺ) to listen to the Khutbah. Accordingly, he (ﷺ) asked him about them to make sure he had done them to which the man answered in the negative.

So, the prophet’s (ﷺ) words -in Ibn Mājah’s narration- “before you came” may mean “before you came close to me and listen to the Khutbah” for doing Salāt before entering the mosque is originally prohibited, so how could the prophet (ﷺ) ask the man about it!!

(1) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” in “Kitābul Jumu‘ah”, chapter: “When one enters the mosque while the Imām is delivering the speech; one should stand and perform two short Rak‘ahs” (vol. 2 / p. 412) (no. 931) and “Kitābul At-Tahajjud”, chapter: “Narrations regarding Nāfilah Salāt in twos” (vol. 3 / p. 49) (no. 1166).

(2) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” in “Kitābul Jumu‘ah”, chapter: “Doing Tahiyyatul Masjid while the Imām is delivering his speech” (vol. 2 / p. 597) (no. 59) traced back to Jābir, Abū Dāwūd in his “Sunna” (no. 1115), (1116) and (1117), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi‘” (no. 510), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (pp. 101, 306), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnah” (no. 1112) and (1113), Al-Baghawī in “Sharhus Sunnah” (no. 1084) and (1085) traced back to Jābir and Abī Sa‘īd (ﷺ).
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When the *Jumu'ah Salāt* time is due, one should immediately head to the mosque and should not busy himself with any kind of *Nāfīlah Salāt*. Were the pre-*Jumu'ah Sunnah Salāt* been legal, it should not be done before time is due’.(1)

Abū Shāmah’s point of view is true; the following points support it:

**The first:** Al-Hāfīth Al-Mizzī stated that the ascribe who copied Ibn Mājah’s *Sunnan* wrote the word *Taji’* [come] instead of *Tajlis* [sit]. Many Shaikhs read Ibn Mājah’s *Sunnan* but none verified its wordings unlike the two *Sahīhs* of Bukhārī and Muslim; many *hadīth* reporters took great care in verifying their wordings and their diacritical marks, that is why they are free from mistakes unlike Ibn Mājah’s “*Sunnan*”.(2)

**The second:** Those scholars who paid much attention to the *Sunnan* practiced before and after *Jumu'ah Salāt* have never mentioned the *hadīth* under discussion as an evidence on the pre-*Jumu'ah Sunnah Salāt*; they instead stated that it recommends doing *Tahiyyatul Masjid* even if the *Imām* is on the pulpit. Had this *hadīth* been about a pre *Jumu'ah Sunnah Salāt*, they should have mentioned it in the interpretation of the *hadīth* and it would have been well-known and commonly practiced amongst muslims and been of the strongly affirmed *Sunnan* and well-known more than *Tahiyyatul Masjid*.(3)

**The third:** The prophet (ﷺ) never ordered any *Sahābī* to do the two *Rak‘ahs* but the one who entered the mosque as a way of greeting it [i.e. *Tahiyyatul Masjid*].

Were the two *Rak‘ahs* the pre-*Jumu'ah Sunnah Salāt*, he (ﷺ) would have ordered all the other present *Sahābah* to perform them.(4)

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(1) “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inkārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 95).
(2) “Zād al-Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / p. 435).
(3) “Zād al-Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / p. 435) and “Sifrus Sa‘ādah” (p. 48).
(4) The previous reference. See also: “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inkārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 95).
If it were raised that the prophet (ﷺ) may have performed the pre-İjmi‘ah Sunnah Salāt at home after the sun had declined and before going out to the mosque, the answer would be that had this really happened, his wives would have related this as they have related all the other Salawāt he (ﷺ) used to do at night and day, his manner of doing Tahajjud and Qiyāmul Lail, and since they have not, this pre-İjmi‘ah Sunnah Salāt has no existence at all and hence its illegality.

As for the hadīth, traced back to Aishah (زينب رضي الله عنها), that states: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to perform two Rak‘ahs at home before doing İjmi‘ah Salāt’, it is a forged hadīth. Ishāq Al-Aswārī Al-Basrī, one of the hadīth’s narrators, is a liar who fabricates Ahādir (1) -as Ibn Man‘īn stated- and he is the only one to narrate such a hadīth.

If it were raised that İjmi‘ah Salāt should have a pre Sunnah Salāt just like Thuhr Salāt because the former is a shortened form of the later; this could be refuted through the following points:

**The first:** Qiyās [anology] should not be used as an evidence on the legality of practicing any Salāt.(2)

**The second:** The word “Sunnah” in general refers to whatever is affirmed to be said or done by the prophet (ﷺ) or his rightly guided caliphs. The pre-İjmi‘ah Sunnah Salāt is affirmed by neither of these two ways.(3)

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(1) “Al-Ajwiban Nāfi’ah” (p. 28).
(2) See: Al-Bā’ith” (p. 92), Bidāyatul Mujtahid” (vol. 1 / p. 172). “ ’Usūlul Fiqh Al-Islāmi” by: Badrān Abul Inān Badrān (p. 193) and my book: “Al-Jam'u Bainas Salātain Fil Hadar Bi’uthril Matar” (p. 55).
(3) All the narrations that affirm that the Sahābah (ﷺ) used to do Salāt before the Imam comes refer to the Nāfilah Salāt, as was previously mentioned in the chapter about: “going to the mosque late”. The following points support this view:

1- The Sahābah (ﷺ) used to perform different numbers of Rak‘ahs; for example Ibn Mas‘ūd used to do four Rak‘ahs, Ibn ‘Umar used to do twelve Rak‘ahs, and Ibn Abbās used to do eight - as Ibn Al-Munthir reported.

2- There was only one ’Athān to be called at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time which was at the moment he (ﷺ) used to ascend the pulpit, so there is no time to do this pre-İjmi‘ah Sunnah Salāt.

3- The Sahābah (ﷺ) used to perform as many Rak‘ahs as they wished to gain the reward which the prophet (ﷺ) stated in his hadīth -which is related by
Qīyās should not be used to affirm Sunna for whatever the prophet (ﷺ) has not done, abandoning it is in itself of following the Sunnah.

The third: The Jumu‘ah Salāt is an independent Salāt that has nothing to do with Thuhr Salāt. The former has: a certain number of Rak‘ahs, the Khutbah and preconditions though it is done at the same time in which the later is done.

According to these numerous differences between them; the Jumu‘ah Salāt can not be considered similar to Thur Salāt.(1)

The fourth: Al-Bukhārī narrated in his “Sahīh” a hadith traced back to Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) to have said: ‘I have done [Nāfilah Salāt] with the prophet (ﷺ): two Rak‘ahs before Thuhr Salāt, Two Rak‘ahs after it, two Rak‘ahs after Maghrib Salāt, two Rak‘ahs after Ishā’ Salāt and two Rak‘ahs after Jumu‘ah Salāt’.(2)

This hadith indicates that the Sahābah (ﷺ) considered Thuhr and Jumu‘ah Salāt as two independent Salāt. Besides, he [i.e. Ibn ‘Umar] never made mention of a pre-Sunnah Salāt for the Jumu‘ah Salāt; he only made mention of a post-Sunnah Salāt the thing which affirms the legality of the latter only.(3)

The fifth: If the Jumu‘ah Salāt were to be considered a shortened form of Thuhr Salāt, then no Nāfilah Salāt should be

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(1) “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 432).
(2) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in “Kitabul Tahajjud”, chapter: “Doing Nāfilah Salāt after the obligatory one” (vol. 3 / p. 50) (no. 1172).
(3) “Al-Bā‘ith ’Alā Akārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 94).
done before it for the prophet (ﷺ) never did Nāfilah Salāt before or after the shortened Thuhr Salāt; he (ﷺ) only did Nāfilah Salāt when doing the regular Salāt. In addition to that, doing a complete Salāt has more right than doing it shortened followed by its Nāfilah. Some Sahābah said: ‘If I were to do Nāfilah Salāt [for shortened Salawāt], I would do the complete Salāt first’.(1)

If it were raised that Al-Bukhārī himself titled one of his chapters with “Doing Nāfilah after the Jumu‘ah Salāt and before it”, then narrated that Abdullāh Ibn Yāsuf told him that Mālik told him from Nāfi‘ from Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) that ‘the prophet (ﷺ) used to do two Rak‘ahs before Thuhr Salāt and two Rak‘ahs after it, two Rak‘ahs after Maghrib Salāt, two Rak‘ahs after the ‘Ishā’ and two Rak‘ahs after the Jumu‘ah Salāt after he goes home’. (2)

The answer is that the way Al-Bukhārī formed his titles indicates that he is raising an enquiry as to whether the prophet (ﷺ) had done any Nāfilah Salāt before or after the Jumu‘ah Salāt. Then he mentioned the hadīth to affirm that he (ﷺ) never did any Nāfilah before the Jumu‘ah Salāt but two Rak‘ahs after it.

This was indeed Al-Bukhārī’s way of forming titles for his Sahīh’s chapters; another example: he titled one of the chapters in “Kitāb Al-Eid” with: “Doing Nāfilah before the Eid Salāt and after it”. (3) Then he mentioned only one hadīth that affirms the illegality of doing Nāfilah Salāt before or after the Eid Salāt. (4)

‘Accordingly, most of the Imāms agreed that no Nāfilah Salāt is to be done before the Jumu‘ah at a certain time with a certain number or Rak‘ahs for this was not affirmed to be done or ordered to be done by the prophet (ﷺ).

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(1) “Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 1 / p. 136).
(3) See: “Sahih Al-Bukhārī” (vol. 2 / p. 476).
(4) “Al-Bā‘ith ‘Alā Inkāril Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 94).
This is ʿImām Mālik’s, As-Shāfiʿī’s and most of his followers’ Mathḥab [i.e. opinion] and it is also the well-known view of ʿImām Ahmad’s Mathḥab’.(1)

Al-Īraqī said: ‘There is nothing that indicates the three ʿImāms’ recommendation of doing a pre Sunnah Salāt before it’.

Commenting on Al-Īraqī statement, Al-Albānī said: ‘That is why nothing that affirms the legality of this claimed Sunnah was reported in Ash-Shāfiʿī’s “ʿumm”, in ʿImām Ahmad’s “Masāʾil” nor in the compilations of any other great ʿImām -as far as I know.

Accordingly, I strongly believe that those who practice this Salāt have neither followed the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah nor the great ʿImāms’ Mathḥab but followed instead those who imitate other imitators with no knowledge. How strange! How could an imitator imitate another imitator!!’ (2)

According to the previous discussion, you could realize the mistake of those who do the two or four Rakʿahs Salāt -between the two ʿAthāns believing it to be of Sunnah just like the one prior to Thuhr Salāt!! The aforementioned evidences affirm that there is no pre-Jumuʿah Sunnah Salāt. Indeed nothing beyond the truth but falsehood. We ask Allāh (ﷻ) to guide us all to know our religion, act in accordance with it sincerely for His sake and follow the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. Amen.

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(1) “Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 1 / p. 136) and “Majmuʿat Ar-Rasāʾil Al-Kubrā” (vol. 2 / pp. 167-8), Shaikh Saʿd Al-Miz’il picked out all of Shaikh Ibn Taymiyyah’s discussion regarding the point under discussion and compiled it in a book titled “Sunnat Al-Jumuʿah”, it is indeed invaluable.

(2) “Al-Ajwībn Nāfiʿah” (p. 32).

Some claim that the prophet’s (ﷺ) authentic hadīth: ‘Every compulsory Salāt is preceded by two Rakʿahs’ states the legality of doing two Rakʿahs before Jumuʿah Salāt. This inference is a sheer falsehood for it was affirmed earlier that there was only the first ʿAthān and the ʿIqāmah. This made Al-Buseirī say -after mentioning the hadīth- ‘This is something impossible for there is the Khutbah between the first ʿAthān and the ʿIqāmah; no chance for doing Nāfīlah between them’.

See: “Silsilat Al-Ahāḍith AS-Sahihah” (vol. 1 / p. 412).
Mistakes regarding performing Tahiyyatul Masjid on Friday:

Upon entering the mosque on Friday, some people commit several mistakes one of which is sitting without performing Tahiyyatul Masjid especially those who attend the mosque late while the Imam is delivering the Khutbah.

It was previously mentioned that once a man entered the mosque [while the prophet (ﷺ) was delivering his Khutbah] and then the man sat down without performing Tahiyyatul Masjid. Seeing this, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Whoever enters the mosque while the Imam is delivering the Khutbah on Friday should perform two short Rak‘ahs’. (1)

The hadith indicates that listening to the Imam’s Khutbah should not hinder one from doing Tahiyyatul Masjid. Those who believe in the opposite think that the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadith related by Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) to be their evidence. The hadith states: ‘When the Khaṭīb ascends the pulpit, no Salāt is to be done, nor speech to take place’!!

This hadith is, however, a fabricated one. It was narrated by At-Tabarānī in “Al-Kabīr”, and there is Ayyūb Ibn Nahik in its chain of narrators. (2)

Besides having a weak chain of narrators, this hadith contradicts the purport of the previously mentioned one which

(1) The narrators of this hadith were previously mentioned.
(2) This is mentioned in “Majma’ Az-Zawā’id” (vol. 2 / p. 184); the book says: ‘In the hadith’s chain of narrators there is Ayyūb Ibn Nahik who is a weak narrator judged to be so by a group of hadith scholars’. In “As-Sunan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 193), Al-Baihaqī said: ‘Tracing this hadith back to the prophet (ﷺ) is a grievous mistake’. Az-Zayla’ī agreed with Al-Baihaqī in the former’s “Nasbur Rāyah” (vol. 2 / p. 201). Abū Hātim also stated the same view about Abū Zur‘ah does not narrate any hadith. Abu Zur‘ah stated that Ibn Nahik’s narrations were never recited to him [by his Sahikhs].

See also: “Al-Jarh Wat Ta‘dīl” (vol. 1 / 1 / 259), “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 409) and “Silsilat Al-Ahādhīth Ad-Da’ifah Wal Mawdū‘ah” (no. 87).
bears a clear order of doing the two Rak‘ahs even if the Imām is on
the pulpit.

[2/60] Accordingly, it is of sheer ignorance that some Khutabah prohibit those who attend the mosque while the
former are delivering their Khutbahs from doing these two Rak‘ahs and hence contradicting the prophet’s (ﷺ) order. I am
afraid that such Khutabah fall under Allāh’s (ﷻ) threat which
states:

أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَيْ عِبَادَيْ إِنَّمَا صَلِّ

‘Have you (O Muhammad) seen him (i.e. Abū Jahl and the
like) who prevents, a slave (Muhammad) when he prays?’ (1)

And He (ﷻ) said:

لاَ تَجَلَّوْا دِعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بِنَكُمَّ كِتَابًا بَعْضَكُمْ بَعْضًا ۖ فَقَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنَكُمْ

لَوَأَذَا فَلِيُحْذِرُ الْمُكَالِمِينَ عَنْ أَمَرِهِ أَنْ تَسْتَبِيْنَ فَتَتَّةَ أَوْ يَسْتَبِيْنَ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمًا

‘And let those who oppose the Messenger’s commandment
(i.e. his Sunnah), be ware lest some Fitnah (disbelief, weakness
of faith, Bid‘ah, hypocrisy, ... etc.) before them or a painful
torment be inflicted on them’. (2)

Accordingly, An-Nawawī said: ‘This is a crystal clear text to
which diverted interpretations have no access. None of the ‘Ulamah
who know this hadīth and believe in its authenticity rejects it’. (3)

The phrase “while the Imām is delivering his speech” -in the
previously mentioned hadīth- indicates that talking while the Imām
is not delivering his speech is not prohibited.

Tha‘labah’s Ibn Abī Mālik narration supports this. He said:
‘They [i.e. the Sahābah] used to talk while ‘Umar Ibn Al-
Khattāb was sitting on the pulpit till the Mu‘aththin finishes his

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(1) “Sūrat Al-‘Alaq” (verses no. 9, 10).
(2) “Sūrat An-Nūr” (verse no. 63).
(3) “Sharāh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 6 / p. 164) and “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 411).
'Athān and then he (ﷺ) stands to deliver his two Khutbahs, at this moment no one speaks till he finishes them'.

‘This indicates that the Imam’s ascent on the pulpit does not prevent one from speaking or doing Tahiyyatul Masjid but his delivering the Khutbahs does regarding the former. So the hadith under discussion is false. May Allāh (ﷻ) guide us to the right path’.

Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar said: ‘Our reverend Shaikh Abul Fadl said in “Sharh Al-Tirmithī”: ‘All the Sahābah who prohibited that one does Salāt while the Imam is delivering his speech, their prohibition is addressed to those who are already present in the mosque [and want to do Nāfilah Salāt]. None of them prohibited doing Tahiyyatul Masjid. Besides, the order of doing it is clearly stated in an independent hadith that should not be abandoned for just a probable interpretation of other narrations’.

Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī said: ‘Whoever enters the mosque while the Imam is delivering his speech or while the ’Athān is being called should perform the two Rak‘ahs and should make them short in accordance with the prophet’s (ﷺ) order’.

(1) Narrated by: Mālik in his “Muwatta’” (vol. 1 / p. 126), Ash-Shāfi‘ī in “Al-’Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 175), At-Tahāwī (vol. 1 / p. 217) and Ibn Abī Hātim in “Al-’Ilal” (vol. 1 / p. 201).

In “Al-Majmū’” (vol. 4 / p. 220), An-Nawawī said: ‘Tha’labah’s narration is authentic; it was narrated by Ash-Shāfi‘ī in “Al-’Umm” through two authentic ways!! An-Nawawī means the way traced back to both Ibn Abī Fudaik and Mālik from Ibn Shihāb. This expression [i.e. two ways] is only used by An-Nawawī and which Al-’Asqalānī and others criticized for, for it means that there are two different chains of narrators and both are traced back to Tha’labah and this is not true. Both narrations are traced back to Ibn Shihāb alone.

From the same chain of narrators Yazīd Ibn Abdillāh narrated the same hadith, as Ibn Abī Shaibah mentioned in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 124). The chain of narration is authentic. See also: “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 339-40) and “At-Talkhīṣ Al-Habīr” (vol. 2 / p. 61).

(2) Adopted from “Silsilat Al-Ādīth Ad-Da‘ifah Wal Mawdū‘ah” (vol. 1 / pp. 123-4).
(3) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 411).
(4) “Al-’Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 227).
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He also said: ‘If there is no enough time to do these two Rak‘ahs because the Imām is at the end of his Khutbah and is about to engage in the Salāt, one does not have to do them.

In my opinion, the Imām in such a case should try to prolong his Khutbah and order him to perform the two Rak‘ahs. If the Imām did not do this -which is detested-, he incurs no sin upon himself.’. (1)

[3/60] Upon entering the mosque while the Imām is still delivering the first Khutbah, some people sit till he finishes it and sits then they perform Tahiyyatul Masjid. This act is indeed an act of ignorance that contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘Whoever attends the mosque on Friday while the Imām is delivering the speech should do two short Rak‘ahs’. (2)

[4/60] Some of those who attend the mosque while the Mu‘aththin is calling the ’Athān and the Khatīb is sitting on the pulpit, wait for the former to finish and the latter to start delivering the Khutbah then they start performing Tahiyyatul Masjid.

This is indeed a mistake for listening to the Khutbah is an obligation unlike listening to and repeating the ’Athān after the Mu‘aththin; which is a Sunnah. This is affirmed by Tha‘labah’s Ibn Mālik Al-Qurathī statement. He said: ‘During ‘Umar’s and ‘Uthmān’s caliphates, when the Imām ascend the pulpit no one would perform Salāt and when he starts his Khutbah no one would speak’. (3)

(1) “Al-‘Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 227).
(2) The narrators of this hadīth were mentioned earlier.
(3) Narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 124) through an authentic chain of narrators. This very hadīth was also narrated by Ibn Shihāb.
'The aforementioned 'Athar indicates that repeating the 'Athān after the Mu’aththin is not an obligation for it was proved that the Sahābah at ‘Umar’s time used to talk while the ‘Athān is being called and for which ‘Umar never criticized any one. I was often asked about this matter and delivered this very same ruling. Allāh (ﷻ) knows that which is right'.

[5/60] An-Nawawī reported that some well-versed scholars held that if one is unable to perform Tahiyyatul Masjid, one should wait standing till the Iqāmah is called for one should not perform optional Salāt while the Iqāmah is being called and at the same time must not sit before doing Tahiyyatul Masjid.

This view is indeed right in case one enters the mosque and finds that the Khatīb has already finished his speech and the Iqāmah is about to be called [or being called]. Allāh (ﷻ) knows what is right.

[61] Mistakes done by the Khutabā:

* Prelude:

[1/61] The Khatīb should be:

First: Knowledgeable with the proper Islamic doctrines that enable him to stick to the right path and lead other people to it.

Second: Knowledgeable with the preconditions and articles of Salāt and in Fiqh to be able to answer other muslims’ enquiries and lead them to the right path in accordance with the light of the Sharī‘ah and not delivering rulings haphazardly as many Khutabā do nowadays.

Third: Knowledgeable with the Arabic language, especially in composition to be able to talk to other people fluently in a way that enlightens their hearts and minds. He should also be alert to every thing and eloquent.

(1) Adopted from “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 340).
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 412).
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Fourth: Aware of people’s affairs, warning them against all kinds of Bid’ah, misdemeanors and violations.\(^1\)

Fifth: Righteous, pious, content and full of dignity. He should not be of those who commit misdemeanors publicly, nor of those who violate the Islamic rulings and should be of those who act in accordance with what he instructs others, so that people would look at him with eye of respect and his Khutbah may find access to people’s hearts and minds; and thus having deep influence.\(^2\)

Abul Aswad Ad-Du’li [a great Arab poet] said:

O! you who teaches others :: Yourself you should teach
To the sick you provide medicine :: To treat, yet you are the sick

Indeed, with guidance you heal our souls :: But this guidance you never reach

Yourself admonish first :: If admonished, you are the wit

Then, your words find access :: And benefits sprout from what you preach

Never warn against misdemeanor :: But yet you commit

Indeed, Shame on you :: And a great discredit

Friday Khutbah is of a great importance during which none should speak; otherwise one will cause his rewards to loss. That is why Allâh (ﷺ) ordered all Muslims to abandon their works and even forbade them from executing any transaction when its time is due!!

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\(^1\) One of the reverend scholars said: ‘The most eloquent of all Khutab [sing. Khutbah] are the ones which go in line with people’s affairs, time, and place. For instance, in Eid Al-Fitr, the Khatib should preferably talk about Sadaqatul Fitr. He should talk about the importance of muslims’ unity if disunity prevails amongst them. And he should urge them to seek knowledge if he senses that they slacken in seeking it and instruct them how to raise their children properly if he noticed that they are not doing so ... etc. The Khatib should pay much attention to people’s affairs, behaviour, traditions and ways of living. His Khutbah should be directed to rectifying their affairs that they may reverse to the right path.

\(^2\) See: “Ad-Dînul Khâlis” (vol. 4 / pp. 197, 209 and 212) and the introduction of “Khutab Mukhtârah” (pp. 15 and 22).
Accordingly; it must not be delivered by those whose speeches cause boredom to other Muslims for their subjects do not discuss people’s current affairs and problems; they are oft-repeated ones that should be dedicated to different societies and are prepared to solve different problems and hence unrelated and untrue issues. Indeed, we were ordered to tell the truth plainly even if it was against ourselves.

I do not claim that all mosques lack good Khutabā and that they have no room for good Khutab. Indeed, goodness will always be there in the Islamic ‘Ummah; however, I intended to highlight the defects lest they prevail and have dominance in our societies. \(^{(1)}\)

**[2/61]** Delivering Friday speech has become a traditional ritual and a job that could be changed into words written on a paper and delivered on the pulpit. It became just like any other traditional job—that any one could do such as sweeping the mosque!!

It has even become a profession through which sustenance is sought especially to those who seek it. They forgot that they are standing in the same position the prophet (ﷺ) and all his caliphs and their deputies stood in. This precious state has indeed been occupied by the most ignorant of people, least respected in their societies by the ordinary and—the more worth it—the well versed amongst them.

Such Khutabā are indeed considered a grievous trial; their sins are innumerable regarding their negative influence on the ‘Ummah! Verily, such things can never be counted!!

Such Khutabah are the main cause for poverty and weakness to their people regarding the latter’s mundane and religious affairs. They cause Muslims’ domination to destruction more than their enemies and the disbelievers do.

Their like is the like of the ignorant physician who kills his patient giving him the wrong medicine.

\(^{(1)}\) “Dabūb ‘Alā Manāriil Masjid” (p. 17).
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The following paragraphs discuss some of these Khutabā’s mistakes, indeed we seek help, guidance and goodness from Allāh ( القرآن ).

[3/61] Prolonging the Khutbah and shortening the Salāt:

Ammār Ibn Yāsir (  ) related that he heard the prophet (  ) say: ‘Doing long Salāt and delivering a short Khutbah is a sign of one’s Fiqh. So, prolong your Salāt and shorten the Khutbah. Indeed, some speech is like magic [in its influence on people]’.(1)

The aforementioned hadīth does not contradict the affirmed ones that urge muslims to shorten their Salāt, one of which is related by Jābir Ibn Samurah (  ) to have said: ‘I used to perform Salāt with the prophet (  ); his Salāt was moderate and so was his Khutbah’. (2)

The Khatīb’s Salāt should be longer than his speech but not too long that he causes hardship for other muslims. And the Khutbah should also be of moderate length.(3)

The good Khatīb, who is well-versed in the lexical meanings of the words and who is an eloquent and can deliver concise speeches, is indeed a Faqīh. That is why the prophet (  ) said: ‘Indeed, some speech is like magic’.(4)

The prophet (  ) used sometimes to read Sūrahs “Al-Jumu‘ah” and “Al-Munaﬁqūn”, and “Al-A‘lā” and “Al-Ghāshiyah” in others.

Ibn Abī Rāfī’ said that: ‘Marwān appointed Abū Hurairah as his deputy on Madīnah; the former then traveled to Makkah. Abū Hurairah led us in the Jumu‘ah Salāt, he recited Sūrahs

(1) Narrated by: Muslim in “Kitābul Jumu‘ah”, chapter: “Shortening the Salāt and Khutbah” (vol. 2 / p. 594) (no. 869), Abū Dāwūd in “The Sunnah” (no. 1106), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / p. 263) Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahīh” (no. 1782) and Abū Ya‘lā in his “Musnad” (no. 1618), (1621) and (1642).
(2) Narrated by: Muslim in Kitābul Jumu‘ah”, chapter: “Shortening the Salāt and the Khutbah” (vol. 2 / p. 591) (no. 866).
(3) “Sharh Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 6 / pp. 158-9).
(4) “Al-Maw‘ithal Hasanah” (pp. 30-1).
“Al-Jumu‘ah” in the first Rak‘ah and “Al-Munāfiqūn” in the second.

Having finished the Salāt, I told Abū Hurairah that he recited the two Sūrah{s} ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib used to recite while being in Al-Kūfah.

Abū Hurairah then said: ‘Verily, I heard the prophet (ﷺ) recite them on Friday’. \(^{(1)}\)

An-Nu‘mān Ibn Bashīr stated the same; he said that the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite “Al-A‘lā” and “Al-Ghāshiyah” Sūrah{s} in Jumu‘ah Salāt and the two Eids Salawāt. Even if these two occasions took place on the same day. \(^{(2)}\)

[4/61] The Khutabā’s verbal mistakes:

An Imām is not recommended to recite a part of one of the aforementioned Sūrah{s} or recite one of them in the two Rak‘ah{s}. This act contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah; only those ignorant Imams who practice such acts. \(^{(3)}\)

From the aforementioned discussion, one could easily recognize the mistake those ignorant Khutabā commit; namely: prolonging the Khutbah and shortening the Salāt. Regretfully, they do not discuss in it matters that suit this great position such as: enjoining that what is good, forbidding what is evil, warning against the trials of death and the vicissitudes of the Day of Resurrection. This great state should help people look with an ascetic eye towards this world and with awe towards the Hereafter through frequent admonition. It is indeed a forum through which Sunnah should be displayed for its followers and Bid‘ah should be fought. \(^{(4)}\)

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\(^{(3)}\) “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 381).
\(^{(4)}\) “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inkārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p.85).
Al-‘Izz Ibn Abdi Salām affirmed this point saying:

‘While delivering the Khutbah, the Khatīb should tackle those issues for which the Khutbah was originally enjoined; namely: praising [Allāh (ﷻ) and His Messenger], calling unto Allāh (ﷻ), exciting good in others’ souls and urging muslims to beware of Allāh (ﷻ), reminding them with Hell and Paradise, urging them to do obedience, warning them against all kinds of misdemeanors and urging them to recite the Qur’ān. Indeed, the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite Sūrah Qāf very often(1) in his Khutbah for it includes praising

(1) It is so strange how most of the Imāms insist on reciting Sūrah “As-Sajdah” in every Fajr Friday Salāt and none of them recite Sūrah “Qāf” [although this was the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah] as narrated in Muslim’s “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 595) (no. 873), Abū Dāwūd’s “Sunan” (vol. 1 / p. 288) (no. 1100 and 1102), An-Nasā’ī’s “Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 157) traced back to Umm Hishām Bint Hārithah to have said: ‘Indeed, I learned Sūrah “Qāf” directly from the prophet’s (ﷺ) mouth for he used to recite it every Friday in his Khutbah on the pulpit’.

It is also affirmed that he (ﷺ) used to read Sūrahs “As-Sajdah” and “Dd-Dahr” in the Fajr Friday Salāt as many Imāms stated. However, one must not recite them so often lest people think that this Salāt has more superiority over any other Salāt due to the Sajdah done in it; this is Ahmad’s view. See: “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 2 / p. 222 - with Ash-Sharhul Kubr”), “Al-Bā’ith” (p.51), “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 379) and “Sifrus Sa’ādah” (p. 41).

Al-Hāfīth affirmed that none of the hadiths’ narrations states that he (ﷺ) did sujūd when reciting Sūrah “As-Sajdah” except two ones; the first of which ‘includes unreliable narrators’ while the other’s chain of narrators is weak.

In “Al-Furūq” (vol. 2 / p. 191), Al-Qarrāfī said that: ‘It has become a prevalent belief amongst the Egyptian public that the Fajr Salāt consists of two Rak’ahs except the one done on Friday, it consists of three. They do so because their Imāms recite Sūrah “As-Sajdah” on Friday so often and do Sujud [when reciting verse no. 13]’. Then he continued: ‘That is why Imām Mālik condemned such an act [i.e. reciting this particular Sūrah in Friday Fajr Salāt often] severely for blocking ways of evil is of great importance in our religion’. See: “Idāhul Masalik Il Qawī’dil Imāmi Mālik” (pp. 221-2) and “Mālā Yajūzu Fihil Khilāfī Bainal Muslimān” (pp. 97-8).

Many people nowadays believe that a Sūrah which consists of a Sajdah must be recited on Friday, they read two verses preceeding the Sajdah verse, do Sujud then stand up and read two other verses then do Rukū’. When performing the second Rak’ah, they recite two verses from Sūrah “Al-Insān” then do Rukū’. They do so due to their [false] belief that it is an obligation that one practices the Tilawah Sajdah in Fajr Friday Salāt!! This, indeed, induced the ‘Ulamah to urge Imāms not to recite the two aforementioned Sūrahs on Friday so often, and if they do, they should do Sajdah Tilawah sometimes and leave it in others.
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Allāh (ﷻ), remembering Him (ﷻ) and His deep and vast knowledge of what every one’s soul insinuates for him/her, the recording of one’s good and bad deeds by the angels, making mention of death and its throes, the Qiyāmah and its frightening state and one’s deeds are held witness on him/her, making mention of Hell and Paradise, of resurrection after death and urging people to observe their Salawāt on their due times. Whatever is said out of the circle of the aforementioned subjects is Bid’ah.

Making mention of kings, princes, rulers ... etc. is also prohibited in the Khutbah(1) for this position has been originally dedicated for making mention of Allāh (ﷻ) and His Messenger (﷼); Allāh (﷽) said:

‘And the mosques are for Allāh ( Alone) so invoke not any one along with Allāh’. (2)

Once a new incident takes place in a muslim community, the Khatīb is permitted to discuss it in the Khutbah in accordance with the Shar’ rulings, such as encouraging people for Jihād and preparing for it if an enemy is about to attack, calling Allāh (﷽) for His relief when a drought strikes muslims.

The Khatīb should also avoid using strange or foreign terms of which people have no knowledge nor could understand for doing so will not avail them in aught and this is of the most detested Bida’, Allāh (﷽) knows what is best’. (3)

Describing the prophet’s (﷼) manner regarding the Friday Khutbah, Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘While delivering the Khutbah, he (﷼) used to teach his Sahābah the principles of Islām and its

(1) In his “Tafsīr” (vol. 18 / p. 107), Al-Qurtūbī reported that Az-Zamakhsharī said: ‘If it were raised that the Khutbah is originally enjoined for remembering Allāh (﷽) how could other matters be discussed in it. The answer is that making mention of Allāh (﷽), His Messenger (﷼), praising him and his rightly guided caliphs and the righteous believers, and admonishing others are all part of remembering Allāh (﷽), unlike mentioning the tyrants, praising them and calling Allāh (﷽) for them; this is all of Shaitān’.

(2) Sūrat “Al-Jinn” (verse no. 18).

(3) “The Fatāwāl” by Al-‘Izz Ibn Abdis Salām (pp.77-8).
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rulings, enjoin [on] them [what is good] and forbid them [from that which is evil] whenever the need arises’. (1)

To conclude, the good exhortation exemplified in reciting Qur’an or other Shari’ah texts in a way easy to be understood, free from affected rhetoric and mysterious symbols, is the soul of the Khutbah.

Following the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner in delivering the Khutbah is an obligation [on every Khatib] for it is an explanation for the general ‘Ayah in Sūrah Al-Jumu’ah and his hadīth which states: ‘Perform Salāt as you have seen me performing it’. This view was held by Ash-Shāfi’ī.

Some scholars, such as Al-Maghribī in his “Al-Badrut Tamām” and many others, held that the prophet’s (ﷺ) repeated practice is in itself a proof on the discussed obligation and it is an apparent indication of the evidences [discussed earlier]. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best. (2)

Jābir Ibn Samurah described the prophet’s (ﷺ) Khutbah briefly saying: ‘He (ﷺ) used to deliver two Khutbas having a rest in between, reciting the Qur’ān and admonishing people’. (3)

Other verbal mistakes:

* Reciting Du’ā’ after ascending the pulpit facing the Qiblah before facing people and greeting them, (4) and also while standing at the bottom of the pulpit.

Regarding this mistake, Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah stated that reciting du’ā’ [in this state] has no basis in religion. (5) And An-Nawawī stated that such a practice was invented by the ignorants;

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(1) “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 427).
(2) See: “Al-Maw’ithal Hasanah” (p.31) and “Al-Ajwiban Nāfi’ah” (pp. 56-7).
(3) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” in “Kitābul Jumu’ah”, chapter: “The two Khutbahs and the sitting rest between them”, (vol. 2 / p. 589) (no. 862).
(5) “Al-Ikhtiyārātul ‘Ilmiyyah” (p. 48).
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these Imāms call Allāh (ﷻ) after they ascend the pulpit and before sitting on it.(1)

* Abandoning Salām when facing the muslims.(2)

* Abandoning reciting Khutbatul Hājah and the prophet’s (ﷺ) statement ‘To proceed. Verily! The best of speech is that of Allāh (ﷻ) ... etc.’.(3)

* Abandoning reminding muslims with Sūrah “Qāf” in the Khutbah although it was of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah to do so -as we have mentioned earlier.

* Oft-reciting the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadith: ‘He who repents from his sin as the one with no sin’(4) at the end of the Khutbah.

* Reciting Taslīm after finishing the first Khutbah(5) -which many Khutabah do nowadays.

* Delivering the second Khutbah so fast.(6)

* Dedicating the second Khutbah only to sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) and calling unto Allāh (ﷻ) and making it devoid of exhortation or teachings.(7)

* Raising one’s voice when sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ). Commenting on such a practice, Abū Shāmah said: ‘This practice indeed contradicts the Sharī’ah and is compatible with the layman’s belief; namely, to cause inconvenience to one’s organs through raising one’s voice when sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ). This is a kind of sheer ignorance for sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) is a kind of du’ā’ which should be recited secretly as is the Sunnah; even the du‘ās which the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite loudly -such as the Qunūt du’ā’- he (ﷺ) never raised his voice than needed in them.

(1) “Rawadut Tālibîn” (vol. 2 / p. 32).
(2) “Al-Madkhal” (vol. 2 / p. 168) and “Al-Ajwibān Nāfi’ah” (p. 68).
(3) See: “Al-Ajwibān Nāfi’ah” (pp. 55-8 and 69).
(4) “Al-Ajwibān Nāfi’ah” (p. 69) and “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtada’āt” (p. 56).
(5) “Al-Ajwibān Nāfi’ah” (p. 70).
(6) “Al-Ajwibān Nāfi’ah” (p. 70) and “Al-Manār” (vol. 18 / p. 858).
(7) “Al-Ajwibān Nāfi’ah” (p. 71) and “Noorul Bayān Fil Kashfi ‘An Bida’ Ākhiriz Zamān” (p. 445) and “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtada’āt” (p. 56).
As for sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) in the Khutbah, it should be treated just like the other parts of the Khutbah. The prophet (ﷺ) used to raise his voice when admonishing Muslims for it is the essence of Khutbah. In one of the narrations [that describes the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner when delivering the Khutbah] the narrator said: ‘He (ﷺ) talked in the manner one uses when warning others against an enemy who is about to attack them’.

We were ordered to send Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) in our Salāt secretly not loudly even in the loud voice Salawāt.

* Raising one’s voice with Allāh’s (ﷺ) name or the names of the righteous, we seek refuge with Allāh (ﷺ).

* Ending the Khutbah with the Qur’ānic verse that states:

> "Verily, Allāh (ﷺ) enjoins justice and Ihsān [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allāh, totally for Allāh’s (ﷺ) sake and in accordance with the Sunnah ...]"(4) or with the statement: ‘Make mention of Allāh [through remembrances ... etc.] and He (ﷺ) will make mention of you’.

* Mentioning caliphs, Sultans, Kings, ... etc. in the second Khutbah in a special tone.

[Commenting on such a mistake], Imam ‘Alī Ibn Sultan Muhammad Al-Qārī said: ‘This misbehaviour amongst people was

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(1) Narrated by: Muslim in “Kitābul Jumu’ah”, chapter: “Shortening the Salāt and Khutbah” (vol. 2 / p. 592) (no. 867) and An-Nasā’ī in “Kitābul Eidain”, chapter: “How the Khutbah is delivered” (vol. 3 / pp. 188-9).
(2) “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inkāril Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (pp. 85-6). A part of Abū Shāmah’s statements were quoted by As-Suyūtī in his “Al-Amru Bil Ittiḥād ‘Anil Ibtidā” (foil 25 / B) and by Al-Albāni in his “Al-Ajwīban Nāfi”ah” (p. 71).
(3) “Al-Manār” (vol. 18 / p. 559) and “Al-Ajwīban Nāfi”ah” (p. 71).
(4) Sūrat “An-Nahl” (verse no. 90).
(5) See: “Al-Madkhal” (vol. 2 / p. 271), “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtad’āt” (p. 57) and “Al-Ajwīban Nāfi”ah” (p. 73).
(6) “Al-‘īsām” (vol. 1 / pp. 17-8) and (vol. 2 / p. 177), “Al-Manār” (vol. 6 / p. 139), (vol. 18 / pp. 305 and 558) and (vol. 31 / p. 55) and “Al-Ajwīban Nāfi”ah” (p. 72).
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born out from abandoning Sunnah and practicing Bid‘ah instead. It all started when some of the Sultans and princes ordered that their names be mentioned on the pulpit by all Khutbah. These Sultans were advised that the four caliphs’ names be mentioned first and this was executed. Afterwards, the Ummayyads were the first to insult ‘Alī () and his followers in their Khutbahs for a period of time till ‘Umar Ibn Abdil ‘Aziz took hold of the reins of the caliphate with whom Allāh (ﷻ) exalted Islam -as He (ﷺ) did with ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattāb. He [Ibn Abdil ‘Azīz] showed extreme justice and magnificent guardianship towards his people

[When elected as a caliph], ‘Umar Ibn Abdil ‘Azīz began his first Khutbah with praising Allāh (ﷻ), thanking Him then admonishing people and when he reached the part in which previous Khutbah used to insult the last of the four caliphs -‘Alī the righteous- he recited the Qur’ānic verse: ‘Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) enjoins on you justice and Ihsān’, the said: ‘O! bondmen of Allāh (ﷻ), I urge you to be ware of Allāh ( سبحان )’ then descended from the pulpit’. (1)

The aforementioned points are some of the mistakes Khutbah do when delivering the Khutbah. There are other mistakes made by people in the presence of the Khatīb. Were the Khutbah forbid them from committing them, people would have never done them so often that they misled other muslims through making the latter think what they do is of the Shar’, the thing which is totally untrue.

Some of these mistakes are the following:

* Asking for Allāh’s (ﷻ) pleasure by the Mu’aththinīn while the Khutbah is being delivered especially when the Khatīb makes mention of the Sultan, the former instantly saying with a loud voice: ‘Amen, Amen. May Allāh (ﷻ) grant him victory and preserve him’ and other such du’ā’s. This is all a hideous forbidden Bid‘ah.

(1) “Shammul ‘Awārid Fi Thammir Rawāfid” (p. 87).
* Some of the Mu’aththinīn call Allāh (ﷻ) for the Khatīb - when he sits after the first Khutbah- saying: ‘May Allāh (ﷻ) forgive you and your parents, us, our parents and all those who are present ... etc.’

* They also recite the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth: ‘If you ordered your mate to keep quiet ...’ then they recite the Qur’ānic verse: ‘Verily, Allāh (ﷻ) and His angles send Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) ...’ when the Khatīb heads to the pulpit.\(^{(1)}\)

The aforementioned mistakes should be strongly fought for they consist of false Athkār that are recited at a time when silence is enjoined and the reflection of the heart towards the Khutbah is needed. Besides, raising one’s voice with such Athkār will disturb muslims’ psychological unity.

The Fuqahā’ agreed unanimously that such a practice is a hideous mistake that all the Khutabah and those who have the ability should do their best in order to wipe it out.

**[5/61] Khutabah’s practical mistakes:**

Some of the Khutabah’s practical mistakes while delivering the Khutbah are the following:

* Ascending the pulpit so slowly.\(^{(2)}\)

* Turning one’s head to the right and to the left when he says: ‘I enjoin you ... and I forbid you ...’ and when sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) taking one step up then descending from it when the Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) is finished. All such acts are proofless. The


\(^{(2)}\) “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inkārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 84) and “Al-Amru Bi Ittibā’ Wan Nahyu ‘Anil Ibtidā’” (foil 25/B).
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*Sunnah* is that the *Khatīb* faces the people directly from the moment he begins the *Khutbah* till its end. This is also Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s view.

Al-Hāfith Ibn Hajar said: ‘It is reported in “Sharhul Muhaththab” that the act of turning one’s face to the left and to the right while sending *Salāt* on the prophet (ﷺ), in order to be a good follower of Sunnah and the good manners it teaches’. (1)

Al-Māwardī stated the same in his “Al-Hāwī”, he said: ‘The *Khatīb* must not turn his face to the right and to the left while sending *Salāt* on the prophet (ﷺ), in order to be a good follower of Sunnah and the good manners it teaches’. (4)

* Raising hands when reciting *du‘ā’*: Husain Ibn Abdir Rahmān related that ‘Imārah Ibn Ru’aibah saw Bishr Ibn Marwān calling *du‘ā’* on Friday [*Khutbah* raising his hands]. ‘Imārah said: ‘*May Allāh* (ﷻ) disgrace these hands. Indeed, I saw *Allāh*’s (ﷻ) Messenger (ﷺ) calling *Allāh* (ﷻ) on the pulpit; he raised only his index’. (5)

The aforementioned ’Athar states clearly that raising hands while delivering the *Khutbah* is not of Sunnah. This view was held by Mālik, Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s followers and many others. (6)

‘Imārah’s statement also indicates that whatever contradicts the Sunnah is a hideous rejected act. (7)

Raising one’s hands when reciting *Takbīratul Ihrām* in the *Salāt* is not meant in the aforementioned ’Athar at all, what is

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(2) “Al-‘Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 230), “Zād al-Ma‘ād” (vol. 1 / p. 430) and “Al-Bā‘ith ‘Alā İnkārıl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 85).
(3) “Fathul Bāri” (vol. 2 / p. 402).
(4) “Al-Bā‘ith ‘Alā İnkārıl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 85).
(5) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīḥ” (no. 874), An-Nasā’ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 108) and Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunan” (no. 1104).
(6) “Sharh Sahīḥ Muslim” by An-Nawawī (vol. 6 / p. 162).
(7) “Bathlul Majhūd Fı Hallı Abī Dāwūd” (vol. 6 / p. 106).
meant is what most of the Khutabah and preachers do when calling du’ā’ in their Khutab.(1)

In his “Al-Ikhtiyārātul ‘Ilmiyyah”, Ibn Taymiyyah considered such an act as detested and affirmed the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah of only raising the index when calling Allāh (ﷻ). (2)

Abū Shāmah followed by As-Suyūṭi considered raising hands while calling du’ā’ during the Khutbah by the Imam an old Bid’ah. (3)

Ibn ‘Abdīn stated that it is Harām [forbidden]. (4)

Al-Laknawī used Bishr’s Ibn Marwān act as an example of the Bid’ah. (5)

As-Safārīnī, the Hanbalite, said: ‘Our [Mathhab] ‘Ulamah and many others stated that it is detested for the Imam to raise his hands while calling du’ā’ in the Khutbah. Al-Majd even stated that it is a Bid’ah in accordance with the Mālikī and Shāfī’ī followers. However, a Khatīb is permitted to point with his index’. (6)

Accordingly, many of the ‘Ulamah and hadīth scholars refused to raise their hands in the Khutbah when ordered to do so. For example, Habīb Ibn ‘Ubaid related that Abdil Malik ordered Ghudiaf Ibn Hārith Ath-Thumālī to raise his hands on the pulpit. The latter refused to do so. This incident was reported by Abū Zur‘ah Ad-Dimashqī in his “Tārikh” (vol. 1 / pp. 603-4) (no. 1712), he also reported under point number (1713) and so did Ibn ‘Asākir in “Tārikh Dimashq” (vol. 5 / p. 244/A-B) that Ibn Jābir related that Abdil Malik ordered Abā Idrīs Al-Khawlānī to raise his hands but the latter refused.

(1) Previous reference.
(2) “Al-Ikhtiyārātul ‘Ilmiyyah” (p. 48).
(3) “Al-Bā’ith ‘Alā Inkārīl Bida’ Wal Hawādith” (p. 84) and “Al-Amru Bi Ittibā’ Wan Nahyu ‘Anil Ibtidā’” (foil 25/B).
(4) “Hāshiyatu Ibn ‘Abdīn” (vol. 1 / p. 769).
(5) “Iqāmatul Hujjah” (p. 27).
(6) “Sharh Thulāthiyāt Musnadal Imām Ahmad” (vol. 2 / p. 279).
It is worth mentioning here the following points:

**First:** The first to raise his hands on Friday was ‘Ubaidillāh Ibn Ma‘mar as reported in “Ta‘jīlul Manfa‘ah” (p. 274).

**Second:** The prohibition of raising one’s hands while calling *du‘ā*’ only applies when delivering the Friday Khutbah; accordingly, raising one’s hands in general when calling *du‘ā*’ is not prohibited for it was affirmed in many texts.\(^{(1)}\)

**Third:** Raising hands when calling unto Allāh (ﷻ) for rain during delivering the Khutbah on Friday is excluded from ‘Imārha’s hadīth.

Al-Burkhari narrated in his “Sahīh” (vol. 2 / p. 413) (no. 933) - and other scholars- from ‘Anas Ibn Mālik to have said: ‘At the prophet’s (ﷺ) time, people were struck with a drought. While the prophet (ﷺ) was delivering the Khutbah on Friday, a bedouin stood up and said: ‘O Allāh’s Messenger! The cattle has died and our children find nothing to eat. So call unto Allāh (ﷻ) for relief’. The prophet (ﷺ) raised his hands -and not a single cloud was there in the sky- [and then called Allāh (ﷻ) for relief]. By the One in whose hands my soul is, by the time he (ﷺ) finished his *du‘ā*, clouds had been accumulating like mountains followed by heavy rain that drops of water were drippling from the prophet’s (ﷺ) beard’.

Mistakes done by those attending the Salāt:

* Raising hands saying “Āmen” when the *Imām* recites *du‘ā*, and whoever does so will incur a sin on himself as Ibn ‘Abdīn stated to be the soundest of all ‘Ulamah’s opinions.\(^{(2)}\)

* Raising hands when the *Imām* sits between the two Khutbahs and says at the end of the First: ‘Call unto Allāh (ﷻ) believing that your *du‘ā* will certainly be answered’.

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\(^{(1)}\) See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 11 / p. 143).
\(^{(2)}\) “Hāshiyat Ibn ‘Abdīn” (vol. 1 / p. 768) and “Al-Ajwiban Nāfi‘ah” (p. 73).
* The recitation of the aforementioned statement so often by the Khatīb is also illegal; it is even forbidden for it leads to raising voices with Thikr by the Ma’mūmīn.

Ad-Dardīr even considered it to be of the hideous Bid’ah done by the “ignorant Khatīb”.

Commenting on Ad-Dardīr’s term “ignorant Khatīb”, As-Sāwī said: ‘The word [Jahūl] ignorant is a form of extensiveness for he is enjoining what is good while he is doing the opposite since reciting this hadīth(1) is not an obligation in the Khutbah; on the contrary, it is a Bid‘ah. Keeping silent between the two Khutbahs is the obligation. So, raising voices with Athkār is Harām. Indeed, such a Khatīb has led himself and others astray’.(2)

It is also a mistake that the Ma’mūmīn raise their voices when the Imām says: ‘Make mention of Allāh (ﷻ)’ at the end of the Khutbah.

Regarding this point, Muhammad Rashīd Ridā said: ‘Raising one’s hands and voice with du‘ā’ when the Khatīb sits between the two Khutbahs is proofless. Were such an act an affirmed Sunnah and caused not inconvenience to other Muslims, it would have been considered as permissible. Indeed, keeping quiet in such a state is the Sunnah; one could, however, call unto Allāh (ﷻ) secretly without raising hands lest it be considered one of the Friday Salāt’s rites. Those who raise their hands contradict the plain Sunnah for the Imām starts delivering the second Khutbah and they are still reciting du‘ā’. They should instead listen carefully with deep reflection to the Khutbah and contemplate while in the sitting rest. The least with which the aforementioned act be described is that it is a detested Bid‘ah. Allāh (ﷻ) knows that which is best’.(3)

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(1) The hadīth states: ‘Call unto Allāh while believing that you will be certainly answered”. Narrated by: At-Tirmithī and Al-Hākim and it is authentic.
(2) “Bulghatus Sālik” (vol. 1 / p. 182).
(3) Muhammad’s Rahīd Ridā “Fatāwī” (vol. 1 / p. 58).
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[6/61] Mistakes done by the Khutabah while performing the [Jumu‘ah] Salāt:

There are other mistakes which some Khutabah do beside shortening the Jumu‘ah Salāt. Some of these mistakes are the following:

* Starting the Salāt before the rows are straightened.\(^{(1)}\)

* Assigning a Muballigh for no need. The Muballigh is the one who raises his voice with Takbīratul Ihrām and other Takbīrs in order to inform the attending praying persons of the Imām’s situation during the Salāt.

This act has its deep roots in the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. Abū Bakr (ﷺ) used to inform people of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Takbīr while he (ﷺ) was doing Salāt while sitting during his death sickness.

The well-known Mathāhib’s scholars stated clearly that this act is permitted so long as the need arises, if not then it is a hideous Bid‘ah.

Those Mu‘aththinūn who do Tablīgh commit many Bida’ while doing it, especially on Friday, some of which are the following:

- Doing it in a group as what happens in the Umayyad Mosque [in Damascus].

- Raising voices with it excessively in an musical tone.

- Prolonging the vowels so much that the Imām has to wait for them or even preceds them in the acts of Salāt; for example, the Imām does the second Sajdah before they finish saying Takbīr for the first one.\(^{(2)}\)

Counting the mistakes the Muballighūn [sing. Muballigh] commit, Ibn ‘Abdīn said: ‘... some of these: raising one’s voice more than needed, even if those behind the Imām are few to whom

\(^{(1)}\) “Islāhul Masājid” (pp. 92-3) and “Al-Ajwiban Nāfī‘ah” (p. 74).
\(^{(2)}\) Muhammad’s Rahīd Ridā “Fatāwā” (vol. 4 / pp. 1357-8).

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the Imām’s voice could reach easily. It is stated in “As-Sirāj” that if the Imām himself raises his voice more than needed, he has indeed done a mistake’. (1)

Commenting on the prophet’s manner in doing Salāt while in his death sickness, Al-A‘mash said: ‘People were led by Abū Bakr’s Salāt [who was himself led by the prophet]’. That is, Abū Bakr used to inform people with the prophet’s Takbīr.

In “Ad-Dirāyah”, it is stated: ‘From the aforementioned discussion, one could conclude the permissibility of raising the voices by the Mu’aththinūn on Friday and the two Eids Salawāt’.

Commenting on Ad-Dirāyah’s statements, Ibn Al-Humām said: ‘The manner in which voices are raised these days is not meant by the Dirāyah’s statement. What is meant is informing [the praying muslims with] the Takbīrs. However, what is practiced in this country these days is no doubt a mistake for while raising their voices, the Mu’aththinūn prolong the vowels in “Allāhu Akbar” the thing which renders one’s Salāt invalid, even if one single vowel is prolonged. Besides, they occupy themselves with beautifying the tone of their voices to show their skills not to establish [an important kind of] worship’. (2)

Regarding the last remark, he continued: ‘This act is only done by those who do not really know the essence of Salāt and du‘ā’, so is the case with those who recite the Qur’ān in the same way. This is a kind of having fun or amusement. Were some one to do the same when asking a king or so for some kind of a need; i.e. to ask him in a special tone as if he is singing, he would be accused of making fun of the king. Indeed, the state of calling [unto Allāh] needs humbleness and sincerity not the use of chanting tones’. (3)

Nowadays, we do not even need the Mu’aththin to raise his voice due to the loud speakers which do the job.

(2) “Sharīhu Fathil Qadīr” (vol. 1 / p. 370).
(3) “Sharīhu Fathil Qadīr” (vol. 1 / p. 370).
In “As-Sīral Halabiyyah”, the unanimous agreement amongst the four Mathhab Imāms states that raising the voice [by the Mu’aththin] where there is no need is a hideous detested Bid’ah, it is only recommended when the need arises.

In many of our mosques the voice of the Imām is loud enough to be heard by those behind him, yet, there are Muballighūn who disturb muslims with their voices causing inconvenience for them.

Let these Muballighūn beware of falling into that which the ‘Ulamah warned against [i.e. Bid’ah] lest they render their worship invalid while knowing it or not.\(^1\)

It is worthmentioning here that there is a mistake some people do during Friday Salāt which is leading people in Salāt by an Imām other than the Khatīb himself. It is true that the Salāt is valid but such an act contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and his Sahābah’s practice. Commenting on what was statedin Al-Azhār: ‘Any one other than the Khatib could lead people in their Salāt’, Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘This act contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. Ths Sahābah (ﷺ) followed his practice and so did the Tābi‘īn and by other people’.\(^2\)

[7/61] Doing Thuhr Salāt after the Jumu‘ah Salāt:

Doing Thuhr Salāt after the Jumu‘ah Salāt is impermissible, for it is one of the Islamic principles that Allāh (ﷺ) never enjoined two obligatory Salawāt to be done at the same time. Whoever lives in an area in which there is a mosque in which a Jumu‘ah Salāt is established, he must attend it unless one believes that attending this Salāt is invalid due to the lack of some of its conditions; then one must not engage in a worship which one believes that it is invalid - even if one’s belief is wrong- for this would be considered as disobedience for Allāh (ﷺ). If one did this Salāt with such a belief, he must do Thuhr Salāt but must never establish another congregation after the first one for this would excite disunity amongst muslims.

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\(^1\) “Islāhul Masājid Minal Bida’Wal Hawādith” (p. 144).
\(^2\) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 p. 301).
However, if one does the *Jumu’ah Salāt* believing that it is valid, one must not perform *Thuhr Salāt* afterwards, not individually nor in congregation for doing so contradicts the aforementioned Islamic principle which some Fugahā’ considered an affirmed one.

Besides, it was never transmitted that any of the Sahābah or Salaf scholars ever performed *Thuhr Salāt* after doing *Jumu’ah Salāt*. Ash-Shāfi‘ī, for instance, once came to Baghdād and never did *Thuhr Salāt* after the *Jumu’ah Salāt* though there were many mosques. Even if he had done so, his act is not a *Shar‘* that every Muslim must follow.

Those who perform *Thuhr Salāt* after the *Jumu’ah Salāt* falsely believe that such an act is something recommended for it includes doing a good deed; namely performing *Salāt*. On the contrary, such an act bears a dangerous destructive effect on people for it includes performing an extra worship that *Allāh* (ﷻ) never enjoined or permitted to be done. And whoever does so, has set himself as a partner with *Allāh* (ﷻ) and so does whoever supports him. *Allāh* (ﷻ) said:

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‘Or have they partners with *Allāh* (ﷻ) who have instituted for them a religion which *Allāh* (ﷻ) has not allowed.’ (1)

The prophet (ﷺ) displayed the meaning of taking the rabbis and priests as gods with *Allāh* (ﷻ) by the people of the Book that ‘... they [people of the Book] did not literary worship them, but they used to obey and follow them in whatever they [the rabbis and priests] consider as *Halāl* [lawful] or *Harām* [forbidden]’. (2)

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(1) “Sūrah Ash-Shūrah” (verse no. 21).
These rabbis and priests instituted new *Shar‘* for their people believing that they are making more good by doing more worship; the sole misconception through which all *Bida‘* got through *Islām*.

In “Al-Minhāj”, Shaikh Zakariyah Al-Ansārī said: ‘No other obligatory *Salāt* should precede it and no other *Jumu‘ah Salāt* should be performed in the same area, unless the local mosque could not bear the people’s great number’.

Commenting on Shaikh Zakariyah’s statement, Al-Bujairami wrote: ‘That is if the number is too large that their gathering in one place is something nearly impossible due to the inconvenience their gathering would cause, taking into consideration that women, kids and slaves could also join the *Jumu‘ah Salāt*, though it is not an obligation on them. In such a case numerous *Jumu‘ah Salāt* could be performed and hence no need for doing *Thuhr Salāt* as Ibn Abdil Haqq was reported to have said’. (1)

Some late scholars hold that it is of *Sunna* to perform *Thuhr Salāt* after the *Jumu‘ah Salāt* as a way of avoiding disagreement amongst scholars regarding doing *Jumu‘ah Salāt* in more than one mosque. Their opinion is, however, a false one.

To conclude, if it were raised that the previously stated prohibition of doing more than *Jumu‘ah Salāt* in a certain area is due to the precondition that no *Salāt* should be done simultaneously with the *Jumu‘ah Salāt*, what proof do these scholars have for this? If it were raised that the evidence lies in the prophet’s (*نبي*) hadīth: ‘The *Jumu‘ah Salāt* that counts is the first one done’, then the answer for this is that this hadīth is a false one that has no basis in the [authentic] *Sunna*, it is merely an opinion held by some late *Shāfi‘i* followers and some ignorant believed that it is a hadīth. (2)

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(2) “Al-Ajwiban Nāf‘iah” (p. 46) with little editing.
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If it were raised that the prophet (ﷺ) did not allow any Jumu‘ah Salāt to be held in any of the Madīnah mosques and its suburbs except the one in which he (ﷺ) did Salāt, the answer is that: this does not indicate that this prohibition is a condition without which Salāt is rendered null and void nor does it indicate an obligation.

If the previously mentioned hypotheses were true, this would entail that the same ruling is to be applied to the other five obligatory Salawāt; i.e. no congregational Salāt to be held in a place in which the prophet (ﷺ) did not allow that a second congregation be done. This is indeed a sheer falsehood.

Besides, if the latter Jumu‘ah congregation was to be considered null and void -in case the latter is known -or both- in case the precise time of their initiation is not known- due to a certain hindrance, then what is this hindrance?? It is of the well-established Islamic principles the validity of the act of worship everywhere, every time unless there is a certain kind of hindrance that renders it null and void, in the point under discussion, there is none.(1)

Indeed, doing more than the Jumu‘ah Salāt with no need is an act that contradicts Sunnah. Muslims should do their best to decrease the number of the congregations and try to unify them as much as they could so that they could reap its [i.e. the Jumu‘ah Salāt’s] benefits and disunity may hopefully be eradicated - which was originally born out from the numerous congregations of the Jumu‘ah Salāt that are done in numerous mosques that are so close together the thing which no real Faqīh could support.(2)

It is stated in “Al-Mubdi’” that there is a non disagreement amongst scholars that doing more than one Jumu‘ah Salāt or Eid Salāt in the same area with no need to do so is prohibited. ‘Atā’, however, held an opposite opinion.(3)

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(1) “Al-Maw‘ithal Hasanah” (pp. 15-6).
(2) “Al-Ajwiban Nāfi‘ah” (p. 47).
(3) See: “Kashful Qina’” (vol. 1 / p. 351).
This very same view was held by As-Subkī who considered ‘doing numerous Jumu‘ah Salāt -when there is no need-as detested act which is a well-established principle of Islām’. (1)

Having discussed this matter under the title “Khurūjul Jumu‘ati ‘An Mawdū‘ihā Bikathrati Ta‘addudihā”, Al-Qāsimī concluded that ‘Jumu‘ah Salāt must not be established in small mosques -situated amongs peoples’ houses or in streets- nor in big ones which bigger ones could satisfy. The local people of every area -such as a village- must do the Jum‘ah Salāt in the biggest mosque hence decreasing the number of congregations and displaying the function of mosques in its splendid manner moving away from [the hideous] multiplicity’. (2)

Commenting on Al-Qāsimī’s statements, Al-‘Albānī said: ‘This is indeed the truth which only those who have deep understanding of Sunnah and through reflection on the manner in which Jumu‘ah Salāt used to be performed during the prophet’s (ﷺ) time could realize and perceive’. (3)

To conclude, the hadīth -on which those who consider doing Thuhr Salāt after Jumu‘ah Salāt as permissible depend- is a false one. They even set conditions for which they have no proof.

O Muslims, never exceed the limits of your religion. Indeed, you have that which is satisfactory in the Qur‘ān and Sunnah regarding the obligatory and optional acts.

Having heard the bedouin swore that he would not perform more than the five Salawāt and the other obligatory articles ignoring none, the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘He would indeed win if he is telling the truth’ and ‘he would be admitted to Paradise if he has told the truth’.

(1) “Al-I’tisām Bil Wāhid Al-Ahad Min Iqāmati Jum‘atain Fī Balad” (vol. 1 / p. 190). It is listed in the “Fatāwā”.
(2) “Islāhul Masājid” (p. 51).
(3) “Al-Ajwiban Nāf‘i‘ah” (p. 74).
Let Muslims perform their obligations, abandon the forbidden acts and perform Nāfīlah. This would certainly consume their whole lives.(1)

[62] Mistakes done in the post-Jumu‘ah Sunnah Salāt:


(1) “Islāhul Masājid” (pp. 49-52), Muhammad’s Rashīd Rdia “Fatāwā” (vol. 3 / p. 942), (vol. 4 / pp. 1550-1) and (vol. 5 / pp. 1465-6); “As-Sunnan Wal Mubtad’āt” (pp. 10, 123), “Al-Ajwibah Nāfī’ah” (pp. 46-74), “Al-Manār” magazine (vol. 23 / pp. 259, 497) and (vol. 34 / p. 120), “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 4 / pp. 175-182), “Al-Maw‘ithal Hassanah” (pp. 15-6) and our book: “I‘lāmul ‘Ābid Fī Huqūq Takrīril Jamā‘ati Fil Masjidil Wāhid”.

(2) The Maqṣūrah is the chamber built inside a mosque.

The apparent words of the hadith indicate the legality of performing Salāt in the room built inside the mosque. This act was practiced by many of the Salaf such as: Al-Hasan, Al-Qāsim Ibn Muhammad, Sālim and many others. However, others considered it as detested such as Ibn ‘Umar, As-Shāfi‘ī, Ahmad and Ishaq. Ibn ‘Umar (🪕) used to get out of it when ‘the obligatory’ Salāt is due. Al-Qādī said: ‘Some scholars held that if such a room is open for the public in which anyone could do Salāt, then doing Jumu‘ah Salāt in it is permissible and vice versa if it is only dedicated for a group of people. Then it is not considered a part of the mosque.

Accordingly, doing Salāt in a mosque with two floors; one for men and the other for women, is permissible even if the latter could not see the Imām nor the other Ma’mūmīn but could only hear the Imām’s voice -through loudspeakers- since they are all in the same mosque. This is the soundest of all scholars’ opinions. However, opinions contrast strongly when the matter comes to those who do their Salāt outside the mosque [in its court yard or the street close to it]. In such a case the Ma’mūmīn can neither see the Imām nor the other Ma’mūmīn. May Allāh (ﷻ) guides us to that which is right.

See: “Sharah Sahīh Muslim” by An-Nawawi (vol. 6 / p. 170) and “Al-Fatāwā” by Abdil ‘Aziz Ibn Bāz (pp. 64-5).
\textit{Salāt}, never follow it with \textit{Nāfilah} till you speak with others or get out. This was the prophet’s (ﷺ) order for us’.\(^{(1)}\)

Describing the prophet’s (ﷺ) manner when doing \textit{Nāfilah}, Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar said: ‘\textbf{He (ﷺ) used not to perform \textit{Nāfilah} after the Jumu‘ah \textit{Salāt} till he leaves [the mosque] then does it at home‘}.\(^{(2)}\)

The aforementioned two \textit{Ahādīth} include:

\textbf{[1/62]} \textbf{Urging muslims to separate between the \textit{Fard} and \textit{Nāfilah} \textit{Salāt}} even by just talking with others or moving from one’s praying place to another. It is best that one does \textit{Nāfilah} at home. This was indeed the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah.

Nāfi‘ related that Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) once saw a man performing two [\textit{Nāfilah}] Rak‘ahs on Friday in the same place where he performed the \textit{Jumu‘ah \textit{Salāt}}. The former pushed the latter away and reproached him saying: ‘\textbf{Do you perform \textit{Jumu‘ah \textit{Salāt} four Rak‘ahs}?!!}’\(^{(3)}\)

Many \textit{Ahādīth} urge that \textit{Nāfilah} should be done at home, some of which are the following:

1- Jābir Ibn Abdillāh (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘\textbf{Whenever you finish the [obligatory] \textit{Salāt} in the mosque, do some of your \textit{Nāfilah \textit{Salāt}} at home for when you do so Allāh (ﷻ) will shower your house with goodness’’.\(^{(4)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by: Muslim in his “\textit{Sahīh}” (vol. 2 / p. 601) (no. 883), Abū Dāwūd in “\textit{As-Sunnan}” (vol. 1 / p. 294) (no. 1129), Ibn Khuzaimah in “\textit{As-Sahīh}” (vol. 2 / p. 181) and (vol. 3 / p. 102), Ahmad in “\textit{Al-Musnad}” (vol. 3 / no. 94, 95), Abdir Razzāq in his “\textit{Musannaf}” (vol. 3 / p. 449) (no. 5534), At-Tabarānī in “\textit{Al-Kabīr}” (vol. 19 / p. 315) and Al-Baihaqī in “\textit{As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā}” (vol. 3 / p. 240).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “\textit{Sahīh}” (no. 937, 1165, 1172 and 1180) and Muslim (vol. 2 / p. 600) (no. 882).

\(^{(3)}\) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “\textit{As-Sunnan}” (no. 1127), Al-Baihaqī in “\textit{As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā}” (vol. 3 / p. 240) through an authentic chain of narrators.

\(^{(4)}\) Narrated by: Muslim in his “\textit{Sahīh}” (vol. 1 / p. 539) (no. 778).
2- Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) related that the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Perform part of your Salāt at your homes, and never make them like grave yards’.\(^{(1)}\) That is perform Nāfilah Salāt at home and never make them like grave yards where no Salāt is done.

3- ‘Abdullāh Ibn Sa’d (ﷺ) said that he once asked the prophet (ﷺ): ‘Which is better: doing Salāt in the mosque or at home?’ He (ﷺ) said: ‘Do you see how much close my home is to the mosque, yet I prefer doing Salāt at home to doing it in the mosque unless it is an obligatory Salāt’.\(^{(2)}\)

In another narration -narrated by Abī Dāwūd in his “Sunnan” through an authentic chain of narrators traced back to Zaid Ibn Thābit- the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Doing Salāt at home is much more superior than doing it in my mosque [at Madīnah] unless it is the obligatory one’.\(^{(3)}\)

The aforementioned Ahādīth clearly state that it is of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah to do Nāfilah Salāt at home.

Regarding this point, Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘The Sunnah is to separate between performing the obligatory and optional Salāt in Jumu’ah Salāt and other Salāwāt as was narrated in the “Sahīh” that he (ﷺ) prohibited that any [obligatory] Salāt be followed immediately by [optional] one; one should separate between them with speech or changing one’s place.

Accordingly, one must not do what most people do nowadays; i.e. as soon as they finish the first Salāt they start another. This indeed contradicts the prophet’s (ﷺ) order. The rationale behind such a ruling is to distinguish between the Nāfilah and Fard

\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 432) and (no. 1187) and Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 208).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 439) (no. 1378), Ahmad and Ibn Khuzaimah -are reported in “At-Targhib Wat Tarḥīb” (vol. 1 / p. 178) and Ibn Hibbān -as reported in “Misbāh Az-Zujājah” (vol. 1 / p. 444) which states that ‘the hadith’s chain of narrators is authentic and all the narrators are trust worthy ones’. Indeed it is so.

\(^{(3)}\) Narrated by: Abī Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 274) (no. 1044).
Salawāt and between the act of worship and other ordinary acts. That is why muslims are recommended to haste in breaking their fast, delay their Suhūr and to have something on the Day of Eidul Fitr before going to the Salāt and they are prohibited to perform Siyām a day or two prior to Ramadān.

The aim of this all is to separate beween what is legal of Siyām and what is not and to distinguish between the acts of worship and other acts. So is the case with the Jumu‘ah Salāt which Allāh (ﷻ) enjoined on muslims; it should be distinguished from other [Nāfilah] Salawāt.

Many of the Mubtai’ah -such as the Rāfidah and others- bear the Niyyah of doing Thuhr Salāt instead of Jumu‘ah Salāt, they pretend to do Taslīm, but actually they have not done it, then they complete their Thuhr Salāt. Whoever watches them thinks that they are doing the Sunnah. So, when the obligatory Salāt is distinguished from the Sunnah Salāt, this would block off the way in the face of Bid‘ah. There are so many similar cases like the one discussed. Allāh (ﷻ) knows what is best’.(1)

Regarding this point, Shaikh Muhammad Shamsul Haq Al-‘Athīm Ābādī said: ‘Since the Friday Salāt is done instead of Thuhr Salāt, one must never perform Thuhr Salāt after the Friday Salāt.

Indeed none of the Sahābah, the Tābi‘in the Imāms, scholars and Muhaddithīn has ever done so since doing such an act is a Bid‘ah, the doer of which incurs a sin upon himself.

Such a Bid‘ah was originally practiced by some hanafis as mentioned in “Al-Bahrur Rā’iq Sharh Kanzud Daqā‘iq”’.(2)

[2/62] It is worth mentioning here that the view -which states that if the post-Jumu‘ah Sunnah Salāt is done at the mosque, it should be four Rak‘ahs and if done at home, it should be two- is totally baseless and lacks evidence.

(1) See” Sunnatul Jumu‘al Qabliyyah” (pp. 63-...)
(2) “At-Tahqiqātul ‘Ulā” (p. 46).
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The truth lies in the well-known hadīth narrated in the two “Sahīh” which states: ‘The best of one’s Salāt is the one done at home except the obligatory one’.

Accordingly, one is permitted to do post-Jumu‘ah Salāt in the mosque -whether two or four Rak‘ahs. However, it is better to do them at home considering the apparent meaning of the aforementioned authentic hadīth.(1)

(1) For more details about the aforementioned false view see: “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 341-3). It is of great value.
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Miscellaneous Mistakes done in special Salawāt,
People with special excuses and other issues

* Mistakes done in Salātul Istikhārah.
* Mistakes done in Salātul Eid.
* Mistakes done when joining between two Salawāt in residence.
* Mistakes done in the Salāt while in journey.
* Denying the legality of Salātul Khawf and Sujūdush Shkur and abandoning Salātul Khusūf.
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[63] Mistakes done in Salātul Istikhārah:

When doing Salātul Istikhārah, one does not have to do anything but to perform Salāt and recite the affirmed du‘ā’ in a manner similar to any other du‘ā’ in order to fulfill what one intends to do or leaves it.

Accordingly, scholars affirmed that [after performing this Salāt] one should start doing the thing he finds his heart inclined to and should not depend on seeing a dream nor should one ask others to perform it on his behalf; it is just a kind of du‘ā’ in which a muslim asks for Allāh’s (ﷻ) help to guide him to that which is good. Once a muslim’s heart is willing to tread a certain path which turns to be successful, he would certainly feel satisfied and happy. If not, he would know that goodness is not in the path he chose and would also feel satisfied and thank Allāh (ﷻ) for it.\(^{(1)}\)

[1/63] A common mistake:

Some people believe that Salātul Istikhārah is not valid unless others do it on their behalf and it should be followed by a dream. This is indeed a sheer extremism that Allāh (ﷻ) never enjoined nor did His prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah preach. This extremism was born out from exaggeration -that should be avoided- which led to abandoning one of the greatest of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and hence the loss of rewards and blessings.

O, dear muslim brother, ask for Allāh’s (ﷻ) guidance in all your affairs and He (ﷻ) will surely guide you to that which is good. He (ﷻ) made asking for his help so easy; just recite the du‘ā’ after performing any \(\text{two Rak’ahs} \ Nāfīlah \ Salāt\) or perform two Rak’ahs especially for this purpose and surely you will be granted more rewards and blessings.

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\(^{(1)}\) There is disagreement amongst scholars regarding repeating Salātul Istikhārah in case one could not decide which way to tread nor was his heart pleased with either doing what he intended to do or abandoning it. There is not, however, any affirmed proof that states the legality of repeating it. See: “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 90).
And never do what other people usually do of extremism or asking others to do it on their behalf; just take hold of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah and you will surely be guided and succeed in this world and in the Hereafter. Indeed, how fortune he is who performs it and participate in its revivification amongst muslims. (1)

[2/63] After doing Salātul Istikhārah, do whatever pleases your heart. Never do that which you intended to do before doing the Salāt; you should abandon such an intention otherwise you would not be asking for Allāh’s (ﷻ) guidance but your own desires - we seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) refuge from that.

One should be sincere when asking Allāh’s (ﷻ) guidance, feeling free from one’s own knowledge and power and attributing them to Allāh (ﷻ) alone. Once one does that, he has been free from his own desires. (2)

Regretfully, many people are not well acknowledged with the legal Salātul Istikhārah; consequently, they invented many ways of doing it, none of which is affirmed in the Qur’ān nor the Sunnah, not even reported that any of the righteous Salaf to have done them. These forged ways are frequently practiced, and when one preaches the legal one which the prophet (ﷺ) used to practice, foul tongues will soon severely whip his back and will be considered as an extremist renegade. Indeed, there is no power nor might but with Allāh (ﷻ).

The following paragraphs present some of these forged ways of doing Salātul Istikhārah:

[3/63] Believing in setting a condition prior to doing Salātul Istikhārah; that is if the matter one wishes to do is good one would see a green or a white colour in one’s dreams. And if the matter is evil one would see a red or a black colour.

(1) “Al-Madkhal” (vol. 3 / p. 90) by Ibnil Hāj, “Hadyun Naby Fis Salawātil Khāmssah” (pp. 222-3) and “Ad-Dīnul Khālis” (vol. 5 / pp. 245-...)
(2) “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 90) with little editing.
[4/63] Using the rosary by the one who needs Allāh’s (ﷻ) guidance or others make it for him. One holds the rosary and then presents one’s need secretly then gathers some of its beads in one’s hand and counts them. If the number of the beads is an odd one, one would not fulfill what he had intended to do. If the number is an even one, one would consider this as a good sign and would do what he had born in his intention.

Indeed, what is the difference between this way and that which the people of Jāhiliyyah used to practice, i.e. the Tiyarah, which is totally prohibited in our Shar‘.

[5/63] The cup way. A cup of coffee is made by a man or a woman for the one who needs the Istikhārah. The later drinks the cup of coffee offered to him, then tips it over and after a while gives it to the former to “read” it for him. The former looks inside the cup after the leftover has made different shapes and lines -just like any liquid left over does. Then the “reader” starts making up different stories for the former and fills his head with legends!!

[6/63] Using necromancy [fortunetelling]. It is done by placing a cup full of water on a special person’s hand which has special lines. This process is done on a certain day of the week. Then the fortune-teller starts humming with unrecognized words calling some of the Jinns in order to bring the thief [as is usually done or tell him about the robbery].

[7/63] Using the sand. It is done by drawing disconnected lines on the sand, then they are counted in a special mathematical way known to those who practice this way. At the end, the fortune-teller gets to know the person’s sign [of the zodiac] and picks out all the information about this sign from a certain book he brought for such a purpose. Then he tells the person about the latter’s past and future events -as he claims. Those people with similar signs are told the same thing.

[8/63] Using the palm. In this way the fortune-teller claims to have the ability of reading one’s palm through diagnosing and analysing its lines and starts telling others about their future.
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[9/63] Using the Mushaf. One opens the Mushaf randomly, if one’s eyes fell on an Ayah that talks about mercy, he would do the thing he wishes, otherwise he won’t.

[10/63] Some people go to Shaikhs and righteous people to do the Istikhārah on their behalf which is a mistake!!

No doubt that those of sound sense could easily realize that all these ways are part of the forbidden fortune telling believing in which is one of the grievous sins as the ‘Ulamah strongly stated. (1)

The prophet (ﷺ) forbade it saying: ‘Whoever attends a fortune teller or a soothsayer and believes whatever he says [the former] has indeed disbelieved in that which was revealed on Muhammad (ﷺ)’. (2)

He (ﷺ) also said: ‘Whoever attends a fortune teller, asks him about any thing and believes him, his Salāt would not be accepted for forty days’. (3)

I wonder how could people seek such nonsense and falsehood and get away from the prophet’s (ﷺ) guidance??!

It is worth-mentioning here that some people violate the manner in which Salāt is done such as: adding the du’ā false statements or believing in the necessity of setting conditions before doing the Salāt: such as doing it in matter one is confused about, reciting the du’ā while doing Sujūd … et.

Another mistake people make after doing Salātūl Istikhārah is saying: ‘We made Istikhārah and got no benefit’ or other

(1) See: “Al-Kbā’ir”, Grievous Sin (no. 41) (p. 141).
(2) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 408, 429, 476), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 4 / p. 15) (no. 3904), Ad-Dārimī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 259), At-Tirmīthī in “Al-Jāmi’” (vol. 1 / pp. 242-3) (no. 135), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 209) (no. 639), Ibnil Jārūd in “Al-Muntaqaq” (p. 58), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 8) and Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 8 / p. 135).

Al-Hākim considered the Hadīth as authentic in his “Al-Mustadrak” with which Ath-Thahābī agreed in his “At-Takhlīs” and “Al-Kbā’ir” (p. 141) and so did Al-Irāqī in his “Amāllī”-as reported in “Faydul Qadīr” (vol. 6 / p. 23).

(3) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 4 / p. 1751) (no. 2230).
statements that indicate that one is not fully submitted to Allāh’s (ﷻ) will. In his “Al-Fawā’id” (p. 174), Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘The warm hearted father always does that which is best for his son; he would even cut one of his organs if necessary. And he would deprive him sometimes from money or desires if this is for his own good.

Allāh (ﷻ) the All-wise and Most merciful who always showers His creatures with mercy when afflicting them with misfortune for their own good. Only those with deep faith in Allāh (ﷻ) would understand and believe in this, unlike those who lack knowledge in Allāh’s perfect names and attributes and resorted instead to their deficient minds, such would gain nothing at all.

Those who believe deeply in Allāh (ﷻ) and His perfect knowledge would feel content in this world and in the hereafter when they would live in Paradise. This what truly means to believe in Allāh (ﷻ), and accept Islām as one’s religion and Muhammad as our messenger’.

[64] Mistakes done in the two Eids Salawāt:

Regarding understanding the essence of the Eid, people are of two groups:

The first group believes that the Eid is a time for fun and amusement only and a chance to enjoy delicious kinds of food and to wear the best clothes one could afford. These people do their best to prepare what they could for the occasion in advance.

The second group deeply realize the sublime essence of the Eid.

Accordingly, if the circumstances are not as the former group wished it to be, the Eid for them is not an occasion for happiness but for sorrow and sadness.

The later group; however, senses the Eid with all its sublime meanings whether in good or straitened circumstances for a real muslim feels content and satisfied in both cases since the afflictions
in this world are not real afflictions; the real affliction is the one that strikes one’s religion and belief. So long as one’s religion and belief are safe, one is a real Mu’min [believer] who deeply believes that whatever is destined for him by Allāh (ﷻ) will surely touch him and believes that Allāh (ﷻ) will grant him the best of rewards in the Hereafter.

[1/64] In Islām there are only two Eids: Eidul Fitr and Eidul Adhā. Regretfully, muslims these days celebrate many Eids [festivals] some are temporal others are spatial. Examples on the former are the following: the prophet’s (ﷺ) birthday, the Day of Ascent, the night preceding the fifteenth of Sha’bān, the righteous birthdays, the day of accession to the throne which is adopted from the Persian New Year’s Day, the Revolution day against a king or so which is similar to the festival done by the westerners, the evacuation day (of foreign troops), the day of Independence and other such false Eids(1) that Allāh (ﷻ) never permits.

As for the spacial festivals; they were invented by the ignorants such as: gathering in cemeteries, visiting graves so often or on special occasions -as what happens near the so called Badawi grave in Egypt and the so called Al-Husain grave in Karbulā’ and the so called Abdil Qādir Al-Jilānī, in Bagdād.

These three places were made places of celebration by those who have no sense of understanding, imitating the pure muslims’ gathering around the Ka’bah, on ‘Arafāt, Muzdalifah and Minā on the days of Hajj.

The aforementioned graves are only few to mention for the purpose here is not to name them but to warn [muslims] against imitating the disbelievers in their temporal and special “Eids”(2).

(1) In some muslim countries, muslims celebrate many festivals which Allāh (ﷻ) did not permit -not to mention disbelieving countries. For example, statistics show that muslims in India celebrate nearly (144) festivals annually. Indeed, there is no power nor might but with Allāh (ﷻ).

(2) “Al-Idāhu Wat Tabyīn Limā waqa’a Fīhil Aktharūn Min Mushāḥhatil Mushrikīn” (pp. 54-5).

See also: “Al-Amru Bi Ittibā’ Wan Nahyu ‘Anil Ibtidā’” (pp. 119-...), “Iqtidā’us Sirāṭil Mustaqīm” (p. 316) and “A’yādul Islām” (pp. 8-...) by Sulaimān Ali Al-Ja’barī.
When celebrating their Eids, Muslims commit many misdemeanors some of these are even committed in everyday life but are practiced on a large scale in festivals, such as: shaving the beard, shaking hands with women who are not Mahrams, women displaying their beauties, imitating the disbelievers in their way of dressing, listening to music, visiting graves on the Eid Days distributing sweets and food there and setting on them, the intermingling of men and women, weeping the dead, sitting with non-Mahram women, spending money extravagantly and uselessly and many other misdemeanors.

The purpose of our discussion here is to discuss things related to Salāt for it is done for seeking approach to Allāh (ﷻ)!!

The following points discuss the mistakes done when doing Salātul Eidain:

Abandoning performing Salātul Eid believing it to be just a Sunnah and not doing it in the Musalla:

Ash-Shawkānī said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to perform the Eid Salāt in both Eidain [sing. Eid] and never missed one. He (ﷺ) also ordered Muslims to attend it even women -whether old or young and even those who are having their menses. The latter were ordered not to do Salāt with other Muslims but to share them the goodness and listen to the Khutbah. Even the woman who has no garment to wear; she should borrow one from her Muslim sister. All these orders and instructions clearly and strongly indicate that attending Salāt Eid is an affirmed Wājib on every Muslim individual -not on a group of Muslims’.

I believe that Ash-Shawkānī refers to ‘Umm ‘Atiyah’s narration. She said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) ordered us to take to Ėidul Fītr and Ėidul Ādha Salāt the adult and young women even those who are having their menses. The later should not,
however, join muslims their Salāt’. Another narration states: ‘... their Musallā, but should attend the Khutbah and witness goodness with other muslims’.

I ['Umm ‘Atiyah] then enquired: ‘O Allāh’s Messenger! What if a woman does not have a garment [with which she could cover herself when going out to the Salāt]’?

The prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘She may borrow one from her muslim sister’. (1)

The obligation of going out for the Musallā entails the obligation of doing Salāt there-for those who have no Shar‘ excuse not to do so. If the means for doing something is an obligation then the thing to be done is also an obligation. This obligation is affirmed on men more than on women. (2)

One of the evidences that affirm the obligation of attending Salātul Eidain is that doing Salātul Eid cancels doing the Friday Salāt. That is, if one does the former, he needn’t attend the latter. This is affirmed in the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth which states: ‘On this day [Friday], two Eids have come together. Whoever wishes to attend the Friday Salāt, he may do so, and whoever does not; the Eid Salāt is sufficient for him. Yet, we will perform the Friday Salāt’. (3)

It is a well-known Shar‘ principle that what is not an obligation does not cancel that which is so. It is also affirmed that he (ﷺ) used

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(1) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “Sahīh” (no. 324, 351, 971, 974, 980, 981 and 1652), Muslim in his “Sahīh” (no. 980), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 5 / pp. 84-5), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 180), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1307) and At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi‘” (no. 539).

(2) “Al-Maw‘īthal Hasanah” (p. 43).

(3) Narrated by: Al-Firyābī in “Ahkāmul Eidain” (no. 150), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1073), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1311), Ibn Jārūdh in “Al-Muntaqā” (no. 302), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / p. 288), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 318), Ibn Abdil Barr in “At-Tamhīd” (vol. 10 / p. 272), Al-Khaṭīb in “Tārīkh Bagdād” (vol. 3 / p. 129) and Ibn Jawzī in “Al-Wāhiyāt” (vol. 1 / p. 473). Considering the many narrations, the hadīth is authentic. See also: “Sawāti‘ Al-Qamarain Fi Takhrīj Ahādīth Ahkāmul Eidain” by Musā‘īd Ibn Sulaimān Ibn Rāshid (pp. 211-...).
to perform it in a congregation since it was enjoined by Allah (ﷻ) till his (鲐) death. Besides, he (鲐) ordered Muslims to head to the Musallah to attend it.\(^{(1)}\)

This view was held by Shaikhul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah. He said: ‘I preponderate the view that states the obligation of attending Salatul Eid on every individual. This view was held by Abū Hanifah\(^{(2)}\) and others; it was also one of the Shāfi’ī’s view and one of Imam Ahmad’s Mathhab.

Those who held an opposite opinion are far away from the truth for it is considered one of the greatest rites of Islam for attending which a great number of people gather -even more than those who attend the Friday Salat- and in which Takbīr should be recited.

As for the view that states that attending this Salat is only a collective duty [Fradu Kifāyah], it is not precise\(^{(3)}\).

It is of great benefit here to mention two Fiqh ruling inferred from the prophet’s (鲐) order -in ‘Umm ‘Atiyah’s narration- for women, whether ‘Awātiq [young]\(^{(4)}\) or old even those having their menses to attend the Musallah in order to witness goodness and the Khutbah with other Muslims:

**The first:** The legality for women to go out and attend Salatul Eidain.

Indeed, we urge Muslim women to attend this Salat with other Muslims in order to obey the prophet’s (鲐) order. However, we would like to attract their attention -and those responsible for them for the obligation of wearing the Hijab [when going out].

\(^{(1)}\) See: Majmū’ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / p. 212) and (vol. 23 / p. 161), Ar-Rawdan Nadiyyah” (vol. 1 / p. 142), Naylul ‘Awtar” (vol. 3 / pp. 282-3) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 344).

\(^{(2)}\) See: “Hāshiyyatu Ibn ‘Abdīn” (vol. 2 / p. 166).

\(^{(3)}\) “Majmu’ Fatāwā Ibn Tayimiyyah” (vol. 23 / p. 161).

\(^{(4)}\) The ‘Awātiq (sing. ‘Ātiq): is the young lady who is sane. It is also defined as the grown up woman who is still living with her parents and has not got married yet.
Some would wonder about the aforementioned ruling of attending the Salāt by women. Let such people know that this is indeed the truth -no doubt- for the many ahādīth that support it -one of which is 'Umm ‘Atiyyah’s in which the prophet (ﷺ) clearly orders women to attend this Salāt. Abū Bakr’s statement -which was narrated by Ibn Abī Shaibah- is another supporting narration. He (ﷺ) said: ‘It is an obligation on every women to attend Salātul Eidain’. (1)

At-Tahāwī and others claimed that “‘Umm ‘Atiyyah’s hadīth was abrogated for his (ﷺ) order for women -whether young or old- to attend the Eid Salāt was probably at the beginning of Islām for the purpose of increasing the number of muslims in order to cast fear in the hearts of their enemies. These days, however, this is not needed”.!!

Many scholars -one of whom is Al-Karmānī- refuted Al-Tahāwī’s view that abrogation is not proved through probability and “the time of the hadīth is not known” -as Al-Karmānī stated. Besides, Ibn Abbās’s narration indicates that he attended this Salāt while still a young boy and this was followed by the opening of Makkah. Accordingly, the point “of being weak” At-Tahāwī raised is not true. In addition to that, the real cause for women attending this Salāt is clearly stated in ‘Umm ‘Atiyyah’s hadīth; namely: “to witness goodness and Khutbah with other muslims and enjoy the blessings of this day. None of the Sahābah contradicted ‘Umm ‘Atiyyah’s Fatāwā delivered in accordance with this hadīth. It is worth mentioning here that Al-Tahāwī’s words: “to cast fear in the hearts of their enemies” need verification for seeking women’s help in wars is a real sign of weakness not power.(2)

It is worth mentioning here that doing Salāt by women in the mosque is valid and it is of the affirmed Sunnan -no muslim would

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(1) Narrated by: Ibn Abī Shaibah in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 184) through an authentic chain of narrators.
See also: the treatise by our Shaikh Al-'Albānī with the title: Salātul Eidain Fil Musallā Hiyas Sunnah” (pp. 12-3).
(2) “Ibkārul Minan Fī Tanqīdī Āthārūs Sunnan” (p. 102).
disagree with this. Only those who are ignorant who deny such an act and consider it illegal. Indeed, it is true that a woman’s *Salāt* in her home is better than in the mosque. And if her attending the mosque would cause *Fitnah* [to men], it is permitted, even an obligation, to forbid those women causing *Fitnah* from coming to the mosque. However, it must not be said that women are forbidden to come to the mosque in general.\(^{(1)}\)

**The second:** *Salātul Eid* should be done in the *Musallā*, but it could also be done in the mosque.

This is indicated from the prophet’s (ﷺ) order for women who are in their menses to attend the *Salāt*. Since such women should not attend the mosque; it becomes clear that what is meant in the *hadīth* is attending the *Musallah*.

This is clearly stated in Abī Sa‘īd’s Al-Khudrī narration. He Said: *The prophet (ﷺ) used to attend the *Musallā* in both *Eidul Fitr* and *Edul Adhā*. The first thing he (ﷺ) would start with is the *Salāt*.\(^{(2)}\)

Ibnīl Hājj Al-Mālikī stated the same in his Al-Madkhal; then narrated the prophet’s (ﷺ) *hadīth* which states: ‘**Doing one *Salāt* in my mosque [at Madīnah] is one thousand times superior to doing it in any other mosque except in *Al-Maṣjidul Harām*’\(^{(3)}\) Then he continued: ‘Yet, he (ﷺ) left doing this *Salāt* in his mosque and did it in the *Musallah*’.\(^{(4)}\)

This *Sunnah* was practiced during the *Salaf*’s time, unless there is a necessity to do this *Salāt* in the mosque such as rain or so.

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\(^{(1)}\) See: “*The Fatāwā*” by Muhammad Rashīd Rdiā (vol. 2 / pp. 436-7), Ahmad’s Shākir commentary on At-Tirmithī’s “*Jāmi‘*” and “Ibkārul Minnan Fī Tanqīdi ‘Ādhāris Sunnān” (p. 102).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 956) and Muslim in his “*Sahīh*” (no. 889) and others.

\(^{(3)}\) The *hadīth*’s narrations were previously stated.

\(^{(4)}\) “*Al-Madkhal*” (vol. 2 / p. 283).
This is the four *Imām’s Mathhabs* and others. In “Al-Fatāwāl Hindiyah”, (1) Al-Haithamī stated: ‘Going out to *Al-Jubbānah* (2) to perform *Eid Salāt* is the *Sunnah* even if there is enough space for all people in the local mosque. All scholars agreed on this and it is indeed the truth’.

In Al-Mudawwanah, (3) Suhnūn stated that Mālik said: ‘The *Eid Salāt* must not be done in two places [i.e. two congregations at the same time], nor in the local mosque. People should instead go out to the *Musallā* as the prophet (ﷺ) did’.

Ibn Qudāmah said: ‘The *Sunnah* is to perform the *Eid Salāt* in the *Musallā*. ‘Ali (ﷺ) ordered muslims to do so. And this was Al-’Awzā’ī’s and the scholars’ of opinion view. Al-Munthir held the same view too’. (4)

This *Sunnah* of doing *Salātul Eidain* in the plain has a great benefit. It is an opportunity for all muslims -men, women and kids- to gather in a local space twice a year seeking Allāh’s (ﷻ) approach, feeling as one unity, being led by one *Imām*, reciting *Takbīr* and *Tahlīl*, calling Allāh (ﷻ) sincerely as if they have one heart, feeling so happy with Allāh’s (ﷻ) blessing on them. This is indeed the real *Eid*.

May Allāh (ﷻ) answer the muslim’s calls for their following of the prophet’s (ﷺ) *Sunnah* and for reviving their religious rites which are their source of dignity and victory. (5)

*Allāh* (ﷻ) said:

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(1) (vol. 1 / p. 118). See also: “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 320).
(2) Al-Jubbānah is the desert. This word was later used for cemeteries for graves are usually dug in desert or plains.
(3) (vol. 1 / p. 171).
(4) “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 2 / p. 229).
(5) Shaikh Ahmad’s Shākir comment on “Jāmi’ut Tirmithī” (vol. 2 / p. 423). See also: Our Shaikh Al-’Albānī’s treatise: “Salātul Eidain fil Musallā Hiyas Sunnah”. In it, the Shaikh mentioned the proofs, misconceptions and refutations in details. May Allāh (ﷻ) reward him with the best of rewards.

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‘O you who believe! Respond to Allāh (ﷻ) (by obeying Him) and His Messenger when he calls you to that which will give you life’.\(^{(1)}\)

[4/64] Abandoning reciting Takbīr loudly while going to the Musallā:

Az-Zuhrī related that the prophet (ﷺ) used to go on the Eidul Fitr to the Musallā reciting Takbīr till he (ﷺ) does the Salāt. When the Salāt is over he would cease reciting Takbīr.\(^{(2)}\)

‘The aforementioned hadīth affirms the legality of that which muslims have been practicing of reciting Takbīr loudly while going to the Musallā. Regretfully, this Sunnah is being ignored by many till it is about to disappear. And this is due to the weakness of their beliefs and their feeling of embarrassment when calling to the Sunnah and practicing it publicly. Some of these people are even of those who teach others religion. They only teach them what they already know!! And ignore discussing such important and necessary matters which they consider as something trivial and must be avoided. Indeed, to Allāh (ﷻ) we belong and to Him we shall return.

It is worth mentioning here,

[5/64] The illegality of reciting Takbīr in congregation, as some people do, just like any other Thikr -whether recited secretly or loudly. Reciting ’Athān in such a manner -as happens in Damascus and is called “Al-Jūq ’Athān”- is also prohibited for grievous mistakes are committed when doing that such as: stopping after words “lā Ilāha” [there is no Ilāh] when reciting Tahlīl in the dawn and sunset ’Athān -as happened more than once.

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\(^{(1)}\) Sūrat “Al-Anfāl” (verse no. 24).

\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Ibn Abī Shaibah in his “Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 165) and Al-Friyābī in “Ahkāmul Eidain” (no. 59). Its chain of narrators is authentic though it is Mursal; however, there is a supporting connected narration narrated by Al-Baihaqī in his “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 279). See also: “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth As-Sahīfah” (no. 171).
Chapter Seven

We all should be aware of that and always remember the prophet’s (ﷺ) words: ‘The best of guidance is that of the prophet (ﷺ)’.

* Raising hands when reciting the Takbîr in Eid Salât:

[6/64] Raising one’s hands when reciting Takbîr in Eid Salât is not of the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. However, Ibn Al-Qayyim reported that Ibn ‘Umar (ﷺ) used to raise his hand while reciting Takbîr(2) though he was a sincere adherent to the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. Indeed, the best of guidance is that of the prophet’s (ﷺ). Ibn ‘Umar’s and his father’s practice does not make it a Sunnah. Besides, the narration that reports their practice is not authentic.(3)

Regarding this point, Imâm Mâlik stated that ‘he had not heard any [affirmed] hadîth about this’,(4) and this was his Mathâhab -as reported in Al-Mudawwânah” (vol. 1 / p. 169) and quoted by An-Nawawî in his “Al-Majmû’” (vol. 5 / p. 26).

Ibn Al-Munthir added that Imâm Mâlik said: ‘There is no affirmed Sunnah that states its obligation; accordingly, whoever wishes to raise his hands could do so. But I prefer that one raises his hands only in the first Takbîr’.(5)

* Performing the Pre-Sunnah Eid Salât and calling “As-Salâtu Jâmî’ah” [i.e. Salât to be done in congregation] before people stand to perform the Salât:

[7/64] The majority of muslims -who attend Eid Salât- perform two Rak‘ah Salât before sitting down waiting for the Imâm to start Eid Salât. Narrations affirm that the prophet (ﷺ) never performed these two Rak‘ahs. For example, Ibn ‘Abbâs (ﷺ)

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(1) Adopted from Al-‘Albânî’s “Silsilat Al-Ahâdîth As-Sahîhah” (vol. 1 / p. 281).
(2) “Zâd al-Ma‘âd” (vol. 1 / p. 441).
(3) See: “Tamâmul Minnah” (pp. 348-9) and “Irwâ’ul Ghaffîl” (vol. 3 / pp. 112-4).
(4) Narrated by: Al-Firyâbî in “Ahkâmul Eidain” (no. 137) through an authentic chain of narrators.
(5) “Al-‘Awsat” (1 / foil 220/B).
said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) performed on Eid Fitr Day two Rak‘ah Salāt and nothing before or after’.\(^{(1)}\)

Al-Hāfīth Ibn Hajar affirmed the same thing and refuted the view of those who consider Eid Salāt similar to the Friday Salāt.\(^{(2)}\) Imam Ahmad also affirmed the same point [in his Masā‘il]\(^{(3)}\) and continued ‘... some people in Basrah perform the [Eid] Sunnah-Salāt before the Eid Salāt and in Kūfah people perform it after the Eid Salāt’.\(^{(4)}\)

In his “Zādul Ma‘ād”, Ibnul Qayyim affirmed that neither the prophet (ﷺ) nor his Sahābah ever did such Eid Sunnah Salāt.

Upon reaching the Musallā, the prophet (ﷺ) used to do Eid Salāt without preceding it with ‘Athān, Iqāmah or pronouncing “As-Salātu Jāmi‘ah”. And this is indeed the Sunnah.\(^{(6)}\)

The well-versed scholars considered doing such things before the Eid Salāt as Bid‘ah.\(^{(7)}\)

* Performing acts of worship on the nights preceding the Eid Days:

[8/64] Many Khutabah and callers unto Allāh (ﷻ) recommend people and urge them to seek Allāh’s (ﷻ) closeness through spending the night preceding the two Eids doing acts of worship. They, however, depend on no authentic proof. These so called “Shaikhs” even ascribe this recommendation to the prophet (ﷺ) to have said: ‘Whoever spends the night preceding the two

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\(^{(1)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in “As-Sahīh” (no. 945), (989) and (1364), Muslim in “As-Sahīh” (no. 884), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1159), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi‘” (no. 537), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 3 / p. 193), Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1291), Abdur Razzaq in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 3 / p. 275), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 355) and Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 177).

\(^{(2)}\) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 476).

\(^{(3)}\) “Masā‘ilul Imām Ahmad” (no. 469) - narrated by his son Abdullāh.

\(^{(4)}\) “Masā‘ilul Imām Ahmad” (no. 479) - narrated by Ishāq Ibn Ibrāhīm Ibn Hānī’.

\(^{(5)}\) (vol. 1 / p. 443).

\(^{(6)}\) The previous reference (vol. 1 / p. 442). See also: “At-Tamhid” (vol. 10 / p. 243).

\(^{(7)}\) See: “Subul Salām” (vol. 2 / p. 67).
Eid days doing acts of worship, his/her heart will never die on the day when all hears will die’. (1)

This hadīth is forged and should never be ascribed to the prophet (ﷺ) and hence the prohibition of applying it and calling people for it.

[9/64] Khutabah’s mistakes in the Eid Khutbah:

1- Commencing the Khutbah with Takbīr and repeating it frequently during the Khutbah.

Describing the prophet’s (ﷺ) Eid Khutbah, Ibn Al-Qayyim said: ‘He (ﷺ) used to begin all his Khutab with “Al-Hamdulillāh”. It was not affirmed in even one single hadīth the he (ﷺ) used to begin the two Eid Khutab with Takbīr. Ibn Mājah narrated in his “Sunnan”(2) from Sa’d Al-Qurth -the prophet’s (ﷺ) caller for Salāt- that ‘he (ﷺ) used to say Takbīr frequently during his Khutbas especially in the Eid Khutbah’.

This does not, however, mean that he (ﷺ) used to begin the Khutbah with Takbīr. Scholars differed regarding the beginnings of the Istisqā’ and the two Eid Khutab; some say that they should begin with Takbīr, others say the Istisqā’ Khutbah should begin with Istghfār and others say that both should begin with Tahmīd.

Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah held that the latter is the soundest of all opinions.(3)

I believe that the hadīth mentioned earlier is a weak one for its chain of narrators include Abdul Rahmān Ibn Sa’d Ibn Ammār Ibn Sa’d -the caller for Salāt- and he is a weak narrator and Sa’d Ibn Ammār who is an unidentified narrator. Accordingly, it must not be used as a proof by those who recite Takbīr during the Khutbah.(4)

(1) See: “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da’īfah Wal Mawdū‘ah” (no. 520 and 521).
(2) In Kitāb: “Iqāmatus Salāt”, chapter: Narrations about the two Eid Khutab” (no. 1287).
(3) “Zād al-Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / pp. 447-8).
(4) “Tamāmul Minnah” (no. 351).
2- Delivering two Khutbahs with a sitting rest between them. All the narrations reported regarding this point are weak and not affirmed -as An-Nawawi stated.(1)

[65] Mistakes regarding combining two Salāts in residence:

The general principle which the adherents to Sunnah and Jamā‘ah follow states that every Salāt should be done on its due time -which was prescribed in the prophet’s (ﷺ) Ahādīth with neither advancing nor delaying except for a considerable Shar’ reason- that is affirmed in the Fiqh compilations and Shar’ texts support it.

Accordingly, a muslim must not perform a whole Salāt or part of it -before its time is due for this is of violating Allāh’s (ﷻ) laws and of mocking His Āyat [Qur’anic verses].

The following points discuss some mistakes done when combining between Salawāt:

[1/65] The Shī‘ah Mathhab:

It states the permissibility of combining between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salāt and between the Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salāt in general, whether in residence or in journey, whether there is a need to do so or not and whether early combination or delayed combination. All Shī‘ah followers -every where- follow this Mathhab!!(2)

Some scholars(3) has totally misunderstood this matter and reported that some Sunnah scholars consider combining between the two Salāts with no excuse or need as permissible.

(1) See: “Fiqhus Sunnah” (vol. 1 / p. 322) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 348).
(3) Such as: Abdil Latif Al-Bagdādī in his “Al-Jam’u Baina Farīdatain Fī Daw’il Kitābī Was Sunnati Wal Ijmā’” and Husain Yusuf Al-‘Āmilī in his treatise “Al-Jam’u Bainas Salātain”, both are Shī‘tes! The former even went far than that he defamed and insulted the great Sahābi Abū Hurairah (ﷺ). Nothing detained me from returning the insult in doubles back to him and presenting that great Sahābi’s status and noble manner and reliability he enjoyed but the purpose of this book.
Indeed; at times of hardship and difficulty, combining between the Salawāt is permissible unless this becomes a habit -as the soundest of the scholars’ opinions states. (1) And this is totally the opposite of the Shī‘ah Mathhab which states that every two Salāts share the same time; the first of which could be done at the beginning and the second could be done at its end within a period enough to perform four Rak‘ahs. (2)

May Allāh (ﷺ) shower His Mercy on Ash-Sahwkānī; he presented the [way] people [do Salāt] at his time and stated the reason that made ignorants do the Salāt before its time is due.

He said: ‘This part of the earth and this period of time were afflicted with some ignorants who do not know the Shar‘ and yet participated in delivering rulings in some Fiqh matters. Consequently, they trespassed the prescribed times and permitted people to do Salāt in times other than the prescribed ones believing that this is the way of showing love and respect to the prophet’s (ﷺ) household and hence leading themselves and others astray. Indeed, the prophet’s (ﷺ) household are free from this practice and never instituted it for people’. (3)

Al-Hāfīth Ath-Thahabī also reported that the cause that made the Qurrā’, i.e. the Qur‘ān recitors, and the righteous in Irāq revolt against Al-Hajjāj for his tyranny in delaying Salāt from its due time and combining two Salāts in residence. (4)

The apparent words of Ash-Shawkānī mean that he [Al-Hajjāj] used to combine between the Salawāt without any need or Shar‘

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(2) Regarding refuting this claim, i.e. each two Salāts share the same period of time, see: “Ahkhāmul Qur‘ān” by Al-Jassās (vol. 2 / p. 271) and our book “Al-Jam‘u Binasalatīn Fil Hadar B‘uthril Matar” (p. 22).

(3) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 185).

excuse for if there is any, combining between Salawāt is permissible, as the Jumhūr held.

Indeed, how could such a false claim be attributed to the prophet’s (下げ) household?! They are indeed free from it.

Ash-Shawkānī also stated: ‘In San‘ā’ mosques, congregations perform ‘Asr Salāt immediately after performing Thuhr Salāt and they perform ‘Ishā’ Salāt during the Maghrib time. And many people perform Thuhr and ‘Asr Salāt when the sun is about to set. To Allāh (下げ) we complain of such sheer ignorance in religion’.(1)

[2/65] It is worth mentioning here that a group of Fuqahā’ consider combining between Salawāt in residence as forbidden. Ash-Shawkānī supported their view and compiled a treatise under the title “Tashnishūs Sam‘ Bi’ibtāli ‘Adillati Jam’”.(2) He depended on an extra information reported in Ibn ‘Abbās’ hadith which states: ‘Allāh’s (下げ) Messenger combined between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salāt and between Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salāt in Madīnah though there was neither rain nor were Muslims under a state of fear’. (3) This extra information states: ‘He (下げ) delayed performing Thuhr Salāt and performed ‘Asr Salāt in its early time, and delayed doing Maghrib Salāt and performed ‘Ishā’ Salāt in its early time’. Commenting on this extra information, Ash-Shawkānī said that this combination between Salawāt is an unreal one; it includes a combination of actions [not of times]. This means to do the first Salāt in its late time and the second in its early time but not the two ones at the same period of time. This way of combination between the Salawāt was, however, weakened by many scholars; one of whom is An-Nawawī.

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(1) “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 185).
(2) As mentioned in “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 268), “Al-Badrul Tāli’” (vol. 2 / p. 220) and “Īdul Maknūn” (vol. 1 / p. 291), Ash-Shawkānī referred to this book in his “As-Saylul Jarrār” but without naming it. See: (vol. 1 / p. 194).
(3) In my book “Al-Jam’u Binas Salātāin Fil Hadar Bi’uthrīl Matar” (pp. 61-2), this narration was discussed in details regarding its chains of narrations and wordings, as will follow soon.
Both Ash-Shawkānī in his “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 265) and Siddīq Hasan Khān in his “Fathul ‘Allām” (vol. 1 / p. 195) rejected An-Nawawī’s view. They said: ‘How strange! How could he weaken such a way -i.e. the unreal combination- and miss An-Nasā’ī’s narration with its extra [restricting] information we mentioned earlier. And it is [a] well known [principle Fiqḥ] that general texts must be restricted in accordance with the specifying ones, besides if both narrations describe the same event’. (1)

Indeed, I wonder how such great scholars wonder of An-Nawawī’s view. This extra information mentioned earlier was added to the original narration by one of the narrators believing it to be a part of the ḥadīth -as An-Nasā’ī stated. And in Muslim’s “Sahīh’, it is considered as an explanation of the ḥadīth by some narrators with no sense of certainty and it is not part of the ḥadīth at all. (2)

Indeed, the authentic Sharī’ text states the legality of combining between the Salawāt in residence when there is a need and [Sharī’] excuse.

Al-Qādī Ibn Al-‘Arabī Al-Mālikī said: ‘The act of combining between the Salawāt is only practiced with deep confidence by those whose hearts deeply believe in Sunnah and feel content with it and none avoids it but those who have harsh and rough hearts’. (3)

Having mentioned this deeply rooted difference between us - the followers of Sunnah and Jamā’ah- and the Shi‘ah regarding the legality of combining between Salawāt and having refuted the view that states the prohibition of combining Salawāt in residence, we shall now discuss the mistakes many praying Muslims make -taking into consideration that many of which were born out from many Fuqahā’ weak views. In “Al-Jam’u Bainas Salātain Fil Hadar

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(1) Some late scholars followed Ash-Shawkānī and Siddīq Hasan Khān in their view, such as: Al-Kandihlawī in his “Awjazul Masālik” (vol. 3 / p. 82) and others.
(2) For more details see: “Irwā’ul Ghalīl” (vol. 3 / p. 34) and our book “Al-Jam’u Bainas Salātain Fil Hadar Bi’uthril Matar” (p. 63).
(3) “At-Tāju Wal Iklīl Li Mukhtasar Khalīl” (vol. 2 / p. 156). See also: “Ashalul Madārik” (vol. 1 / p. 237) and “Al-Fawākihud Dawānī” (vol. 1 / p. 271).
Bi‘uthril Matar”, I discussed such views and refuted them in details. Accordingly, only the mistakes and proofs related to them will be mentioned here.

* The obligation of having the Niyyah [intention] of combining between Salawāt when reciting Takbīratūl Ihrām or before finishing the first Salāt.

[3/65] According to the soundest of the ‘Ulamah’s opinions, it is sufficient to bear the Niyyah of combination between Salawāt after the end of the first Salāt and before reciting Takbīratūl Ihrām for the second.

This opinion, however, contradicts the one that states the obligation of bearing the Niyyah for combination when reciting Takbīratūl Ihrām of the first Salāt or before finishing it, for according to those who held this opinion, the combined Salawāt are considered as one act of worship for which there should be one Niyyah before or during the first one.

The soundest of all opinions is that these two combined Salawāt are two different, independent acts of worship that there could be a slight separation between them as the majority of those who believe in its legality state.

Combining [between the Salawāt] means joining the second [Salāt] to the first. So, it is sufficient to bear the Niyyah before the process of joining [i.e. before starting the second Salāt]. This view was held by: Al-Muzanī who reported it to be one of Ash-Shāfi‘ī’s views(1) to which some of his followers adhered and was supported by An-Nawawī(2) As-Sirāj Al-Bulqīnī also preponderated it and

(2)“Al-Majmū’” (vol. 4 / p. 374), “Rawdatut Tālibīn” (vol. 1 / p. 397), and on his “Hāshiyah” for “Sharhul Ghuzzī” (vol. 1 / p. 216), Al-Baijūrī said: “This could be done in any way one feels comfortable”.

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was followed by Ibn Hajar Al-‘Asqalānī.(1) Ibn Taymiyyah shared them this view.(2)

The following points support the aforementioned opinion.

First: when the prophet (ﷺ) led his Sahābah and combined between the Salawāt without informing them with his intention in advance. They didn’t know about that till he (ﷺ) finished the first Salāt. Accordingly, bearing the Niyyah for combining between the Salawāt when starting the first Salāt is not a precondition for the validity of combination.

Ibn Taymiyyah affirmed this point in his Fatāwā; he said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) never ordered his Sahābah to bear the Niyyah for combining between Salawāt or shortening them when he led them in these Salawāt. He once traveled to Makkah and shortened the four Rak‘ahs Salawāt to two Rak‘ahs with no combination between them and performed Thuhr Salāt followed by ‘Asr Salāt on ‘Arafah without informing them in advance that he would do so. This was in advance combination, for which the Sahābah bore no intention in advance. And he (ﷺ) did the same when he went to Thul Hulaifah; he (ﷺ) did not order them to bear the Niyyah for shortening the [four Rak‘ahs] Salawāt in advance’.(3)

Then he [i.e. Ibn Taymiyyah] continued: ‘When heading to Makkah for Hajj, he (ﷺ) led his Sahābah in the Salāt and performed four-Rak‘ahs Thuhr Salāt at Madīnah, two-Rak‘ahs ‘Asr Salāt at Thul Hulaifah and he was followed by innumerable number of praying Muslims who accompanied him in his Hajj -many of whom do not know the manner in which journey Salāt is done due to being newly reverts to Islām or having no experience of traveling-especially women. They all followed him in the Salāt and he (ﷺ) never ordered them to bear the Niyyah for shortening the Salāt in

(1) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 1 / p. 18).
(2) “Majmū‘ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / pp. 28, 50 and 104). Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘This opinion was held by Abū Bakr Abdil ‘Azīz, the old followers of Imām Ahmad such as: Al-Khallāl and others and so did Al-Athram, Abū Dāwūd, Ibrahim Al-Muzantī and others’.
(3) “Majmū‘ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / p. 50).
advance. He (ﷺ) also combined between the *Salawāt* on 'Arafah and never told those following him of his intention'.

Presenting another evidence for this view, Ibn Hajar Al-‘Asqalānī said: ‘He (ﷺ) combined between the *Salawāt* during *Tabūk* battle without informing those who followed him of his intention. Were having the *Niyyah* a precondition [for the validity of the combination], he (ﷺ) would have informed them of this.’

**Second:** It is narrated in the two “Sahīhs” that he (ﷺ) once led his *Sahābah* in the ‘*Ishā*’ *Salāt* and performed it two *Rak‘ahs* instead of four.

After the *Salāt* was finished, Thul Yadain asked: ‘Was *Salāt* shortened or have you forgotten?’

He (ﷺ) said: ‘I neither forgot nor was *Salāt* Shortened’.

Thul Yadain said: ‘Indeed, you have forgotten’.

He (ﷺ) then said: ‘Is Thul Yadain telling the truth?’

The *Sahābah* said: ‘Indeed, he is’

Then he (ﷺ) completed his *Salāt*.

Were bearing the *Niyyah* for shortening *Salāt* a precondition for the validity of the *Salāt*, he (ﷺ) would have informed them with it, and the *Sahābah* would have known that it [and so would not have asked about it].

**Third:** The aforementioned hadīth also indicates the permissibility of having the *Niyyah* for combining between the *Salawāt* when reciting *Takbiratul Ihrām* for the second *Salāt*.

Regarding this, Al-Muzanī said: ‘If one ends his *Salāt* without having the *Niyyah* to combine between the *Salawāt* and does the other one after slight period of time, in this case one’s combination...”

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(2) ‘Fathul Bārī’ (vol. 1 / p. 18).
(3) Narrated by: the two Shaikhs -as reported in “Al- Lu’lu’ Wal Marjān” (no. 337). In his compilation, Shaikh Salāhud Din Al-‘Alā‘i gathered all the hadīth’s narrations and ‘Ulamah’s views regarding it -as reported in “At-Talkhīsul Habīr” (vol. 1 / p. 281) and “Fihrisul Fahāris” (vol. 2 / p. 791).
(4) ‘Majmū‘ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah’ (vol. 24 / p. 50).
is valid. So is the case with the one who forgets in his Salāt; when one ends the four-Rak‘ah-Salāt after doing only two Rak‘ahs, then completed the other two after a slight period of time -just like what the prophet (ﷺ) did- one’s Salāt is valid. In conclusion, when combining between the two Salawāt, the period of time that separates between them should be slight’.(1)

Fourth: None of the Sahābah nor the Tābi‘īn ever considered having the Niyyah for combining or shortening Salawāt as a pre-condition [for the validity of Salawāt].

Affirming this point, Ibn Taymiyyah said: ‘It was never reported that the prophet (ﷺ) nor his Sahābah ever ordered those behind them in Salāt to have the Niyyah for combining or shortening the Salāt in advance’.(2)

According to the previous discussion,

[4/65] one could realize the falsehood of the view that states the prohibition of doing combination of Salawāt by the Masbūq in case he joins the congregation and did not know in advance that the Imām is doing combination. The holders of such view believe so because this Masbūq did not bear the intention of doing combination before reciting Takbīratul Ihrām for the first Salāt or before finishing it.

Another mistake is writing the statement that says: “The Imām is going to do combination” at the mosque entrances or inside them, and considering informing the Ma‘mūmin that the Imām is going to combine between the Salawāt as a precondition [for the validity of the Salāt].

All the aforementioned mistakes contradict the essence of the concession through which Allāh (ﷻ) showers His mercy on his creatures by making things easier for them. Some people, however,

(1) “Mukhtasar Al-Muzanī” (vol. 8 / p. 119). This edition includes the text of “Al-‘Umm” by Ash-Shāfi‘ī.
(2) “Majmū‘ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / p. 104).
still tend to practice extremism and indulge themselves in hardships!!

* Detering others form combining between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt in residence.

[5/65] Some Fuqahā’ held the legality of combination between the Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt only unlike Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt for in the latter, one does not suffer darkness and rain. Analogy has no access here regarding journey Salāt in which combination could be practiced since one suffers lengthy distances and the fear of loosing company unlike the state of residence. Some of these scholars even claimed that proofs support combining between the Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salāt only!!

Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī held the legality of combining between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt unlike Imām  Mālik who distinguished between the day Salawāt and night ones through specifying the general meaning Ibn ‘Abbās’s hadīth states: ‘Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) combined between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt and between Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt without being under a state of fear nor in journey’. He [Imām Mālik] interpreted it saying: ‘I think(1) this took place in rainy weather’. (2)

Ash-Shāfi‘ī [refuted Imām Mālik’s view and] said: ‘Imām Mālik did not take the hadīth’s generality nor its specific interpretation into consideration. Instead, he rejected a part of it, i.e. “combined Thur and ‘Asr Salawāt” and interpreted the other, i.e. “combined the Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt”, and such a way [of interpreting texts] is unanimously rejected’. (3)

(1) This shows uncertainty.
(3) “Bidāyatul Mujtahid” (vol. 1 / p. 173) and “Al-Jawharun Naqī” (vol. 3 / p. 168).
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As-Subkī said: ‘According to Imām Mālik’s interpretation; combining between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt and between Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt is permissible when the weather is rainy’. (1)

Since this combination between Salawāt is affirmed in Ibn Abbās’ hadīth; there is no access for analogy here since the Shar’ text is already available -as affirmed by scholars of ‘Usūl.

Many Hanabilites held the permissibility of combining between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt such as: Al-Qādī, Abul Khattāb and Ibn Taymiyyah. Ibn Hubairah reported it to be the only view of Imām Ahmad and Ibn Razīn affirmed it in his “Nihāyat”, and so did the authors of “Nathm Nihāyat Ibn Razīn” and “At-Tashīl” considering it to be the soundest of all ‘Ulamma’s opinions. It was also reported by the authors of “Al-Khulāsah”, “Idrākul Ghāyah”, “Masbūkuth Thahab”, “Al-Mustaw’ib”, “At-Talkhīs”, “Al-Bulghah”, “Khīsāl Ibnil Bannā‘”, and At-Tūfī in “Sharh Al-Khiraqī” and “Al-Hawiyayn”. (2)

*Detering others from combining between Salawāt in residence except in rainy weather.

[6/65] Many muslims believe that the combination between Salawāt is permissible only when the weather is rainy. Accordingly, the first thing you hear when the Imām intends to combine between the Salawāt in cold weather: ‘Combination is permissible only when it is rainy and the land is wet’. Such people believe so depending on a narration related by Mālik from Abiz Zubair Al-Mālikī from Sa’īd Ibn Jubair from Abdullāh Ibn ‘Abbās to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) combined between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt and between Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt without being under a state of fear nor was he on a journey’.

(1) “Al-Manhal Al-‘Athb Al-Mawrūd” (vol. 7 / p. 66).
[Imām] Mālik interpreted the hadīth saying: ‘I think this took place when the weather was rainy’.\(^1\) Using Imām Mālik’s chain of narration, Zuhair narrated the hadīth with extra information that states: ‘... at Madīnah’. Abuz-Zubair said: ‘I asked Sa‘īd why the prophet (ﷺ) did such an act’. He answered: ‘I asked Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) the same question and he answered: ‘In order not to put muslims under hardships’’.\(^2\)

Habīb Ibn Abī Thābit used Abuz-Zubair’s chain of narration but with the words: “nor was the weather rainy” instead of “nor was he (ﷺ) on a journey”.\(^3\)

‘Amru Ibn Harim used Ibn Abī Habīb’s chain of narrators and related the hadīth from Sa‘īd as follows: ‘Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) combined between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt due to being totally busy. Ibn ‘Abbās (ﷺ) said that he performed Salawāt with the prophet (ﷺ) at Madīnah and he (ﷺ) combined between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt’.\(^4\)

Qatādah also narrated the same narration saying: ‘I heard Jābir Ibn Zaid relating from Ibn ‘Abbās to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ)’

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\(^2\) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 489), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 166) and Al-Baghwī in “Sharhus Sunnah” (vol. 4 / p. 198) (no. 1044).

\(^3\) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 489), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmī” (vol. 1 / p. 355), Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (no. 1211), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 354), Al-Baihaqī in “As-Sunnan Al-Kubrā” (vol. 3 / p. 167) and Ibnil Munthir in “Al-Awsat” (vol. 2 / pp. 432-3).

\(^4\) Narrated by: At-Tayālīsī in his “Musnad” (no. 2614), An-Nasā‘ī in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 1 / p. 286) and from the same chain of narrators, Ad-Dūlābī narrated it in “Al-Kūnā Wal ‘Asmā” (vol. 2 / p. 59). An-Nasā‘ī chain of narrators is a good one and it goes in accordance with Muslim’s conditions for the authentic hadīth.
combined between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt and between Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt at Madīnah without being under a state of fear nor was the weather rainy’’. Ibn ‘Abbās was then asked about why the prophet (ﷺ) had done such an act. And he answered: ‘In order not to force his ‘Ummah into hardships’.(1)

The hadīth was also narrated from Jābir Ibn Zaid -whose agnomen is Abush Sha’thā’- by ‘Amru Ibn Dīnār summarized as follows: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) performed Salāt in Madīnah seven Rak‘ahs and eight Rak‘ahs doing Thuhr and ‘Asr Salāt [combined] and Mghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salāt [combined]’. (2)

Qatādah’s narration from Abish-Sha’thā’ gives predominance for that of Habīb Ibn Abī Thābit which states: “nor was the weather rainy” over the one that states: “without being on a journey”.

Imām Al-Baihaqī; however, missed the former narration and consequently; he preponderated Abiz Zubair’s narration which states the words “without being on a journey” considering ‘Amru’s Ibn Dīnār from Abish-Sha’thā’s narration which states neither of the aforementioned wordings.

Preponderating Abiz Zubair’s narration rather than that of Hbīb Ibn Abī Thābit has no sense for Habīb is one of the reliable narrators for whom the two Shaikhs narrated many narrations -as mentioned in “Al-Jam’u Binan Rijālis Sahīhain” (vol. 1 / p. 97).

(1) Narrated by: Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 1 / p. 223) and the hadīth’s chain of narrators is authentic according to the conditions set by the two Shaikhs for authentic Ahādīth.

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Accordingly, Habīb’s narration has more right to be preponderated and taken into consideration than that of Abiz Zubair. Besides, Abuz Zubair is one of the narrators the narrations of whom only Imām Muslim narrated -as reported in “Tahthībut Tahthīb” (vol. 9 / p. 390).

In addition to all that, the narrations Abuz Zubair narrated from Sa‘īd Ibn Jubair differed in their wordings; some mention “journey” - as the one narrated by Qurrah which supports the one narrated by Abiz Zubair from Abit Tufail, and others mention “at Madīnah”—as many narrators narrated it from him [Abiz Zubair] from Sa‘īd.(1)

According to the previous discussion, the preponderated narration is the one that states: “... without being in a state of fear nor was the weather rainy”. The narration which mentions “at Madīnah” supports this since stating “without being in a journey” is a repetition that is useless unlike the statement “nor was the weather rainy”; which includes an extra information. Pay heed to this. This was strongly affirmed by Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah.(2)

The apparent meaning of the hadīth indicates that the combination between Salawāt the prophet (ﷺ) used to practice was in residence. Ibn Abbās’s use for this hadīth as a hard evidence against the man who denied such combination supports this. Abdullāh Ibn Shaqīq relates the argument that took place between them as follow:

‘Once Ibn ‘Abbās delivered a speech in Al-Basrah in the afternoon till the sun set and stars appeared. People started reminding him of the Salāt and then a man from Banī Tamīm insisted that Ibn ‘Abbās do the [Maghrib] Salāt.

Ibn ‘Abbās then said: ‘Are you teaching me the Sunnah, may your mother loose you’. Then he continued: ‘Indeed, I saw the prophet (ﷺ) combine between Thuhr and ‘Asr Salawāt and Mghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salawāt’.

(1) “Majmū’atuar Rasā’il Wal Masā’il” (vol. 2 / p. 34) - Al-Manār ed. 1345 H.
(2) The previous reference (vol. 2 / p. 35).
Abdullāh Ibn Shaqīq then said: ‘Having heard these words, I became so skeptical regarding this matter [of combination]. I went on to Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) and enquired about that. Abū Hurairah (ﷺ) affirmed Ibn ‘Abbās’s words.’

According to the previous discussion, combining between the Salawāt when the weather is rainy or when being under a state of fear is permissible -according to Ibn ‘Abbās’s statement, i.e. “without ... was rainy”, as he (ﷺ) did on ‘Arafah and Muzdalifah,- does not entail the prohibition of combination in these two states since he (ﷺ) practiced combination for reasons less in seriousness than these two and hence the legality of doing combination when being under these two states.

Combination between the Salawāt could be practiced when the need arises such as: suffering muddy roads, snow, ice, sickness, fierce wind or any other kind of hardship. This opinion is held by many of the well-versed scholars -as is mentioned earlier- and it is Imām Ahmad’s Mathhab -which Shaikul Islām Ibn Taymiyya described to be the most flexible of all Mathāhib regarding this point for it allows the one under any kind of hardship or being so busy to do combination between Salawāt'. Then he stated Al-Qādī’s statements regarding “being busy” and said: ‘Al-Qādī Abū Ya’lā and others of our Shaikhs stated that: If one is too busy to attend the Friday Salāt and the congregations, then is allowed to do combinations Salāt’.

According to the previous discussion, one could easily realize that those who open the windows of the mosque before the Imām recites Takbīratul Ihram for combination between Salawāt to know whether there is rain or not in order to do combination believing

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(1) Narrated by: Muslim in his “Sahīh” (vol. 1 / p. 491), Abū ‘Uwānah in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 354-5), At-Tayālisī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 2720), Ibn Abī Shaibah in “Al-Musannaf” (vol. 2 / p. 456) with an extra statement at the end: ‘... this means in the journey’. This extra information is of Ibn Abī Shaibah’s interpretation for the hadith - which is untrue.
(2) See: “Majmū’ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / p. 84).
(3) “Majmū’ Fatāwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / p. 28).
this to be a precondition for the validity of the Salawāt; their belief is totally wrong.

* Detering those who live near the mosque from combining between Salawāt in residence.

[7/65] Some Shāfi‘ī followers held that ‘in residence only those who live far away from the mosque and find it difficult to reach the mosque under rain are permitted to perform combination between Salawāt. However, those who walk to the mosque under any kind of a shelter [a building, a roofed entrance, ... etc.] or those whose houses are just near the mosque, they may not perform combination between the Salawāt’.

They [i.e. the Shāfi‘ī followers] only excluded the Imām from this ruling for if he is not to lead all the Salawāt, congregations would not be established in the mosque.\(^{(1)}\)

The sounder opinion is that doing combination is permissible for the Imām and every one else.

Imām Mālik was once asked about those who live near the mosque and could easily reach it and those whose houses are far away from the mosque; are they both allowed to do combination between the Salawāt in rainy weather?

He answered: ‘When combination is performed in the mosque, all those who attend the mosque should do the same -those who live near or away from the mosque- they are all equal in this’.\(^{(2)}\)

Commenting on Imām Mālik’s view, Muhammad Ibn Rushd said: ‘This view is indeed the truth since the permissibility of performing combination is for both kinds of people. Those who live near the mosque are not allowed to form a congregation for each Salāt for this would induce them to leave the congregation with the Imām and would lead to disunity amongst Muslims’.\(^{(3)}\)


\(^{(2)}\) “Al-Bayānū Wat Tahsīl” (vol. 1 / pp. 403-4).

\(^{(3)}\) The previous reference.
The Hanbalites also held the same view and it is the apparent meaning of Imām Ahmad’s statements regarding this point -as reported by Al-Qādī- for the allowing of something is for all people even if the need or the hardship is not existing for some -just like [the allowing of doing combination on] a journey. Besides, it was affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) performed combination in rainy weather in the mosque though his chamber was so close to the mosque.\(^1\)

Those who held the prohibition [of performing combination by those living near the mosque] refuted the aforementioned view by stating that the prophet (ﷺ) performed combination because he (ﷺ) had nine chambers for his nine wives, none of which led directly to the mosque but that of Aishah’s and the other eight didn’t. Accordingly, he (ﷺ) may have performed combination at times when he used to come to the mosque from any of the eight rooms for the possibility of being in them is more than the possibility of being in Aishah’s.\(^2\)

Ibn Hajar refuted this view in his “At-Talkhīṣ” and said: ‘An evidence is needed to support such a view. The evidence, however, supports its opposite. In “Al-Muwatta’”, Imām Mālik narrated from one of his reliable narrators to have said: ‘People used to go into the prophet’s (ﷺ) wives’ rooms to perform Friday Salāt since the mosque could not bear their great number though these rooms were not part of the mosque but their doors lead to it’.\(^3\)

Indeed, ‘Umm Salamah’s hadīth supports Ibn Hajar’s view. The hadīth states: ‘**Once Allāh’s (ﷻ) Messenger (ﷺ) woke up late at night terrified and said: ‘Indeed, the inhabitants of these rooms should wake up’,**\(^4\) meaning his wives.

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\(^1\) Narrated by: “Ad-Diyā’ul Maqdīṣ in “Al-Muntaqā Min Masmū’āthi Bi Maru” -as reported in “Irwā’ul Ghalīl” (vol. 3 / p. 39) of Al-‘Albānī’s who judged the hadīth “very weak” for the words “so close to the mosque” are of some Fuqahā’s interpretations for the hadīth, and not part of it.


\(^3\) “At-Talkhisul Habīr” (vol. 4 / p. 479).

\(^4\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in “As-Sahīh” (vol. 13 / p. 32).
The following points support our view:

First: If walking to the mosque under any kind of hardship - such as rain, ... etc.- to be taken as a precondition [for the validity of combination] this would entail the prohibition of doing combination by those who reach the mosque before the hardship takes place. And such a view was not held by any Faqīḥ - as far as I know.

Second: Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī said: ‘People could do combination whether the rain is heavy or not, the mosque is close to one’s house or not or whether the people attending it are many or not.

One may not do combination between Salawāt at home for the prophet (ﷺ) never did combination but in the mosque. Besides, doing Salāt at home is totally different from doing it in the mosque’. (1)

The aforementioned view of Ash-Shāfi‘ī was also stated in “Al-Imlā’” and it is the opposite of that which his followers hold. (2)

Third: The main principle when doing any kind of congregational worship is to retain unity amongst muslims. Some scholars said: ‘The essence of any ‘Ibadah [worship] is to do it in congregation. Were it to be done in isolation this would indicate insincerity, having some kind of misconception, practicing Bid’ah, lack of good manners or nursing feelings of conceit’. (3)

If those living near the mosque are to be prohibited of doing combination [with the congregation], this would lead to disunity amongst muslims while doing acts of worship and would lead to further mistakes done while doing combination; two of which will be discussed in details.

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(1) “Al-’Umm” (vol. 1 / p. 95).
(2) See: “Al-Muhaththab” (vol. 1 / p. 112).
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* Doing combination in congregation after the one led by the Imām.

[8/65] Some people from another congregation do combination between Salawāt after the one done by the Imām is finished due to coming late to the mosque.

This mistake was previously discussed in the chapter under the title: “Mistakes done in the mosque in congregational Salāt”. However, I would like to quote some of our ‘Ulamah’s statements regarding this point.

1- Shaikh Ali Al-‘Adawī said: ‘One may not do combination between the Salawāt by himself if he enters the mosque and finds that the Imām has already done combination, nor is he allowed to form another congregation, for doing so will lead to forming multiple congregations after that of the Imām. Nevertheless, if such people do combination between Salawāt, their combination is valid’. (1)

2- Ad-Dusūqī stated the same [in his Háshiyah]. (2)

3- Al-Wansharīsī said: ‘I asked Shaikh Abā Abdillāh Muhammad Ibn Qāsim Al-Qūri about those who form another congregation for combining between the Salawāt after the one with the Imām is done. Is their combination valid?’

He [i.e. Muhammad Ibn Qāsim] answered: ‘The second combination of Salawāt is valid and nothing wrong with it and hence no need to repeat the Salāt. The only description of such an act is that it is Makrūh -as it is well-known amongst the Fuqahā”. (3)

This is indeed the Jumhūr’s Mathhab; i.e. the prohibition of forming a second congregation in the same mosque.

(2) “Hāshiyatul Dusūqī ‘Alał Ash-Sharhil Kabīr” (vol. 1 / p. 371).
(3) “Al-Mi’yārul Mu’rab” (vol. 1 / pp. 203-4).
Sitting in the mosque till the other Salāt is due and sharing not those who did not do combination their Salāt because of having done it already.

Some people sit in the mosque, after doing combination with the Imām, till the other Salāt is due and share not those who did not do combination their Salāt because the former has done it already. Such people fall in three mistakes.

The first: They cause inconvenience for those who do the Salāt due to their conversing.

The second: Leaving not the mosque after doing combination.

The third: Abandoning Salāt with the congregation.

It is affirmed that Yazīd Ibn Al-‘Aswad said that he performed Salāt with the prophet (ﷺ) while still a young man. Having finished his Salāt, the prophet (ﷺ) saw two men at the farthest part of the mosque sitting. He (ﷺ) called them and they came feeling terrified. He (ﷺ) asked them: ‘What deterred you from sharing us our Salāt?’ They said: ‘We have done it at home [due to a Shar‘ excuse]’. Then he (ﷺ) said: ‘Never do this again; when you do Salāt at home and then attend the mosque and find that the Imām has not yet done Salāt, join him his Salāt and it would be a Nāfilah for you’. (1)

Some people do further mistakes; when they hear the ’Athān for the second Salāt, they immediately leave the mosque. And this is a grievous mistake as I have mentioned earlier in this book.

(1) Narrated by: Abū Dāwūd in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 57), An-Nasā’i in “Al-Mujtabā” (vol. 2 / p. 112), At-Tirmithī in “Al-Jāmi‘” (vol. 1 / p. 224), Ad-Dāraquṭnī in “As-Sunnan” (vol. 1 / p. 414), Ibn Hibbān in “As-Sahīh” (no. 434), At-Taylīsī in “Al-Musnad” (no. 1247), Ahmad in “Al-Musnad” (vol. 4 / pp. 160-1), Ibn Sa‘ad in “Al-Tabaqahul Kubrā” (vol. 5 / p. 517), Al-Hākim in “Al-Mustadrak” (vol. 1 / pp. 244-5) who considered it authentic and with which Ath-Thahābī agreed. It is indeed so. See: “At-Talkhisul Habīr” (vol. 2 / p. 29).
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The Fuqahā’ strongly affirmed that if one combined between the Salawāt and accidentally passed by the mosque and finds that people are doing the second Salāt, one does not have to enter the mosque and repeat the second Salāt with them but if he wishes to do so, one should share the Imām his Salāt—as the aforementioned hadīth states.\(^{(1)}\) Allāh (ﷻ) knows that which is best.

It is worth-mentioning here that some Imāms who perform combined Salāt with the congregation let other people lead the praying muslims when Salāt time is due. This is a mistake.

[66] Mistakes done in journey Salāt:

People commit many mistakes when doing Salāt while on a journey such as: abandoning combination between Salawāt and shortening them. They even set some preconditions for their validity depending on no real proofs. The following paragraphs will discuss such mistakes.

* Abandoning combination and shortening Salawāt on journey or travel.

[1/66] Some people, while being on journey, perform the five Salawāt on their five due times without shortening them and hence abandoning the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah. It is affirmed that he (ﷺ) used to combine and shorten the Salawāt [while on a journey].\(^{(2)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) See: The author’s book “Al-Jam’u Bainas Salātain Fil Hadar Bi’uthril Matar” (p. 151).

\(^{(2)}\) According to the Hanafi Mathahb, one may not combine between the Salawāt except when being on ‘Arafah and Muzdalifah. And the Hanafi scholars interpreted the ahādīth that state the combination between the Salawāt to refer to the artificial combination. However, some of the well-versed Hanafi scholars—one of whom is Al-Laknawī—rejected this view. He [Al-Laknawī] said: ‘In his “Sharh Ma’āni Al-Āthār”, Al-Tahāwī supported the Hanafi view and discussed it in details. But what about the ahādīth that clearly state that combination was done after one of the Salawāt’s time has gone, and they are all narrated in Al-Bukhārī’s “Sahih”, Abū Dāwūd’s “Sunan”, Muslim’s “Sahih” and in many other great compilations. Some may argue that the hadīth’s narrators were unable to recognize each Salāt’s time, but the Sahābah indeed did. Besides, such narrations are authentic ones and there is no access to error in them. If it were raised that other ahādīth state that the =
These people do so due to some misconception which they believe to be true, such as:

1- Believing that shortening Salawāt should only take place when one is under a state of fear.

2- Some believe that shortening or combining between Salawāt should only be done in journeys which are initiated for a good Shar' purpose such as the journey for Hajj. This is totally untrue and baseless. Indeed, evidences proof the opposite.

Ash-Shanqītī said: ‘The ‘Ulamah agreed on the legality of shortening the four Rak‘ah Salawāt [into two] on journeys. Very few disagreed and held that shortening Salawāt is done only when one is under a state of fear, others held that it is only done on the journey initiated for a good purpose. These two views are not taken into consideration by any of the ‘Ilm scholars’. (1)

3- Some believe that going on journeys or traveling happens now through using the quick means of transportation such as: planes, cars, trains, ... etc. by using which one does not suffer hardship unlike using the old means of transportation.

4- Others believe that if one is always traveling due to the nature of his work, he may not shorten Salāt.

Regarding this point, Sayyid Sābiq said: ‘All kinds of journeys are the same; traveling using planes, trains or any other means [of transportation], traveling for a good purpose or not, the oft-frequent travels such as those initiated by: sailors or the like; one is

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permitted to shorten one’s Salawāt and break one’s fast during them since they are in a real travel.\(^1\)

Those who believe in this misconception of the so called “contemporary Shaikhs” who do not allow people is execute the journey rulings regarding Salāt depending on their own false view should cease doing so. Indeed, they forgot that Allāh’s (艉) regulations should be applied everywhere and every time till the Day when Allāh (艉) shall restore the earth and all living on it comes. Only Allāh (艉) and His Messenger may change or restrict such regulations. Why don’t they read Allāh’s (艉) words:

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‘And (He has created) horses, mules and donkeys, for you to ride and as an adornment. And He (艉) creates (other) things of which you have no knowledge’\(^2\)

Indeed, the planes, trains, cars, ... etc. are of those things which were not at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time, about which Allāh (艉) informed us that He (艉) will create later. Are they not of Allāh’s (艉) creation?! Or maybe Allāh (艉) didn’t know about them!! Glorified be Allāh (艉). Allāh (艉) did not command us that when He (艉) creates such means later; regulations regarding traveling would be changed or restricted. These regulations will remain the same as they were at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time.\(^3\)

In addition to that, shortening Salāt while traveling is an obligation as many scholars held such as: Al-Hanafī scholars, ‘Ali Ibn Abī Tālib, ‘Umar (ﷺ) -as reported in “Naylul Awtār”\(^4\)- and Al-Khattābī stated that this is the view of the majority of Salaf scholars and Fuqahā’, ‘Umar, ‘Ali, Ibn ‘Umar, Jābir, Ibn ‘Abbās, ‘Umar Ibn ‘Abdil ‘Azīz, Al-Hasan and Qatādah.

And he [i.e. Al-Khattābī] said that Hammād Ibn Abī Sulaimān said: ‘Whoever performs four Rak’ah Salāt while in a travel should

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\(^1\) “Fiqhus Sunnah” (vol. 1 / p. 285).
\(^2\) Sūrat “Al-Nahl” (verse no. 8).
\(^3\) “Arba’u Masā’il Fis Safar” (pp. 49-50).
\(^4\) (vol. 3 / p. 245).
repeat the *Salāt* [and do it two *Rak‘ahs*]. *Imām* Mālik stated the same so long as the *Salāt*’s time has not gone.\(^{(1)}\)

The legality of shortening *Salāt* is supported by many proofs, one of which is the following:

‘Aishah said: ‘*Allāh* (ﷻ) enjoined *Salāt* to be done in twos at first, in residence and while traveling. Afterwards, the journey *Salāt* was approved and an extra *Rak‘ahs* were added to the *Salāt in residence*.\(^{(2)}\)

Commenting on this *ḥadīth*, As-San‘ānī said: ‘This *ḥadīth* includes the obligation of shortening the *Salāt* while traveling for the word “*wajabat*” in the *ḥadīth* means it is an obligation. This is Al-Hādawiyyah’s, Al-Hanafi’s view and others’.\(^{(3)}\)

Then he refuted the view that states that the travel *Salāt* is only a *Rukhsah* [allowance which people may or may not do] and so did As-Shawkānī [in his “Naylul Awtār”] who affirmed it to be an obligation\(^{(4)}\) and then said: ‘Whoever adds extra *Rak‘ahs* to it [i.e. the journey *Salāt*] is similar to the one who adds *Rak‘ahs* to the original four *Rak‘ahs* of the *Salāt* in residence. ‘Aishah’s completion for the journey *Salāt* is not a proof for the proof lies in her narration not practice’.\(^{(5)}\)

\(^{(1)}\) “*Ma‘ālimus Sunnan*” (vol. 2 / pp. 47-8).
\(^{(2)}\) Narrated by: Al-Bukhārī in his “*Sahih*” (vol. 1 / p. 464), (vol. 2 / p. 569) and (vol. 7 / pp. 267-8), Muslim in his “*Sahih*” (no. 685), Abū Dāwūd in “*As-Sunnan*” (no. 1198) and An-Nasā’ī in “*Al-Mujtabā*” (vol. 1 / pp. 225-6).
\(^{(3)}\) “*Subulus Salām*” (vol. 2 / p. 441).
\(^{(4)}\) “*Naylul Awtār*” (vol. 3 / p. 248).
\(^{(5)}\) “*As-Saylul Jarrār*” (vol. 1 / p. 306).

In “*Al-Hady*” (vol. 1 / p. 472), Ibn Al-Qayyim said -regarding ‘Aisha’s completion for the journey Salāt:- ‘I heard Shaikhul Islām Ibn Taymiyyah state that this hadith is falsely ascribed to ‘Aisha; she could not perform a Salāt in away that contradicts that of the prophet (ﷺ) and his Sahābah and she knew that they all shorten it, and she said herself: ‘*Salāt* was enjoined in twos at first, then two *Rak‘ahs* were added to the Salāt in residence while the journey *Salāt* remained as it is’. Howe could one imagine that she would ever add anything to *Allāh*’s (ﷻ) regulation and contradict the prophet’s (ﷺ) and his Sahābah’s (ﷺ) practice’. See also: “*Irwā’ul Ghalīl*” (p. 316).
Shaikhul Islām Ibn Tayimyyah and his pupil Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyyah also held this view long before Ash-Shawkānī and As-Sanānī.

[2/66] Some consider a certain length of a distance as a precondition for the validity of shortening and combining between the Salawāt. The ‘Ulamah differed a lot regarding this length to twenty views. The soundest of all these views -according to well-versed amongst them- is the one which states that a travel is that which is known by custom to be a travel according to people and on which travel rulings are applied. This is indeed of Islām’s easiness for if this distance is to be limited to a certain number of days travel or any other criterion; people would have to know the distances they are going to pass during their travel and this is indeed a hardship for them since many people do not have the ability to do so especially when passing through untrodden roads.

Ash-Shanqīṭī said: ‘The soundest of all opinions, I believe, is the one that states that whatever is called a travel -no mater how short it is- Salāt should be shortened in it for the word “travel” in the Shar‘ texts is general’.

Limiting the distance need a Shar‘ text and no access in it for opinions.

To conclude,

Combination between Salawāt could be done by every person who is habitually called a traveler -whether the distance covered is short or long. The traditional travel is the one which is similar in its state to that which was done during the prophet’s (ﷺ) time- as As-Sanānī stated and hence, the falsehood of the view that prohibits

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(3) “Adwā’ul Bayān” (vol. 1 / p. 370).
doing shortening *Salāt* when one travels without having passports claiming that the habit nowadays is to travel using them!!

Indeed, to *Allāh* ( سبحانه وتعالى) we complain [of the ignorance of people].

[3/66] It is worth mentioning here that **shortening of Salāt starts from the moment one leaves his town and this is the Jumhūr’s view.**

As-Sahnqīṭī said: ‘A traveler starts shortening his *Salawāt* from the moment he totally leaves the town. One must not do shortening if one is still in his home or town. This is the Jumhūr’s, the four A’immah’s, and most of the Fuqahā’s view. It is affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) did shortening of *Salawāt* when reaching *Thul Hulaifah*. Imām Mālik [affirmed the same meaning and] said: ‘When there are inhabited orchards in the town [from which one wants to travel], one must not do shortening till one passes them’. The Jumhūr’s view is based on the precondition [stated in the Āyah] which is “*Ad-Darbu Fil Ard*”, i.e. traveling, and whoever is not out of his residence area is not considered in a state of travel’.

An-Nawawī stated the same and added: ‘... except a weak narration traced back to Imām Mālik to have said that ‘one must not do shortening till one covers a three mile distance’. It was also narrated that ‘Atā’ and some of Ibn Mas’ūd’s followers held the view that ‘one may do shortening before getting out from one’s town’. Mujāhid was narrated to have said: ‘One may not do shortening on the day of his travel till night begins’.

All of the aforementioned narrations contradict the Sunnah and the unanimous agreement of the *Salaf* and those who followed them.

Lots of evidences support the view which An-Nawawī supported. For more details on the refutation of the view that

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(1) “*Arba’at Mas‘īlīl Fī Salātīl Musāfīr*” (p. 40).
(2) “*Adwā’ul Bayān*” (vol. 1 / p. 371).
(3) “*Sharḥ Sahīḥ Muslim*” by An-Nawawī (vol. 5 / p. 200).
permits one shortens \textit{Salāt} only when night starts, see “Naylul Awtār” (vol. 3 / p. 251). These evidences which support An-Nawawī’s view are narrated in “Sahīhul Bukhārī”, chapter: “One does shortening when one leaves one’s place”\textsuperscript{(1)} [i.e. town], “Adwā’ul Bayān” (vol. 1 / p. 371), “Irwā’ul Ghalīl” (no. 563), “Silsilatul Ahādīthis Sahīhah” (no. 163) and “Al-Muhallā” (vol. 5 / p. 2).

To conclude, shortening \textit{Salāt} starts from the moment one leaves one’s residence, be it a village, a town, tents, ... etc. and this does not entail that one must do shortening after one leaves behind any building one may pass by during his travel which may extend thousands of miles -as some held. \textit{Allāh} (ﷻ) knows best.\textsuperscript{(2)}

In case two villages are so close that their buildings are connected to each other, then both are considered as one area. However, if they are close but their buildings are separate; they are considered as two separate villages.\textsuperscript{(3)} If one travels from one of them, he may shorten \textit{Salāt} even if one happens to pass by many other villages.

[In travel] \textit{Niyyah} is to be taken into consideration not one’s deed. If one travels from his residence area intending to cover a far distance, one may shorten \textit{Salāt}. If it happens that one changes his mind and wants to return back home, one may not shorten the \textit{Salāt} unless one’s way back home is too long and the \textit{Salawāt} one had shortened earlier are valid. This is Ahmad’s view.

In case one travels to an unknown direction -seeking a fugitive slave of his or looking for grass [as bedouins do], one may not shorten \textit{Salāt} even if his travel took several days.\textsuperscript{(4)}

Once a traveler reaches his place of residence [i.e. his town, village, ... etc.], he should stop shortening and combining between the \textit{Salawāt}. This is affirmed in ‘Alī Ibn Rabī’ah’s narration who

\textsuperscript{(1)} (vol. 2 / pp. 569-70), the edition which includes “Fathul Bārī”.
\textsuperscript{(2)} “’Arba’atu Masā’il Fī Salātīl Musāfīr” (p. 55).
\textsuperscript{(3)} “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 2 / p. 261).
\textsuperscript{(4)} “Al-Mughnī” (vol. 2 / p. 258).
said: ‘Once we accompanied ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib in his way to Ash-Shām. On our way, he shortened the Salawāt in twos. And on our way back to Kūfah and seeing its borders, we enquired whether we should complete the Salāt or not since we can see Kūfah [i.e. its buildings]. He said: ‘No, till we reach it’.’ (1)

‘Alī’s statement indicates that: ‘We shall keep on shortening Salāt till we enter it, we are still on travel so long as we have not entered it’. (2)

One may shorten the Salawāt so long as he is not in his home land and so long as he intends to go back to it -whether one is still on his way or settled in another land for a limited period of time. However, if one takes this other land as his home or does not know when to leave it, one may not shorten Salāt. (3)

[4/66] If the traveler settled in a certain place, he should attend the congregational Salāt, but he could do combination when the need arises. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best.

[67] Denying the legality of Salātul Khawf, Salātul Duhā and Sujūdush Shukr and abandoning Salātul Kusūf:

[1/67] Few Fuqahā’ held the illegality of performing Salātul Khawf after the prophet’s (ﷺ) death, some of these Fuqahā’ are: Al-Hasan Ibn Ziyād Al-Lu’lu’ī, Ibrāhīm Ibn ‘Ulayyah and it is one of Abū Yūsuf’s views. Stating Abū Yūsuf’s view, Al-Tahwī said: ‘Abū Yūsuf once said that one may not perform Salātul Khawf after the prophet’s (ﷺ) death and claimed that people followed the prophet (ﷺ) in this Salāt for the superiority of following him (ﷺ)’. (4)

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(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 570).

(3) For more details see: “Majmū’ Fatwā Ibn Taymiyyah” (vol. 24 / p. 18), “Zād al-Ma’ād” (vol. 3 / pp. 561-5), Ahmad’s Shākir comment on Ahmad’s “Musnad” (vol. 7 / p. 263), “Fiqhus Sunnah” (vol. 1 / p. 285-6) and “‘Arb’u Masā’il Fi Salātul Musāfir” (p. 57).
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Then he commented on Abū Yūsuf’s view saying: ‘This view does not hold water for the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sahābah performed it after the prophet’s (ﷺ) death one of whom was Huthaifah (⋀) in Tabaristan and many others too famous to be mentioned here’. (1)

Having narrated Abū Yūsuf’s view regarding Salātul Khawf, one of the ‘Ulamah said: ‘Abū Yūsuf may have meant that Salātul Khawf was done in one congregation at the prophet’s (ﷺ) time only, and after his death many congregations were formed for doing it. Allāh knows best’. (2)

At any rate, many evidences affirm the legality of performing this Salāt and some ‘Ulamah even reported the unanimous agreement on this point, no way of denying this Salāt. (3)

Evidences also affirm the legality of performing Salātul Duhā (4) and it’s being a Sunnah.

[2/67] Some held the illegality of doing Sujūdush Shukr though it is affirmed to be done by Alī (⋀) when he found Thuth Thadiyyah killed amongst the Khawārij, by Ka‘b Ibn Mālik after he received the glad tiding of being forgiven by Allāh (ﷻ) and the whole event is narrated in the two “Sahīhs”(5) and by Abū Bakr when he received the news of killing of Musailamal Kathṭāb.

None, who has sound sense, would doubt in the legality of doing Sujūdush Shukr considering the authentic Ahādīth and the righteous Salaf’s practice. (6)

[3/67] Many people abandon Salātul Khusūf [or Kusūf] - which consists of two long Rak’ahs each of which includes two

(1) “Sharhu Ma’ānil Āthār” (vol. 1 / p. 320).
(2) “Al-‘Urfush Shathi ‘Alā Jāmi’it Tirmithi” (p. 248).
(3) See: “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 340) and “Irwā’ul Ghalīl” (vol. 3 / pp. 42-5).
(4) For more details on these evidences and refutation of the view that claims its illegality, see Abī Abdīr Rahmān’s ‘Aqīl Ibn Muhammad Al-Maqṭūrī treatise titled with: “Tabsīrul Warā bimā jā’a Fī Salātīd Duhā”.
(5) I related all the narrations in my book “Aḥkāmul Hajr Fīl Kitābī Was Sunnah” (pp. 157-9).
(6) See: “Sifrus Sa’ādah” (p. 36) and “Irwā’ul Ghalīl” (vol. 2 / pp. 226-32).
Rukū’s. It is done in a congregation in the mosque and is done in an audible voice. When calling people for it, the Mu’aththin should say: ‘As-Salātū Jāmi‘ah’ [i.e. Salāt is to be done in congregation] with no Athān or Iqāmah. It should start form the moment the sun or the moon eclipses till they return to their original state. During this period of time, a Muslim is recommended to recite Takbīr, du‘ā’, give charities and recite Istigfār. A Khūtbah is delivered after the Salāt. Women are recommended to attend this Salāt.

Some ‘Ulamah held that Salātul Kusūf is an obligation; accordingly, they titled some of the chapters of their compilations with relevant statements as Abū ‘Uwānah did in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 398): “The obligation of doing Salātul Kusūf” and Ibn Khuzaimah in his “Sahih” (vol. 2 / p. 308): “The order of doing Salāt when the sun and the moon eclipse”. In this chapter, Ibn Khuzaimah narrated the ahādīth that order that this Salāt should be done. Were doing this Salāt not an obligation, Ibn Khuzaimah would have mentioned this -as his way in his “Sahih”.(1)

The great scholar Ibn Hajar said: ‘The Jumhūr’s view is that this Salāt is an affirmed Sunnah. ’Abū ‘Uwānah, however, was the only one to state its obligation in his “Sahih” and so did Imām Mālik in a narration ascribed to him where he considered it to be similar to the Jumu‘ah Salāt. Az-Zayn Ibn Al-Muanyyir reported that Abū Hantfah considered it an obligation and some Hanafī compilers did the same as was reported’.(2)

In his “As-Saylul Jarrār” (vol. 1 / p. 323), Ash-Shawkānī inclined to the view that states its being an obligation and said: ‘If what was claimed regarding the unanimous agreement amongst scholars that this Salāt is not an obligation turns to be true, then this would render it a Sunnah.

This unanimous agreement is indeed untrue and hence the obligation of doing this Salāt is affirmed.

(1) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 261).
(2) “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 527).
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This view was strongly preponderated by our Shaikh Al-
’Albānī who said: ‘Claiming this Salāt to be only a Sunnah ignores
the many orders included in the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth to perform it,
without having the slightest sign that proves this view. Shar‘ texts
should originally be understood as they clearly state. In his “As-
Saylul Jarrār”, Ash-Shawkānī inclined to this view and with which
Siddīq Hasan Khān in his “Ar-Rawdan Nadiyyah” agreed. It is
indeed the truth by Allāh’s (ﷻ) will.

How strange that Ibn Hazm made no mention of the greatness
of this Salāt and its legality in his “Muhallā”. He only mentioned
the manner in which this Salāt is to be performed in a wonderful
way the thing that may have distracted him from stating his
Mathhāb regarding its legality’.  

We hope that after reading the aforementioned discussion,
those who abandon this Salāt or feel indifferent regarding
performing it -whether by common people or those who are regular
attendants to for the mosques- to be keen on performing it and
Teach it to other Muslims.

[4/67] Some people comit mistakes when doing Salātul Kusūf
such as reciting Taslîm when the Imam does, although he has
missed a part of the Salāt with the Imam. One should instead stand
up an perform a complete Rak‘ah with two Rukū’s.

Feeling indifferent towards such a phenomena is another
mistake people make and this attitude is the fruit of announcing
such a phenomena through radios and T.V. the thing which make
people indifferent towards such a thing which the prophet (ﷺ)
described: ‘By them Allāh (ﷻ) wants his bondmen to feel afraid
of”. In addition to this, some Imāms may begin their Salāt before
the phenomena takes place depending on the announcement they
heard.

(1) “Tamāmul Minnah” (p. 262).
Forged Salawāt and wide spread unauthentic Ahādīth:

[1/68] The following Salawāt are forged ones: Salāṭul ‘Usbū’, the twelve Rak‘ah Salāt on the night preceding Friday in which Sūrah Al-Ikhlās is recited ten times, the ten Rak‘ah Salāt in which Sūrah Al-Ikhlās and the two Mu‘awiithatain are recited ten times each, the two Rak‘ah Salāt reciting Sūrah Az-Zalzalah fifteen or fifty times, doing Salāṭul Jumu‘ah four, eight of twelve Rak‘ahs, doing four Rak‘ah Salāt before the Jumu‘ah Salāt reciting Sūrah Al-Ikhlās fifty times, ‘Āshūrā’ Salāt, Salāṭur Raghā‘ib, the Salāt done on the nights of Rajab, the Salāt done on the night preceding the twenty seventh of Rajab, the Salāt done on the night preceding the fifteenth of Sha‘bān – it consists of one hundred Rak‘ahs, in each of which Sūrah Al-Ikhlās is recited ten times, the Salāt done on the night preceding the two Eids, the Salāt done when one memorizes the Holy Qur‘ān, the two-Rak‘ah Salāt done after going between Safā and Marwah on the Marwah yard, reciting all verses of Du‘ā‘s in the last Rak‘ah of Tarawīḥ Salāt, reciting all the verses that include the Sajadah on the night when the Qur‘ān is completely recited in the Tarawīḥ Salāt, congregating on the night when the Qur‘ān is completely recited, setting up pulpits, reciting the song of farewell to Ramadan(1) and doing certain number of Rak‘ahs between the Maghrib and ‘Ishā Salawāt.

Shaikh Al-Albānī said: ‘All the ahādīth that state the recommendation of doing a certain number of Rak‘ahs between the

(1) See: “Al-Masnū‘ Fi Ma‘rifatil Ḥadīthil Mawdū‘” (no. 463) and (464), “Al-Āthār Al-Marfu‘ah Fil Ahbārīl Mawdū‘” (vol. 2 / p. 114), “Tanzīhush Shari‘ah” (vol. 2 / p. 84), “Al-Fawā‘id Al-Majmū‘ah” (p. 44), “Al-Manārul Muni‘” (pp. 98-9), “Tafsīrul Qurtubī” (vol. 16 / p. 128) and “Musājalah ‘Ilmiyyah Baina ‘Īzz Ibn Abdis Salām Wa Ibn As-Salāh Hawla Salātir Raghā‘ib”. Abū Shāmāh Al-Maqdisī supported doing Salāṭir Raghā‘ib to be a Bid‘ah in his “Al-InsāfLim waq’a‘a Fi Salāṭir Raghā‘ib Mināl Ikhtilāf”, he reported all about it in his “Al-BA‘ith ‘Allā Inkāril Bida‘ Wal Hawādith” (pp. 7-...); in these pages, you could read about the innovated Salāṭ done on the night preceding the fifteenth of Sha‘bān (pp. 32-...). See also Shaikh Hammād’s Al-Ansārī treatise titled with: “Isā‘ul Khillān Bimā Warada Fi Lailatin Nisfī Min Sha‘bān” and “Silsilat Al-Aḥādīth Ad-Da‘īfah Wal Mawdū‘āh” (vol. 2 / p. 328).
Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ are all weak ones -with different levels of weakness. It was affirmed that the prophet (ﷺ) used to perform Salāt on this time without limiting it to a certain number of Rak’ahs. Any narration regarding this is weak and hence the prohibition to put it under application’.\(^1\)

It is also a commonly practiced mistake to call the Salāt done between the Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ as “Al-‘Awwābīn Salāt”. It is authentically affirmed that this name refers to Salātul Duhā.\(^2\)

Dear muslim, if you are practicing any of the aforementioned forged Salawāt, you should quit doing so. Most of these Salawāt disappeared through the passage of time [praise be to Allāh (ﷻ)] that is why I just mentioned them only by name or time without describing the manner in which they are done for the sole purpose here is to warn against falling in Bid’ah and in the nets Mubtadi’ah weave.

The following paragraphs and points will mention the weak ahādīth which are wide spread amongst muslims regarding Salāt. Some the these ahādīth will be followed with names of Muhaddithīn who affirmed their falsehood. However, I should first say that every muslim should be aware of these ahādīth and never ascribe them to the prophet (ﷺ) but after scrutinizing them carefully referring to the accredited books [of ahādīth] lest one incurs a sin on himself and be of those who do not differentiate between that which is good and that which is evil.

[2/68] Forged ahādīth mentioned earlier in this book:

1- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) took off his hat and took it as a Sutrah [in his Salāt].’

The weakness of this hadīth was previously mentioned in point no. (10) in the footnote.

\(^1\) “Silsilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da’īfah Wal Mawdū‘āh” (vol. 1 / p. 481).
\(^2\) See: “Sahīh Muslim” (vol. 1 / pp. 515-6), Ibn Khuzaimah’s “Sahīh” (no. 1127), Ahmad’s “Musnad” (vol. 4 / pp. 366-7, 370, 372, 375) and Abū ‘Uwānah’s “Musnad” (vol. 2 / pp. 270-1).
2- ‘Prostrating oneself on the clay of Al-Husain’s grave enlightens the layers of earth’.

3- ‘Prostrating oneself on the clay of Al-Husain’s grave reveals [for one] the seven veils of the unseen’.

4- ‘Allāh (ﷻ) indeed accepts the Salāt of those who prostrate on it more than those who prostrate on other lands’.

The fabrication of the hadīth was mentioned earlier in point no. (11).

5- The hadīth that indicates the permissibility of taking the line as a Sutrah.

The weakness of this hadīth was mentioned in point no. [3/15].

6- ‘Whoever raises his hands in Salāt, his Salāt is not accepted’.

7- ‘Raising one’s hands in Salāt in this manner is by Allāh (ﷻ) a Bid’ah [innovation] and the prophet (ﷺ) never did more than this’.

The weakness of these two ahādīth was mentioned earlier in point no. [1/19].

8- ‘It is of Sunnah in Salāt to place one’s hand over the other under the navel’.

This hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [2/19], in the footnote.

9- ‘Had this person been totally given to Salāt, his organs would have been too’.

This hadīth’s fabrication was mentioned earlier in point no. [6/19].

10- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) observed doing Qunūt in the dawn Salāt till his death’.

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The hadīth’s unauthenticity was mentioned earlier in point no. [5/20].

11- ‘What is the matter with those who join us in Salāt without having valid purification? Indeed, people like those cause us err when reciting Qur’ān’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [7/21].

12- ‘Never call me master in Salāt’.

The hadīth’s fabrication was mentioned earlier in point no. [3/22].

13- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to point with his index when he recited Duʿā’ without moving it’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [11/22].

14- ‘I saw the prophet (ﷺ) while in the sitting position in Salāt ... pointing with his index bending it a little bit calling unto Allāh (ﷻ)’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [12/22]

15- Moving the index [when sitting] between two Sujūds.

The hadīth regarding it is an odd one. It was mentioned in point no. [13/22].

16- ‘Whoever hears the Muʾaththin says: ‘I witness that Muhammad is Allāh’s (ﷻ) Messenger’, then the former says: ‘Welcome my beloved Muhammad Ibn Abdillah (ﷺ) then kisses his two thumbs and wipes his eyes with them; he will never suffer of ophthalmia’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [9/23].
17- To add “And the highest rank” or “Indeed, you never break you promise” [in the du’ā’ recited] after the ‘Athān. Such addition was not affirmed to be said by the prophet (ﷺ) as was mentioned in point no. [12/23].

And the same applies on the addition which runs as follows: ‘To you return Salām [peace], so greet us with Salām and admit us to the abode of Salām [Paradise]’ after the Du’ā’ which states: ‘O Allāh, You are the Salām and from You comes Salām’. The former phrases have no origin [in the Shar]; they were fabricated by storytellers as Al-Qārī stated in his “Al-Masnū” (no. 472) reporting it from Shaikh Muhammad Al-Jazarī in his “Sharhul Masābīh”.

18- The du’ā’ that states: ‘O Allāh (ﷻ) Your night is coming down and your day light is departing ...’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [12/23].

19- To say: ‘Sadaqta Wa Bararta’ [i.e. You have indeed said the truth and done righteousness] after the Mu’aththin says: ‘As-Salatu Khariun Minan Nawm’ [Doing Salāt is better than sleeping].

In point no. [12/23], Al-Hāfith said that such a phrase has no origin in the Shar.’

20- ‘Talking in lawful subjects in the mosque endangers rewards as fire endangers fuel wood’.

This hadīth has no origin as stated in point no. [1/26].

21- ‘Whoever recites the ’Athān should be the one who recites the Iqāmah’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [1/32].

22- To say: ‘Aqāmaha Allāhu Wa ’Adāmahā [May Allāh (ﷻ) establish it and preserve it forever]’ when the Mu’aththin says:
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‘Qad Qāmatis Salāt’ [The Salāt is being established] [in the Iqāmah].

This phrase has no origin as stated in point no. [4/32].

23- ‘Verily! Allāh (ﷻ) does not look at the crooked line [in Salāt].’

This hadīth has no origin as mentioned in point no. [8/33].

24- ‘Whoever stands at the left side of the lines [in Salāt], he will get double rewards’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [3/34].

25- ‘I performed Salāt behind the prophet (ﷺ) and he (ﷺ) never recited Takbīr completely’.

The weakness of this hadīth’s was stated in point no. [2/37].

26- To say: ‘Indeed, I am of those who witness on that’ when the Imām recites: ‘Is not Allāh (ﷻ) the wisest of those who are wise’.

The hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [6/40].

27- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) made a sound -as if clearing his throat- to inform ‘Alī that he was doing Salāt’.

The hadīth’s unauthenticity of this narration was mentioned in point no. [4/80].

28- ‘[The reward of] doing one Salāt in Al-Masjdul Harām equals that given to doing one hundred thousand Salāt, and [the reward of] doing one Salāt in my mosque [at Madīnah] equals that given when doing one thousand Salāt in any other mosque, and [the reward of doing] one Salāt in Bitul Maqdis [at Jerusalem] equals that given for doing five hundred Salāt [in any other mosque].

The weakness of the last part of the hadīth was stated in point no. [44]. Doing Salāt in Bitul Maqdis equals two hundred and fifty Salāt in any other mosque.

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29- ‘If you notice a man attends the mosque so often, bear witness that he has faith’.

The hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [2/47].

30- To say: ‘O Allāh ( سبحانه) forgive me my sins’ when entering the mosque.

This phrase’s weakness is stated in point no. [3/47].

31- ‘Let not your children enter the mosques’.

This hadīth’s unauthenticity was stated in point no. [4/47].

32- The story about Tha‘labah Ibn Hātib and his abandoning of the congregational Salāt due to being busy with raising his sheep.

This story’s fabrication was stated in point no. [5/47] and its contradiction of one of the greatest Islamic principles.

33- ‘Shake each other’s hands after performing dawn Salāt and Allāh ( سبحانه) will double your rewards ten times’.

34- ‘Shake each other’s hands after doing ‘Asr Salāt, and mercy and forgiveness will be showered on you’.

The fabrication of the two aforementioned ahādīth was mentioned in point no. [2/48].

35- ‘He ( سبحانه) used to do two-Rak‘ah Salāt at home before doing the Jumu‘ah Salāt [in the mosque]’.

The fabrication of this hadīth was mentioned in point no. [59].

36- ‘When the Khatib ascends the pulpit, no one is to do Salāt or speak’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned earlier in point no. [1/60].

37- Doing prostration when reciting Sūrah As-Sajdah in the Friday dawn Salāt.
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The hadīth regarding this is un-affirmed as stated in point no. [4/61], the footnote.

38- The Imām recites Du‘ā after ascending the pulpit.

The hadīth related to this has no origin as stated in point no. [4/61].

39- ‘The Friday Salāt is [accepted from] those who perform it first’.

This hadīth has no origin as stated in point no. [7/61].

40- ‘Let them stand in the back [rows] as they were set back by Allāh (ﷻ), meaning women.

The hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [34], the footnote.

41- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to make men stand in the front rows, followed by kids, then women stand in the back rows’.

This hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [4/34].

42- ‘He (ﷺ) used to recite Sūrah “Al-Jumu’ah” and “Al-Munāfiqūn” in the ‘Ishā’ Salāt on the night preceding Friday’.

This hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [16/40].

43- ‘Whoever does acts of worship on the nights preceding Eidul Fitr and Eidul Adhā, his heart will never die on the day when all hearts shall die’.

The hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [8/64].

44- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) used to recite Takbīr so often during [Friday] Khutbah and those of the two Eids Khutbahs’.

The hadīth’s weakness was mentioned in point no. [9/64].

45- ‘The prophet (ﷺ) combined between the Salawāt in the rainy weather though his room was so close to the mosque’.

This hadīth’s weakness was stated in point no. [7/65].

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More forged *ahādīth* that are widespread amongst people:

46- ‘He whose *salāt* does not hinder him from doing *faḥshā*’ and *munkar* [any deed which is abominable], his *salāt* is invalid’.

This *hadīth* is *munkar* [denied] -as reported in “Silisilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da‘ifah Wal Mawdū‘āh”, *hadīth* no. (985).

47- ‘Whoever his *salāt* deters him not from doing *faḥshā*’ or *munkar*, he would keep on moving away from *Allāh* (ﷻ).

This *hadīth* is a forged one - as reported in “Silisilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da‘ifah Wal Mawdū‘āh”, *hadīth* no. (2).

48- ‘Those living near the mosque, their *salāt* will not be accepted unless it is done in it’.

This *hadīth* is weak as reported in “Silisilat Al-Ahādīth Ad-Da‘ifah Wal Mawdū‘āh” (no. 183). In his “Al-Mughnī ‘Anil Hifthi Wal Kitāb” (p. 271), Abū Hafs Al-Mūsīlī said: ‘There is no affirmed *hadīth* to have been said by the prophet (ﷻ) regarding this and so is the case with the *hadīth* that states: ‘Whoever abandons the Friday *salāt* -whether the *imām* is a just one or a tyrant- his *salāt* is invalid and so is his *hajj*’ and other similar *ahādīth*.

49- ‘Whoever abandons *salāt*, *Allāh* (ﷻ) will punish him with fifteen penalties: five in this life, three when one dies, three in the grave, three when getting out from the grave, ... etc.’.

This *hadīth* is a forged one; fabricated by Muhammad Ibn ‘Alī Ibn Al-‘Abbās Al-Baghdādī Al-‘Attār tracing it back to Abī Bakr Ibn Ziyād An-Naisābūrī -as Thahabī stated in “Al-Mīzān” (vol. 3 / p. 653) and with whom Ibn Hajar agreed in “Lisānul Mīzān” (vol. 5 / pp. 295-7) and said: ‘This *hadīth* is apparently a forged one narrated by the *Turuqiyyah*’.

In his *Fatāwā* (vol. 1 / p. 97), Shaikh Ibn Bāz said: ‘This *hadīth* is totally forged -as Al-Hāfith Thahabī stated in his “Al-Mīzān” and so did Al-Hāfith Ibn Hajar in “Lisānul Mīzān”.

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Many people print many copies of this hadīth and distribute it amongst other muslims to show them the grievous sin of abandoning Salāt.

Shaikh Ibn Bāz then said: ‘Whoever finds a paper on which this hadīth was printed should burn it and should defend the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah from liars, and advice those who distribute such things no to do so.

The Qur’ānic texts and the authentic Sunnah are full of evidences regarding the greatness of doing Salāt and severe warning against abandoning it and such texts are indeed sufficient’.

50- ‘Greeting the Bait [Al-Ka’bah] is by doing circumambulation round it’.

Regarding this hadīth, As-Sakhwī said: ‘I have never heard such a hadīth’. Al-Qārī reported this in his “As-Sughrā” (p. 88) and “Al-Kubrā” (p. 130) and Īmām Muslim in his “At-Tamyīz” (p. 55) and in “Kashful Khafā’” by Al-‘Ajlūnī (vol. 1 / p. 298).

In “Al-Kubrā” and after mentioning this hadīth, Al-Qārī said: ‘The word “Al-Bait” refers to the Ka’bah, the Holy Sanctuary. The hadīth’s meaning is true for it was reported in the “Sahīh” that ‘Aishah said: ‘The first thing the prophet (ﷺ) did when he arrived Makkah was doing Wudū’ and then the circumambulation round the Ka’bah ...’ (1)

One is truly recommended to begin with the circumambulation around the Ka’bah when entering Al-Masjidul Haram -whether this circumambulation is a Fard one or Nāfilah. And one may not leave Tahiyyatul Masjid even if one does not want to do the circumambulation due to a Shar‘ excuse.

However; this does not entail that doing Tahiyyatul Masjid is not an obligation in this mosque -as some ignorants think due to some Fiqhā’s opinions’.

(1) See: Al-Bukhārī’s “Sahīh” (vol. 3 / p. 477) (no. 1614 and 1615), the edition including “Fathul Bārī”.

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In his “Fathul Bārī” (vol. 2 / p. 412), Ibn Hajar said: ‘It seems to me that the Fuqahā’s view that states: ‘Greeting Al-Masjidul Harām is by doing circumambulation round the Ka’bah’ is addressed to those who travel to the mosque; the first thing they should do is the circumambulation. As for those residing [in Makkah], Al-Masjidul Harām should be treated like any other mosque. Those who held the [Fuqahā’s] aforementioned view may have meant that the circumambulation will surely be followed by the two-Rak’ah Salāt -as is regularly done and hence the Holy Sanctuary is distinguished from any other mosque by the circumambulation. Allāh (ﷻ) knows best’.

51- ‘It is unlawful for whoever believes in Allāh (ﷻ) and the Last Day [to lead people in Salāt and] recite du‘ā’ for his own benefit only’.

This last phrase is not affirmed to have been said by the prophet (ﷺ). Ibn Khuzaimah even described it to be forged and with whom Ibn Taymiyyah, Ibn Al-Qayyim and many others agreed.

Besides being false, this phrase is a Munkar [denied] one since it contradicts the many du‘ā’s which the prophet (ﷺ) used to recite in his Salāt; in which he (ﷻ) used to use the singular form.

See: “Zādul Ma’ād” (vol. 1 / p. 264), “Sīfrus Sa‘ādah” (p. 18) and “Tamāmul Minnah” (pp. 278-80).

52- ‘Do your Salāt behind the Imām be he of the righteous or of the deviant’.

Both Al-‘Uqailī and Al-Dāraquṭnī affirmed that no affirmed hadīth regarding this issue was reported [to have been said by the prophet (ﷺ)]. Imām Ahmad denied hearing such a hadīth.

Accordingly; the hadīth is not affirmed to be said by the prophet (ﷺ) and hence the prohibition of ascribing it to him (ﷻ). The affirmation of the falsehood of this hadīth; however, does not entail the impermissibility of doing Salāt behind deviants.
Al-Bukhārī narrated that Ibn ‘Umar did Salāt behind Al-Hajjāj Ibn Yūsuf Ath-Thaqafi.

Imām Muslim and other Sunnan compilers reported that Abū Sa`īd Al-Khudri did Salātul Eid behind Marwān who delivered the Khutabah before doing Salāt and took the prophet’s (ﷺ) pulpit out of the prophet’s (ﷺ) mosque [and hence deviating from the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah].

Ash-Sahwānī said: ‘The Sahābah and those who followed them agreed practically -and their verbal agreement is not an impossibility- that doing Salāt behind the unjust Imāms is permissible since the Salāt Imāms during their time used to be the rulers themselves. This was during the Umayyad’s reign whose rulers were well-known of being Tyrants’.


53- ‘Salāt is the main pole on which religion rests, whoever establishes it, has indeed established religion and whoever abandons it has indeed caused religion to destruction’.

The aforementioned hadīth is commonly used by the preachers when teaching people about Salāt and the great status it occupies in Islām. I have never read such a hadīth [in any hadīth compilation] in the aforementioned wordings, except a narration narrated by Al-Baihaqī in his “Shu’ab” (vol. 1) which states: ‘Salāt is the main pole on which religion rests’. This narration is traced back to ‘Ikrimah Ibn Ammār from ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattāb from the prophet (ﷺ). Having mentioned this narration, Al-Baihaqī reported his Shaikh’s, Al-Hākim, statement: ‘Ikrimah has not heard [any hadīth] from ‘Umar. In his “Mushkilul Wasīt”, Ibnis Salāh said: ‘It [i.e. the hadīth] is unknown’. And in his “At-Tanqīḥ”, An-Nawawī said: ‘This hadīth is Munkar and Bātil [false]’. Commenting on An-Nawawī’s statement, Al-Hāfith Ibn Hajar said in “At-Takhīsul Habīr” (vol. 1 / p. 173): ‘It is not so. The hadīth was narrated by Abū Nu’aim -Al-Bukhārī’s Shaikh- in the chapter titled “As-Salāt”
from Habīb Ibn Sulaim from Bilāl Ibn Yahyā to have said: ‘Once a man came to the prophet (ﷺ) and asked him a question. The prophet (ﷺ) answered: ‘Salāt is the main pole on which religion rests’. The hadīth’s chain of narrators is Mursal and all the narrators are reliable ones’!

I believe that Ibn Hajar’s comment is not a good one for Habīb’s reliability is unknown and hence the hadīth’s chain of narrators is weak. However, the hadīth which is narrated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (vol. 5 / no. 231 and 237), At-Tirmīthī in “Al-Jāmī’” (no. 2616) and Ibn Mājah in “As-Sunnan” (no. 3973) -from Mu’āth Ibn Jabal is sufficient. It states: ‘... then the prophet (ﷺ) said: ‘Shall I inform you of the thing from which all goodness gushes out and the main pole on which it rests and its highest rank?’ Mu’āth (ﷺ) answered in the affirmative. He (ﷺ) said: ‘The spring from which all goodness gushes out is Islām, its main pole on which it rests is Salāt and ...’. The hadīth is Hasan [good]. See: “Al-Maqāsidul Hasanah” (p. 632), “An-Nāfilah Fil Ahādīth Ad-Da‘īfah Wal Bātilah” (no. 171), “Al-Faw’īdul Majmū‘ah” (p. 27) (no. 49).

54- ‘Umm Salamah said: ‘Once a man entered [the prophet’s (ﷺ) chamber] and said: ‘O Allāh’s (ﷻ) Messenger! I caused my Salāt to loss, what should I do?!’. He (ﷺ) said: ‘Having repented [to Allāh (ﷻ)], you should perform eight-Rak‘ah Salāt on the night preceding Friday reciting Sūrah Al-Ikhlās twenty five times in each of which. Then after finishing the Salāt, say “Sallā Allāhu ’Alā Muhammad” [may Allāh shower His Salāt on Muhammad] one thousand times.

Doing so will redeem your sin of abandoning Salāt even for two hundred years, you will be rewarded for each Rak‘ah a reward equal to that given for the one who does acts of worship for a year, you will be granted a whole city in Paradise, you will be granted one thousand Hūr for each Āyah you recited and you will see me at night in your dream’.
The aforementioned hadīth was reported by Al-Jawraqānī in “Al-Abāṭīl” (vol. 2 / pp. 35-6) and Ibn Al-Jawzī in “Al-Mawdū‘āt” (vol. 2 / pp. 135-6) and then said: ‘It is fabricated, no doubt, and the fabricator is of those ignorant story tellers. I am afraid that by narrating such a hadīth, he intends to defame Islām for if one does such a Salāt and sees not the prophet (ﷺ) in his dream, he would surely doubt the prophet’s (ﷺ) hadīth. Besides, how could a two-Rak‘ah Nāfilah Salāt replace many Fard ones?! This is a real impossibility. In addition to that, the hadīth’s chain of narrators is full of unknown narrators. In all, the hadīth is not a real one’.

As-Suyūtī in his “Al-La‘āli‘ul Masnū‘ah” (vol. 2 / p. 64) and Ibn ‘Arrāq in his “Tanzīhush Sharī‘ah” (vol. 2 / p. 97) both agreed with Al-Jawraqānī. Ath-Thahābī, in his “Āhādīth Mukhtārah” (no. 77) said: ‘So, in this case the hadīth is forged’.

This hadīth has a negative effect on many people, it makes them ignore doing Salāt. So is the hadīth narrated in some late Fiqh books. Some ahādīth stated a Fidyāh to be paid by those who had abandoned Salāt!! And whoever dies and had missed Salāt in his life, his heirs could feed one poor for every missed Salāt. Some Fuqahā‘ even limited the amount of food to be given to the poor to be a handful of wheat!! Accordingly, the amount of food to be given by some people is grand. For example, if one died at the age of 60 and was of those who abandoned Salāt, his heirs have to pay the Fidyah from his bequest that could replace abandoning Salāt for 45 years. The sum would be as follows:

The amount of food to be paid daily = 5 Mudds of wheat = approximately 3 kg.

45(years) × 354.31days (Lunar year) × 3kg. (Mudds) = 47790kg.

That is approximately 48 tons.

Indeed a great amount that may out strip the bequest. And if the bequest was large enough; the heirs may hesitate to pay it!! This led

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(1) See: “Hāshiyatu Ibn ‘Abdīn” (vol. 1 / p. 355) and “T‘ānatut Tālibīn” (vol. 2 / p. 244).
those who held such *Fidya* view -which *Allāh* (ﷺ) has never allowed- to play tricks in the *Shar’*! They invented for people a trick by which people could save their deceased from sin!! They avoided a sin but fell in another. Their trick is as follows: the heirs invite some poor people to a banquet. Then they gather the jewelry the deceased female relatives have. The jewelry is wrapped in a piece of a cloth and handed to one of the poors closest to the deceased’s guardian’s seat. The guardian says: ‘Do you accept this fortune as a replacement for what the deceased missed of *Salāt* and other *Shar’* rights?’ The poor then says: ‘I do’, taking hold of the cloth and hence the grant is executed. Few minutes later, the poor returns the cloth with its contents to the guardian of the deceased’s heirs and says: ‘I grant you this cloth with all its contents’. And then the same thing happens with all the poor round the banquet. Doing so, the deceased heirs believe that their deceased is free from all the rights he missed. At the end of this gathering, the poor are given some money that hardly equals tenth of that which is in the cloth, then the gathering ends believing that the deceased’s soul was saved from the torture of abandoning *Salāt*!!

The aforementioned way -which is stated in some *Fiqh* compilations and which the aforementioned *hadīth* states- is practiced by some ignorants who believe in its legality due to being recorded and approved in some *Fiqh* books some of which are: “Al-Hāshiyyah” (vol. 2 / p. 73) by Ibn ‘Abdīn, “Hāshiyyah ‘Alad Durril Mukhtār” (vol. 1 / p. 308) by At-Tahāwī and “‘I’ānatut Tālibīn” (vol. 1 / p. 24) by Ad-Dimyāṭī.

Be ware, dear *muslim*, of performing such trick and praise your *Rabb* for saving you from practicing it for indeed execution is the only punishment for those who abandon *Salāt* as the ‘Ulamah stated. Does giving few grammes of wheat or giving out some money in charity redeem one’s great sin and save him from Hell-Fire!! And for more sin this is done by a trick that is full of irony. *Allāh* (ﷺ) said: ‘*And never mock with Allāh’s (ﷺ) Āyāt*’ and ‘Verily, the hypocrites [try to] beguile *Allāh* (ﷺ) but He is the One who beguiles them’.

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In addition to all that; those women, whose jewelry is taken from them to perform such a play, none of them agrees that any amount of her jewelry be given to the poor or even substituted with another. Is this called Hibah [grant]?? Even the poor has no right in owing it, he receives it only to return it back without taking a little bit from it! What kind of a hibah is this?! This is indeed an artificial hibah not a real one.

And most important of all, such innovated ransom -which is not affirmed in any Shar‘ text- induces many people to abandon Salāt, and moreover lessens the greatness of Salāt -we seek refuge with Allāh (ﷻ) from this- which is the main pole on which Islām stands.

55- ‘A person gains nothing of his Salāt except the part which he did with concentration’.

This hadīth is not traced back to the prophet (ﷺ) -as Al-‘Irāqī stated in “Takhrīj Ahādithul Ihyā” (vol. 1 / p. 159).

Both Muhammad Ibn Nasr in “Ta‘thim Qadris Salāt” (pp. 157-8) and Al-Hākimut Tirmīthī in “As-Salātu Wa Maqāsiduhū” (p. 54) narrated the hadīth from ‘Uthmān Ibn Abī Dahrash to have said: ‘The prophet (ﷺ) once led his Sahābah in Salāt. [While reciting Qur‘ān], he (ﷺ) missed an Āyah but none of the Sahābah knew that. Then he (ﷺ) said: ‘What is the matter with those on whom Allāh’s (ﷺ) Qur‘ān is recited, yet they know not what has been recited nor what was missed. Indeed, their bodies joined us in the Salāt but their hearts were absent. Verily, Allāh (ﷺ) does not accept one’s Salāt till his heart witnesses that which his body witnesses’.

This hadīth is Mu‘dal; ‘Uthmān Ibn Abī Dahrash was of the Tābi‘īn followers -as stated in “Thiqātu Ibni Hibbān” (vol. 7 / p. 196). And he has also narrated from a man of Al-Hākim Ibn Abī ‘Āas -as mentioned in “At-Tārikh Al-Kabīr” (2/3/220).

In his “Az-Zuhd” (hadīth no. 1300), Ibn Al-Mubārak narrated from Shuraikh from Jābir Al-Ju‘fī from Ammār Ibn Yāsir to have said: ‘The part of Salāt in which one becomes distracted does not count [i.e. in rewards]’.

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The *hadīth*’s chain is very weak for Shuraikh has a very bad memory, Jābir is accused of lying and Abū Ja‘far’s -Muhammad Ibn Alī Ibn Al-Husain- narrations from Ammār are disconnected.

Abū Nu‘aim narrated in his “Al-Hilyah” (vol. 7 / p. 61) through an authentic chain of narrators traced back to Sufyān Ath-Tahwīl to have said: ‘One will be rewarded for doing *Salāt* in accordance with the proportion in which he had full concentration’.

However, the following authentic *hadīth* suffices us. It runs as follows: ‘One does his *Salāt* and gets rewarded for only tenth, ninth, eighth, seventh, ... of it’.

56- ‘Two men may do the same *Salāt*, doing similar *Rukū*’ and *Sujūd*, but the difference between their *Salāt* is similar to that between the earth and the sky’.

Both the great ‘Allāmah Alī Al-Qārī in his “Al-Masnū’ Fī Ma‘rifatil Hadīthil Mawdū‘” (no. 461) and Ash-Shawkānī in “Al-Fawa’idul Majmū‘ah” (p. 27) (no. 48) ranked this *hadīth* to be “a forged one”.

57- Both Shaikh Az-Zayn Al-‘Irāqī -as reported by his son Ibn Al-‘Irāqī “Tarhut Tathwīb” (vol. 3 / p. 66) -and Al-Qārī in his “Al-Masnū’” (no. 473) said that it is commonly narrated amongst people that whoever abandons *Salātul Duhā* sometimes will become blind. Accordingly; they abandon it completely. This view has no origin at all; it is indeed of Shaitān’s insinuations for people to seduce them leave acts of goodness.

58- ‘Whoever helps those who do not do *Salāt* even by a morsel [of food] is similar to the one who helps in killing all the prophets’.

In his “Ath-Thail”, As-Suyūtī ranked the *hadīth* to be a forged one. See: “Al-Fawa’idul Majmū‘ah” (pp. 27-8) (no. 50).
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[69] Conclusion:

This is all I could gather and put in order regarding muslims’ mistakes done in Salāt and hence moving away from the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah which no keen muslim would do away without, not to mention seekers of religious knowledge.

I place these mistakes between muslims’ hands to remind them of the proper manner of doing Salāt that they hopefully perform it properly out of fear of Allāh (ﷻ) and their love to Him (ﷻ).

If any of what I had written was wrong then it is only of my own mistakes and of Shaitān and whatever is right then it is of Allāh’s (ﷻ) bounty on me.

The last of our du’ā’s is praise be to Allāh (ﷻ) the Lord of all creatures.

By: Mashhūr Hasan Āl Salmān
Saturday, 3 Rabī’ul ‘Awwal, 1409H, Afternoon.
May Allāh (ﷻ) send His greatest Salāt and Salām on our beloved Muhammad, his household and his Sahābah.
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<td>Agreed upon hadīth</td>
<td>The hadīth that is narrated by both Bukhārī and Muslim.</td>
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<td>Ahlul Hadīth</td>
<td>The traditionalists, i.e. those who study the prophet’s Sunnah, act and deliver Fatwas in accordance with that which is proved to be authentic of it.</td>
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<td>Anbijāniyyah</td>
<td>A thick cloth with no decorations on.</td>
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<td>Ālim</td>
<td>A scholar well-versed in a specific branch of knowledge.</td>
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<td>Ansār</td>
<td>The prophet’s companions from the inhabitants of Al-Madīnah, who embraced Islām and supported it and who received and entertained the Muslim emigrants from Makkah and other places.</td>
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<td>‘Arafāh / ‘Arafāt</td>
<td>A famous place of pilgrimage on the south east of Makkah about twenty five kilometers from it.</td>
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<td>Arkān [sing. Rukn]</td>
<td>That part of any act of worship which is considered as an article in it without which the act of worship is null and void.</td>
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<td>’Athān</td>
<td>The call to Salāt pronounced loudly to inform people that the time of Salāt is due. It has certain wordings narrated in Sahīh Al-Bukhārī.</td>
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<td>’Athar</td>
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which Allāh (ﷻ) is glorified such as those of Takbīr, Tahlīl, Tahmīd, Tasbīh, ... etc.

‘Azīz : Lietrally: The non-defeatable. One of Allāh’s perfect names. It means the most powerful of all His creation.

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Baitul Maqdis : The famous mosque in Jerusalem which is stated by the prophet (ﷺ) to be the third sacred mosque in the Islamic world; the first and the second being Al-Masjidul Harām at Makkah and the mosque of the prophet (ﷺ) at Al-Madīnah.

Basmalah : To say: “Bismillāh Ar-Rahmān Ar-Rahīm”, i.e. with the Name of Allāh (ﷻ), the Merciful, the Beneficent.

Bdi‘ah : Any innovated practice in religion.

Bisht : A wide thin cloak worn by men over the other clothes. It has long wide sleeves and opened from the front.

Burd : A black square narrow cloth.

Burnus : A garment with its head connected to it, be it a jibbah or ‘Abā’ah.

\[(D)\]

Dir‘ : Similar to the Qamīs and worn by women.

Dishdāshah : A garment similar to the Qamīs but its sleeves are not wide. It is worn by men.

Du‘ā’ : Calling unto Allāh (ﷻ) with full humility and submission.

Du‘ā’ul Istiftāh : Statements recited in Salāt immediately after reciting Takbīrul Ihrām. It has different wordings
one of which runs as follows: “Bismika Allāhumma Wa Bihamdika, Tabāraka Ismuka Wa Taʿālā Jadduka, Wa Lā Ilāha Ghairuka”. It is one of the Sunnan of Salāt.

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<td>The three-days’ festival of Muslims starting on the first day of Shawwāl, the month that follows Ramadān immediately.</td>
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<td>Every evil deed whether practical or verbal one.</td>
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<td>Fard Kifāyah</td>
<td>An enjoined duty. It is fulfilled if it is done by a group of Muslims.</td>
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<td>Farrūj</td>
<td>Similar to the Qamīs with the opening from the back.</td>
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<td>Fātihah</td>
<td>The first chapter in the Holy Qur’ān. It is also called “As-Sab‘ul Mathānī” and “Ummul Qur’ān”.</td>
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<td>Fidyah</td>
<td>A compensation of a missed or wrongly practiced religious ceremony, usually in the form of money, food stuff or offering (animal).</td>
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<td>Fiqh</td>
<td>The science of knowing the rulings regarding the religious practical practices through their Shar‘ [legal] texts.</td>
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<td>Fitnah [pl. Fitan]</td>
<td>A trial with which man could be afflicted; it could afflict one’s fortune, life, offspring or religion.</td>
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<td>Things about which only Allāh (ﷻ) knows such as: the time of the Hour (Horn-Blowing Day), the angles, paradise, Hell, the Books He revealed on the prophets, the prophets He sent ... etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Gharīb</strong></td>
<td>The hadīth which is transmitted by only one narrator in any of the chain’s layers.</td>
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<td>Taking a bath in a ceremonial way. This is necessary for one who is Junub and other occasions.</td>
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<td><strong>Hanābilah / (Hanbalites)</strong></td>
<td>The followers of Imām Ahmad Ibn Hanbal and his Mathhab.</td>
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<td><strong>Harām</strong></td>
<td>i.e. forbidden to be done.</td>
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<td><strong>Hijāb</strong></td>
<td>That with which a woman covers herself from head to foot; it includes the Khimār and the Jilbāb.</td>
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<td><strong>Hukum</strong></td>
<td>A judgment of legal decision (especially of Allāh (ﷻ) or his Messenger).</td>
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<td><strong>Hullah</strong></td>
<td>Two-piece colored cloth including a Ridā’ and Izār.</td>
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Hūr: Houri. Very fair females created by Allāh (ﷻ); they are not of Adam’s offspring, with very beautiful eyes and perfect shape among other features. They are granted by Allāh (ﷻ) for the believers in Paradise.

(I)

Ihrām: A state in which one is prohibited to practice certain deeds that are lawful at other times. The ceremonies of ‘Umrah and Hajj are performed during such state which one should express mentally an orally one’s intention to assume.

Ilāh: The One rightly deserves being worshipped. Only Allāh (ﷻ) deserves this.

‘Ilm: A broad knowledge in a specific branch of knowledge.

Imām: The leader of Salāt. It also refers to the Muslim Caliph, ruler, or a Fiqh scholar.

Īmān: To have faith or belief.

Inshā’ā Allāh: A statement that should preferably be said when one expresses his intention to do something in the future. It means “By the will of Allāh (ﷻ)”.

Iqāmah: The statements of ‘Athān immediately after reciting which Salāt is performed. It has two different wordings: the first similar to the ’Athān; the other is a reduced ’Athān.

‘Ishā: Late evening Salāt. Its time starts about one and half hour after sunset, till the middle of the night.

Ishtimālus Sammā: To wrap oneself in a garment while sitting in such a way that nothing of the garment would cover one’s private parts and no way for one arms to get
Islam: The last of Allah’s (ﷻ) religions, revealed on prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) for all people. The word literally means “submitting to Allah”.

Isti‘āthah: The statement of seeking Allah’s (ﷻ) refuge from shaitān, the outcast and the cursed. It states: “A‘ūthū Billāhi Minash Sahitāniir Rajīm” [i.e. I seek refuge with Allah (ﷻ) from the outcast Shaitān].

Istighfār: To seek Allah’s (鲐) forgiveness by saying: “Astaghfirullāh” [i.e. I seek Allah’s (鲐) forgiveness].

Izār: A sheet worn below the waist to cover the lower half of the body.

(J)

Jāhiliyyah: The days of ignorance before the advent of Islam through prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

Al-Jamā‘ah: Those who follow that which Ahlul Hadīth and Salaf follow, i.e. the prophet’s (鲐) authentic Sunnah, it also applies to the congregation in Salāt.

Jāmi‘: The mosque in which the Jumu‘ah Salāt is weekly established.

Janābah: The state of a person after having sexual intercourse with one’s wife or husband or after having a sexual discharge in a wet dream. A person in such a state should do Ghusl, if not possible then Tayammum.

Janāzah: Funeral procession or the dead body.

Jannah: The Paradise to which all Muslims will be
admitted in the Hereafter.

**Jawād** : One of Allāh’s (ﷻ) perfect names. It means the Extremely Generous.

**Jilbāb** : An outer cloak that wraps or conceals the whole of a woman’s body. It is worn over the usual clothes when getting outside.

**Jibbah** : A cloak with short sleeves worn over the Rīdā’.

**Jumhūr** : The majority of scholars.

**(K)**

**Ka‘bah** : The square stony building in Al-Masjidul Harām at Makkah towards which all muslims turn their faces in Salāt.

**Kaffārah** : Penance, expiation. An act, enjoined by Allāh (ﷻ) or His prophet (ﷺ) on the adult muslim man or woman, to be done in order to plot out a sin he/she has committed.

**Karbūlā’** : A city in Irāq which the Shī‘ah sanctify so much because Ali (.Angle), the fourth of the rightly guided caliphs and Al-Husayn -his son-, were buried there after thee were killed.

**Kareem** : One of Allāh’s (ﷻ) perfect names; it means: The Most Generous.

**Khabīs** : A delicious kind of food. It is made of dates and ghee.

**Khalīl** : The one who is considered more superior than a friend or beloved. The prophet (ﷺ) had only one Khalīl, i.e. Allāh (ﷻ), but he had many friends.

**Khamīsah** : A square black cloth decorated with two lines or marks.
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Khawārij : Literally, it means dissenters. It refers to a deviated sect that dissected itself from the larger group of muslims. Considering the doer of the major sin(s) as a disbeliever, is one of its main beliefs which has no Shar‘ proof.

Khimār : A sheet of a scarf that covers a woman’s head and is let down to cover her bosom.


Khutbah : A religious speech. It is of many types; such as: Khutbatul Hājah, Khutbatul Jumu‘ah, ... etc.

Khutbatul Hājah : The statements with which the prophet (ﷺ) used to commence his speeches and used also to teach it to his Sahābah. They are reported in many hadīth compilations.

Kūfah : A town in Irāq.

Kuffār : The disbelievers of any of the six articles of the Islamic faith, i.e. Allāh (ﷻ), His Angels. His Messengers, the Books He revealed, the Last Day and the Preordainment whether good or bad.

(L)

Labbūd : A kind of delicious food.

Laghw : Any word or deed during the Friday Khutbah and leads to distract oneself or others from listening and understanding the Khutbah.

(M)

Madīnah : A big holy city in Sa‘ūdi Arabia in which the sacred Al-Masjidun Nabawī is situated.

Mahram : A male whom a woman can never marry because of close relationship (e.g. father, a brother, an uncle, ... etc.).
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<td><strong>Maʾmūm</strong> : The one following the Imām in Salāt.</td>
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<td><strong>Marfūʿ</strong> : A hadīth traced back to the prophet (ﷺ).</td>
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<td><strong>Marwah</strong> : A mountain at Makkah neighboring Al-Masjidul Harām to the east.</td>
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<td><strong>Masbūq</strong> : The one who attends the mosque and finds that he missed a part of Salāt with the Imām. In such case, the Masbūq should join the Imām in whatever position the later is and when the Imām recites Salāt at the end of Salāt, the Masbūq does not do so but does the part he missed earlier.</td>
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<td><strong>Al-Masjidul Harām</strong> : The Holy mosque at Makkah in Saʿūdī Arabia.</td>
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<td><strong>Mathhab</strong> [pl. Mathāhib] : A school of religion and Fiqh. It is the way a scholar follows through which he deduces practical religious rulings from the detailed texts of the Qurʾān, Sunnah, and Ijmāʿ. In the Islamic world there are four famous Mathāhib; i.e. the Shāfiʿī, Hanafi, Hanbali, and Māliki.</td>
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<td><strong>Matn</strong> : The wording of a hadīth.</td>
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<td><strong>Mawqūf</strong> : The hadīth traced back to a Sahābī.</td>
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<td><strong>Mazīd</strong> : The Day of Mazīd is another name for the Day of Account. It literally means the Day of Doubles. It is called as such because Allāh (ﷻ) will call Hell: ‘Are you filled with the Disbelievers?’ Hell would say: ‘Is there any more (of them)?’ The disbelievers will get their punishment in it in doubles.</td>
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<td><strong>Minā</strong> : A place outside Makkah on the road to ‘Arafah. It</td>
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is five miles away from Makkah and about ten miles from ‘Arafah.

Mu‘allaq : The hadīth from the chain of narrators of which there is an omitted narrator or more from its beginning.

Mu’aththin : The one who pronounces the ’Athān loudly calling people to come and perform Salāt.

Mu‘awwithatain : The two Sūrahs: Al-Falaq and An-Nās.

Mubtadi‘ah : Those who practice innovated acts of worship in religion [i.e. Bid‘ah].

Mu‘dal : The hadīth’s chain of narrators in which there is an omission of two or more consecutive narrators.

Mudd : A measure of two thirds of a kilogram, i.e. a handful.

Mufassal : The Sūrahs starting from Qāf to the end of the Noble Qur‘ān.

Muhaddith : The one who studies the prophet’s (ﷺ) ahādīth regarding their authenticity and their interpretations and hence the rulings deduced from them.

Muhājirūn : Those of the early muslims who had emigrated from any place to Al-Madīnah in the life time of the prophet (ﷺ) before the conquest of Makkah. This term also applies to the one who emigrates for the sake of Allāh (ﷻ) and Islām.

Al-Mujeeb : One of Allāh’s (ﷻ) perfect names. It means the one who answers the du‘ā’ (i.e. supplication).

Mujtahid : The one who exerts himself and endeavours to deduce religious rulings using: a. the Qur‘ān texts, b. Sunnah texts, c. the Ijmā‘, d. the Arabic language, e. the principles of Fiqh and ways of
deducing rulings and f. the abrogating and the abrogated texts.

Munfarid: The one doing Salāt alone without being led by an Imām.

Munqati’: The hadīth’s chain of narrators which lacks one narrator or there is an unidentified narrator in it.

Munkar: The rejected hadīth.

Mursal: The hadīth’s chain of narrators from the end of which a narrator is omitted.

Musallā: A praying place away from the inhabitation (i.e. a desert, a plain, ... etc.).

Mushaf: The book which includes all the Qur‘ān.

Mustalah: The principles through which the hadīth’s rank of authenticity is known regarding its Sanad (chain of narrators) and Matn (wordings) and according to which the hadīth is either accepted or rejected.

Mutawātir: The hadīth which is transmitted by a great number of reliable, well dictating narrators.

Muzdalīphah: A place between Arafa and Minā where the pilgrims, while returning from ‘Arafa, have to stop and stay for the whole night or greater part of it, between the ninth and the tenth of Dhul-Hijjah. They should perform Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Salāt there.

(N)

Nāfilah: Optional acts of worship.

Najāsah: Whatever impurities come out of humans, i.e. urine, stool, birth blood, menses ... etc.

Niyyah: Intention. In acts of worship, Niyyah is considered as a precondition for their validity.
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Qabā’ : A male wide garment, narrow from the top with short sleeves and an opening from the front.

Qadā’ : To do an act of worship after its due time is gone due to a Shar‘ excuse.

Al-Qadīr : One of Allāh’s perfect names which means Omnipotent.

Qamīs : A male garment with wide sleeves and wide opening from its top. It is also called “Gallābiyyah”. It covers the whole body from neck to heels or half of the shins. People used to wear the Qamīs as an underwear.

Qiblah : The direction in which all Muslims turn their faces in Salāt. And that direction is towards the Ka‘bah in Makkah.

Qirām : A thin, colored, woolen curtain.

Qiyām : The standing posture in Salāt. It is an article in the obligatory Salāt without which one’s Salāt is rendered null and void unless one is unable to stand.

Qiyāmul Lail : The Salāt done after doing Ishā’ Salāt. The maximum number of which is eleven Rak‘ah and the minimum is one Rak‘ah. It’s time extends from ‘Ishā’ till dawn.

Qiyās : Analogy. The process through which a well-versed Faqīh or Mujtahid delivers a religious ruling for a certain case for which there is no clear cut proof in the Qur‘ān or Sunnah depending on similar cases for which there is a clear proof.

Qudsī [hadīth] : The prophet’s (ﷺ) narration from Allāh (ﷻ).

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Qunūt: It covers a wide range of meanings some of which are the following:

a. The du‘ā’ recited in the last Rak‘ah of Qiyāmul Lail before or after Rukū’.

b. The long recitation of Qur‘ān while in the standing posture in Salāt.

c. Keeping silent from any kind of speech in Salāt except reciting Athkār.

d. Performing many acts of worship for Allāh’s (ﷻ) sake.

Quraish: One of the greatest tribes in Arabia to which the prophet (ﷺ) belonged. Before and after Islām, this tribe had great powers spiritually and financially.

Qur‘ān: The miraculous words of Allāh (ﷻ) revealed on His last of the prophets Muhammad (ﷺ) by the Honest Gibreel, written in the Mushaf, transmitted through a great number of reliable, honest, well-dictating narrators, reciting which is a superior act of worship. It starts with the Fātihah and ends with An-Nās Sūrahs.

(R)

Rabb: The One and the Only Lord for the universe; its Creator, Owner, Organizer, Provider, Master, Planner, Cherisher, ... etc. This word had no equivalent in the English Language.

Rāfidah: One of the major sects of the Shī‘ah. Its original members rejected the caliphate of Zaid Ibn ‘Alī because he refused to insult Abī Bakr and ‘Umar (endsWith) when he was asked to do so.

The followers of this sect believe in the permissibility of insulting some of the Sahābah, casting doubt on their honesty and reliability such as: Abū Bakr, Aishah, ‘Umar, ‘Uthmān, Abū Hurairah (ﷺ).
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<td>The seventh month of the Islamic calendar.</td>
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<td>Rak‘ah</td>
<td>The smallest unit in Salāt. It consists of a standing, one bowing and two prostrations.</td>
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<td>Ar-Raqīb</td>
<td>One of Allāh’s (ﷻ) perfect names. It means: The One who is Ever watcher.</td>
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<td>Rasūl</td>
<td>Messenger with a doctrine including the rulings people should abide by to gain Allāh’s pleasure.</td>
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<td>Rawdah</td>
<td>The area between the prophet’s (ﷺ) pulpit and his grave in Al-Masjidun Nabawī in Madīnah.</td>
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<td>Raytah</td>
<td>A thin garment made of linen.</td>
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<td>Ridā’</td>
<td>A piece of cloth worn around the upper part of the body.</td>
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<td>Rukhsah</td>
<td>Literally, it means: The concession. Idiomatically, it refers to the ruling that is affirmed in Shar' texts contrary to another one due to the existence of a certain need or cause.</td>
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<td>Rukū’</td>
<td>Bowing posture in Salāt in which one says: ‘Subhana Rabbial Athīm’ or other Athkār reported in hadīth compilations.</td>
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<td>Sa‘ah</td>
<td>Horn-Blowing Day.</td>
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<td>Sadaqatul Fitr</td>
<td>A certain amount of food (dates, rice, lentil, wheat, ... etc.) paid to the poor at the end of Ramadān. It should be paid by (or on behalf) of every muslim (i.e. male, female, old, young, free of slave).</td>
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<td>Sadl</td>
<td>Letting one’s garment to the ground. This act is forbidden on men only.</td>
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<td>Sahābah</td>
<td>The prophet’s (ﷺ) companions who saw him, believed in him and died in such a state.</td>
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<td>Sahūr</td>
<td>The late night meal taken before dawn by those who want to observe Sawm (fasting).</td>
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<td>Salaf</td>
<td>The prophet’s (ﷺ) companions, their followers and all those who followed them; all following the prophet’s (ﷺ) Sunnah earnestly.</td>
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<td>Salāt</td>
<td>The second article of Islām; the first being the two statements of testification. It is done five times a day in specified times; the male in the mosque and the female at home.</td>
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<td>[pl. Salawāt]</td>
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<td>As-Salātu ‘Alan Naby</td>
<td>Sending Salāt on the prophet (ﷺ) by reciting certain statements, they begin with: “Allāhumma Sallī ‘Alā Muhammad (ﷺ) ... etc.”.</td>
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<td>Salātul Eidain</td>
<td>The Salāt done on the Eid Day. It consists of two Rak‘ahs. In the first one recites seven Takbīrs while in the second one recites five Takbīrs.</td>
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<td>As-Samī‘</td>
<td>One of Allāh’s (ﷻ) perfect names. It means: The One who hears every thing, even one’s thought.</td>
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<td>Sanad</td>
<td>[or Isnād], the chain of narrators of a hadīth.</td>
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<td>Sarāwīl</td>
<td>A male underwear. It is a very wide trousers, some men of Ash-Shām (Lebanon, Syria and Palestine) still wear.</td>
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<td>Sawm</td>
<td>The fourth of Islām’s articles. It means to fast; i.e. not to eat, drink or have sexual relations ... etc. from dawn ’Athān till sunset ’Athān.</td>
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<td>Sha‘bān</td>
<td>The eighth month of the Islamic Calendar.</td>
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<td>Shāfi‘yyah</td>
<td>The followers of Imām Ash-Shāfi‘ī and the adherents to his Mathhab.</td>
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<td>Ash-Shām</td>
<td>The area including: Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Jordan.</td>
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Sharī‘ah [Shar‘ī]ah]: The law which Allāh (ﷻ) prescribed for us and revealed on his last Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ). It covers beliefs, acts of worship, transactions, penalties, ... etc.

Shāth: The narration narrated by an honest narrator but differs from a similar one narrated by a more reliable narrator.

Shi‘ah: A deviated sect that extravagantly supported ‘Alī (عليه السلام), the fourth caliph. They believe that ‘Alī is the only deserving caliph followed by the eleven infallible Imāms. They also believe that the Qur’ān, Sunnī Muslims read, is altered and not the original one. The Tuqyah [i.e. concealing one’s true beliefs] is one of their major principles when discussing their beliefs with others.

Sihāh: The compilations in which authentic ahādīth are reported.

Siwāk: A piece of a stick of a tree called “Al-Arāk”, used as a tooth brush. The prophet (ﷺ) strongly urged Muslims to use it so often and said: ‘It cleans the mouth and leads to Allāh’s (ﷻ) pleasure’.

Siyām: Synony to Sawm.

Subhāna Allāh: To say “Glory to Allāh (ﷻ)” it is one of the two statements, the second being “Al-Hamdu Lillāh”, which if recited so often, one’s scales of good deeds would be so heavy.

Sujūd: Prostrating oneself on the ground putting the seven stated bones; i.e. the forehead and nose, the two hands, the knees and the feet.

Sunnah: The prophet’s (ﷺ) deeds, statements or approvals. The Fiqh scholars use the term to refer to those deeds which if done one is granted rewards but if abandoned one does not incur a sin on oneself.

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<td>Sunnah Qabliyyah</td>
<td>The Nāfilah Salāt one does prior to the obligatory one.</td>
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<td>Sūrah</td>
<td>A chapter in the Holy Qur’ān.</td>
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<td>Sutrah</td>
<td>An object like a pillar, wall of stick, a spear, ... etc. the height of which should not be less than a foot and must be placed in front of a person offering Salāt.</td>
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<td>Tābi‘ī</td>
<td>The follower of the prophet’s (ﷺ) companion(s).</td>
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<td>Tahiyyatul Masjid</td>
<td>Two Rak‘ah Salāt that should be done immediately after one enters a mosque.</td>
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<td>Tahmīd</td>
<td>To say “Al-Hamdu Lillāh”, i.e. praise and thanks be to Allāh (ﷻ).</td>
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<td>Tahūr</td>
<td>Cleaning oneself from impurities such as: urine, stool, menses, ... etc.</td>
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<td>Takbīr</td>
<td>To say “Allāhu Akbar”, i.e. Allāh (ﷻ) is the most great.</td>
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<td>Takbīratul Ihram</td>
<td>To say “Allāhu Akbar” when commencing Salāt.</td>
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<td>Ta‘mīn</td>
<td>To say “Amen”, it means: O Allāh (ﷻ) answer our supplications.</td>
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<td>Tarāwīh</td>
<td>The eleven Rak‘ah Salāt regularly performed in Ramadan. It could be done after ‘Ishā’ Salāt immediately or in any part of the night before dawn. It could be performed in many different ways all of which are reported in hadīth compilations.</td>
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Tasbīh : To say: “Subhāna Allāh”, i.e. “Glory be to Allāh (ۚ)”.

Tashahhud : The recitation of the invocation: ‘At-Tahiyyatu Lillāh.. (up to) Wa ‘Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Rasūlu Allāh ...’, while in the sitting posture in Salāt.

Taslīm : To say: ‘As-Salāmu ‘Alikum Warahmatu Allāhi Wa Barakātuh’ at the end of Salāt. It is also used as a greeting amongst muslims.

Tawāf : The circumambulation of the Ka‘bah.

Tawhīd : Dedicating all kinds of worship; practical, verbal and even psychological feelings, to Allāh (ۚ) alone with no partner whatsoever.

Thul Hulaifah : A well-known place 240 miles away from Makkah and 3 miles away from Madīnah. It is the place from which the people of Madīnah and those who come from its direction start their Ihram.

Tilāwah Sajdah : The prostration one does after reciting certain verses from the Holly Qur‘ān.

Tiyarah : An act that was prevalent during Jāhiliyyah period. It means to have good or bad omen in the movement of things. It is Harām in Islām.

Tubbān : A male underwear shaped into wide trousers but with no legs. Some times it is made of leather.

Turuqiyah : The heads of Sūfī sects who paid complete allegiance to their Shaikhs and followed in their footsteps.

(U) ‘Ulamah : The well-versed scholars in the Islamic religion who give religious verdicts (Fatāwā) in
accordance with its orders.

‘Umrah : A visit to Makkah during which one does Tawāf around the Ka‘bah and Sa‘i between As-Safā and Al-Marwā.

’Usūl Fiqh : The general principles of Islamic jurisprudence by using which a scholar could deduce rulings regarding practical issues.

(W)

Wahy : The revelation. It also refers to Gibreel.

Wājib : The enjoined duty which if one abandons, one would incur a sin upon oneself.

Waswasah : The evil insinuations Shaitān cast in oneself causing him to forget while being engaged in any deed.

Witr : An odd number of Rak‘āt with which one finishes one’s Salāt at night after doing the ‘Ishā’ Salāt.

Wudū’ : Doing ablution starting with the hands, then rinsing the mouth, blowing the nose, washing the face, washing the arms, wiping the head and ears, and finally washing the feet.

(Z)

Zakāt : The third article of Islām. It is the proportion of money, crops, cattle, ... etc. a muslim pays yearly in case he owns the Nisāb for a whole year.

Zimmi : A free non-Muslim subject living under muslim protection and enjoys all citizenship rights but pays a tribute in return.