

Lesson 38: Other wajib (obligatory) acts

7. Dhikr

Dhikr means the *tasbeeh* of *ruku'* and *sajdah*.

8. Tashahhud

Tashahhud is *wajib* after the second *sajdah* of the second *rak'at* and that of the last *rak'at*.

Six things are *wajib* in it. They are:–

1. Reciting *shahadatayn*. It is *ahwat* to recite in the following form: *Ash-hadu an la ilaha illal-lahu wahdahu la sharika lahu, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasuluh.*"
2. Reciting *salawat* after *shahadatayn*.
3. *Tartib* in its sentences as explained above.
4. *Muwalat*.
5. Reciting *tashahhud* while remain sitting.
6. *Tama'ninat*.

Meaning of tashahhud

I bear witness that there is no God but Allah; the only One; There is no partner or equal to Him. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Apostle. O Lord! May Thy peace be on Muhammad and His descendants.

9. Mustahabbat

It is *mustahab* in *tashahhud* that the hands of person rest on the thighs. The fingers should remain close to each other pointing towards qibla. Eyes should rest on the lap. The position of sitting for the man and the woman has already been described In the description of *sajdah*.

Salaam

Salaam is *wajib* after the *tashahhud* of the last *rak'at*. Four things are *wajib* in it:

1. Reciting either of these two sentences: "*Assalarnu 'alayna wa 'ala 'ibadillahis salihin*." (Peace be on us and on all righteous servants of God). "*Assalaamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh*." (Peace be on all of you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings).
2. Remain sitting while reciting *salaam*.
3. Correct pronunciation.
4. *Tama'ninat*.

Mustahabbat

1. Reciting both *salaams*.
2. Addition of "*Assalaarnu alayka ayyuhan Nabiyyu wa rahma-tullahi wa barakatuh*" (Peace be on thee, O Apostle, and the Mercy of Allah and His Blessings).
3. Saying *takbir* three times after *Salaam*.

10. Tartib

It is *wajib* to perform all the acts of prayer in the prescribed sequence. Any change in that sequence will render the prayer invalid, if done intentionally (and in case of a *ruk'n* sequence, even unintentionally).

11. Muwalaat

One act of *salaat* must be followed by the next act immediately. The intervening time between two acts should not be so long as to give the impression that the person concerned is not praying any more.

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