

## Lesson 31: Wajibat (obligatory acts) of prayer

There are 11 things *wajib* in the prayers:

1. *Niyah*: Intention to pray for being near to God.
2. *Takbirat-ul-Ihram* (Allahu Akbar after *niyyah*).
3. *Qiyam*: To stand.
4. *Ruku'*.
5. Two *Sajdahs*.
6. *Qira'at*: to recite Surah al-Hamd and another Surah in first two *rak'ats* and *Tasbihat al-Arba'ah*. (*Subhanallahi wal-hamdu lillahi wa la ilaha illal-lahu wallahu Akbar*) or Surah al-Hamd in the 3rd and 4th *rak'ats*.
7. *Dhikr*: to recite tasbih in *ruku'* and *sajdah*, as will be explained later.
8. *Tashahhud*.
9. *Salaam*.
10. *Tartib*: To pray in the sequence prescribed by the *shari'ah*.
11. *Muwalaat*: To pray without interruption or gap.

### Rukn and Ghayr Rukn

Out of the above mentioned *wajib* acts of prayer, 5 are *rukun* and the others are *ghayr rukun*.

*Rukun* means such actions which invalidate the prayer if they are left out or added, though unintentionally.

These are (1) *Niyah*, (2) *Takbiratul-Ihram* (3) *Qiyam* at the time of *Takbiratul-Ihram* and just before going to *Ruku*, (4) *Ruku* and (5) Both *sajdahs* together. If any of these are left out, or added whether intentionally or unintentionally, the Salat will become *batil* (void).

*Ghayr rukun* means such *wajib* acts which invalidate the prayer if they are left out, or added, intentionally. But they do not invalidate the prayer if they are left or added unintentionally. These are the remaining *wajib* acts of prayer.

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