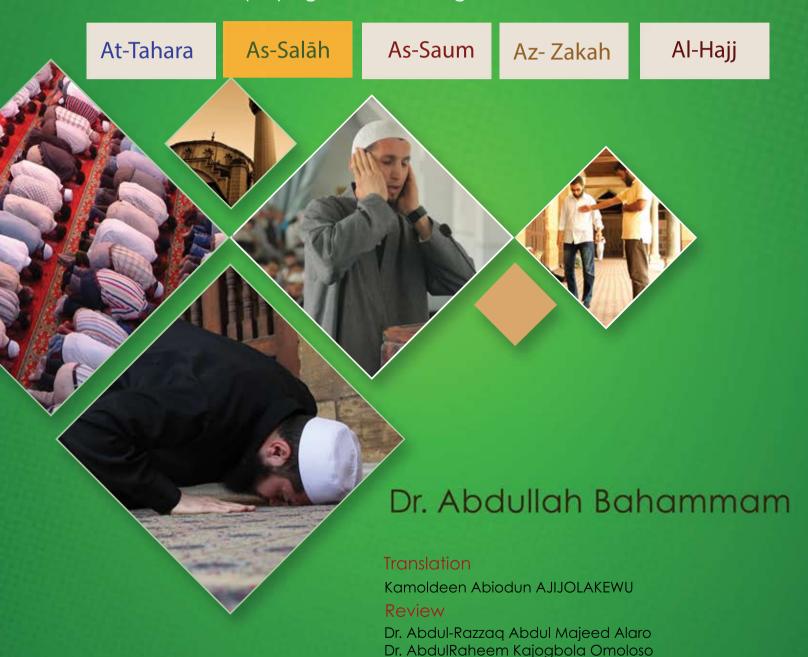


Illustrated Islamic Jurisprudence for the Acts of Worship

Simplifying and Teaching the Rules of Islam



The Integrals of Salah, its Obligatory aspects, and Sunnahs

The Integrals of As-Ṣalāh, its Obligatory Aspects, and Sunnahs

Firstly: The Integrals of As-Şalāh

The Integrals (or Pillars) of As-Şalāh

Its basic, essential components which it is composed of; to such an extent that it is not permissible to not perform them in any situation. This means that they are not to be left out intentionally or unintentionally; except when there is a case of incapacity.

Intention

- 2. Standing in obligatory Ṣalāt (with ability to do that)
- 3. Initiating or the first Takbeer
- 4. Recitation of Al-Fatiha
- 5. Bowing
- 6. Rising upright from bowing
- 7. Prostrating on the seven parts
 - 8. Sitting between the two prostrations
 - 9. Sitting for the final at-Tashahud
 - 10. Reciting the final at-Tashahud
 - 11. Reciting blessings on the Prophet during the final at-Tashahud.
 - 12. At-Tasleem (the saying of as-Salaamu'alaykum which marks the end of Ṣalāt)
 - 13. Serenity when performing every essential part of Ṣalāt.
 - 14. Performing all of the above-mentioned essential parts in sequence

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What should someone who leaves out an essential part of Şalāt do?

- 1. As for he who left it out deliberately, his Ṣalāt is nullified, and it is compulsory on him to repeat it (as a whole).
- 2. However for him who left it due to forgetfulness, his situation may be due to either of the following two conditions:
- A. For him not to remember this omission until after getting to the same point in the following rak'ah: At this point, he will not count the former rak'ah from which he omitted this part, but will assume the current rak'ah in place of the former. Thereafter, he prostrates for forgetting.

An Example: A man remembers in the second Rak'ah while reciting the Fatihah that he forgot to recite the Fatihah in the first Rak'ah. Now this Rak'ah becomes his first and the actions which were performed before it are not taken into consideration.

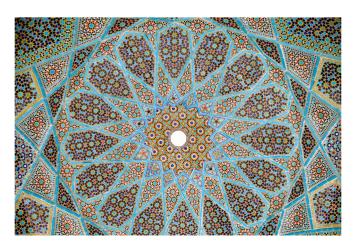
B. That he remembers that he forgot a pillar from a rak'ah before reaching the same pillar in the following rak'ah. In this case he must return to perform that pillar as soon as he remembers it.

An example: A man forgets to make Ruku' then prostrated immediately after completing his recitation. Thereafter he remembered whilst in prostration that he had not made Ruku'. Now he must stand, make the Ruku' and continue praying the rest of the prayer as normal.

Secondly: The Obligatory Aspects of the Ṣalāh

The Obligatory Aspects of the Şalāh

Those which one makes up by performing the prostration of forgetfulness, and do not have to be made up when one forgets.





Takbeer said while changing postures in Ṣalāt.

Saying: "Subhana Rabbiyyal 'Athim" while bowing.

Saying: "Sami'allahu liman hamidahu" by the imam and person praying alone. However saying it is not prescribed for the person(s) observing Salāt behind the imam.

Saying: "Rabbana walakal hamd" while rising from bowing.

Saying: "Subhana Rabbiyal 'ala" during prostration

6. Saying "Rabbighfirlii" in between the two prostrations

Sitting down to recite the first Tashahhud.

The first Tashahhud.

What should a person who omits one of the compulsory acts of Şalāt do?

The prayer of the one who deliberately omits it is void. Thus, he is to repeat the prayer all over again.

As for the person who forgetfully omits it, his

prayer is valid. However, he just prostrates (prostration for forgetting) twice before attasleem.

Thirdly: Recommended Acts of Salāt

Everything mentioned in the manners of Salāt, apart from the conditions of Salāt and its essential and compulsory parts, are all recommended acts. Omitting any of this does not affect the validity of Salāt; and it is not mandatory to prostrate due to forgetting when any of them is left out. The recommended acts of Şalāt are of two types:

Firstly: Recommended **Utterances**

- 1. Al-Istiftah: It is the invocation said (silently) before reciting Fatiha.
- 2. At-Ta'awuth: It is by saying: "A'udhu billahi minas-Shaytanir-Rajeem."
- 3. Al-Basmalah: It is by saying: "Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem "
- 4. Any at-tasbeeh (e.g. subhāna rabbiyal a' la) said after the first one during bowing and prostration.

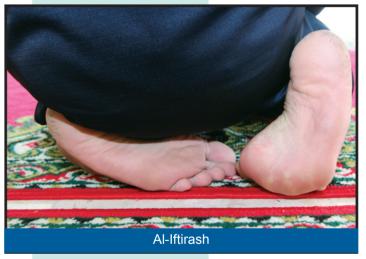


- 5. Saying: "Rabbighfirli" other than the first one, in between prostrations.
- 6. Whatever is said after "Rabbana wa lakal hamdu" while rising from bowing position.
- 7. Any (i.e. any Surah) recited after Fatiha.

Secondly: Recommended actions

They are numerous, and include:

- 1. Raising the hands while saying the initiating Takbeer, just before bowing, rising from bowing and when rising to perform the third rak'ah.
- 2. Placing the right hand over the left while standing before and after bowing.





- 3. Casting the gaze towards the point of prostration.
- 4. Keeping the arms away from the stomach and one's sides during prostration.
- 5. Al-Iftirāsh: This is a form of sitting, whereby one places the right foot upright, with the toes facing the direction of qibla, and lays the left foot on the ground while sitting on it. It is Sunnah to do so in all positions of sitting in salah except in the last Tashahud of a salah of more than two rak'ahs.
- 6. At-Tawaruk: This is a form of sitting where one places the right foot upright, with the toes facing the direction of qiblah, and places the left foot under the right leg, with the left foot coming out from underneath the right leg, from the right, and at the same time sits on his posterior with his left thigh on the ground, supporting him. It is sunnah to take this position during the last Tashahhud in salah of more than two rak'ahs.