

Lesson 41: Valid (Sahih) Doubts

(Doubts that require remedial procedure).

Nine cases of doubts are such that the prayer is not rendered *batil* (invalid), provided the remedial procedure as prescribed in each case is carried out. It is not necessary to offer the prayer again.

1. Doubt during a four *rak'at* prayer after both the *sajdahs* whether it was the second or the third *rak'at*. In such a case it should be regarded as the third *rak'at* and the prayer is to be finished after offering the fourth *rak'at*. Thereafter *Salat al-ihhtiyat* (precautionary prayer) of one *rak'at* by standing be offered. .
2. Doubt, after the two *sajdahs*, whether it was second the second, third or the fourth *rak'at*. In such a case, the prayer should be finished by considering it as the fourth *rak'at* and *Salat al-ihhtiyat* of two *rak'at* by standing is to be offered.
3. Doubt after the two *sajdahs*, whether it was the second, third or the fourth *rak'at*. In such a case, prayer is to be finished by considering it as the fourth *rak'at* and *Salat al-ihhtiyat* of two *rak'ats* by standing and then another two *rak'ats* by sitting is to be offered.
4. Doubt after two *sajdahs* whether it was the fourth or the fifth *rak'at*. In a such case, the prayer should be completed then and there and two *sajdahs* of *sahw* should be offered immediately.
Note: "After the two *sajdahs*", in above 4 cases, means after completing the *dhikr* of 2nd *sajdah*.
5. Doubt whether it was the third or the fourth *rak'at*. In such a case the prayer should be finished by considering it as the fourth *rak'at* and *Salat al-ihhtiyat* of one *rak'at* by standing or two *rak'at* by sitting is to be offered.
6. Doubt while in *qiyam* (standing posture) whether it is fourth or fifth *rak'at*. In such a case, sit down at once and finish the prayer. Thereafter *Salat al-ihhtiyat* of one *rak'at* by standing or two *rak'ats* by sitting is to be offered.
7. Doubt while in *qiyam*, i.e. before *ruku'* whether it was the third or the fifth *rak'at*. In such a case, at once sit down and after finishing Prayer, offer two *rak'ats* of *Salat al-ihhtiyat* by standing.
8. Doubt while in *qiyam* whether it was the third, fourth or the fifth *rak'at*. In such a case, at once sit down and after finishing the prayer offer two *rak'ats* of *Salat al-ihhtiyat* by standing and two *rak'ats* by sitting.
9. Doubt while in *qiyam*, whether it was the fifth or the sixth *rak'at*. In such a case, prayer should be finished at once and two *sajdahs* of *sahw* will have to be done.

Note: In last the mentioned four cases, two *sajdah* of *sahw* should be done for the unwanted *qiyam*.

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