

Lesson 35: Wajib (obligatory) Sajdahs of the Qur'an

In four Surahs of the Qur'an (*Alif Lam Meem Sajdah*, *Ha Meem Sajdah*, *Najm* and *'Alaq*) there is one verse which is called verse of *sajdah*. Anybody who recites that verse or listens to it must do *sajdah* at the end of that verse. If while listening to it he was reciting it also, he should do two *sajdahs*.

The place where he does the *sajdah* must be *mubah* (not *ghasbi*) and the place of forehead should not be more than 3" lower or higher than the place of knees or toes. The rules about the things upon which *sajdah* of prayer is allowed must be followed in this *Sajdah* also.

It is not *wajib* to say any *dhikr* in this *sajdah*. Still it is sunnat to recite the following *dhikr*:

La ilaha illal-lah haqqan haqqa; la-ilaha-illal-lahu Imaanan wa Tasdiqa; La ilaha illal-lah 'ubudiyatan wa riqqa; Sajadtulaka ya Rabbi ta'abbudan wa riqqan; La mustankifan wa la Mustakbiran; bal ana 'abdun dhalilun da'ifun kha'ifun mustajir.

It is not necessary to do *wudhu* etc., or to face towards qibla in this *sajdah*.

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