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1525. Eid ul Fitr and Eid ul Azha prayers were obligatory up to the period of Imam Mahdi, peace be on him, and it was also necessary to offer, them in congregation. However, during the present times, when the holy Imam is in Occultation, these prayers are recommended and can be offered individually as well as in congregation.

1526. The time for Eid prayers is from sunrise up to noon.

1527. It is recommended that Eidul Azha prayers is offered after sunrise. As regards Eidul Fitr it is recommended that one should break one's fast after sunrise and should also pay Zakatul Fitr and then offer Eid prayers.

1528. Eid prayers consists of two units. In the first unit of the prayers a person should recite Surah al–Hamd and a surah and then say five takbirs and after every takbir he should recite qunut. After the fifth qunut he should say another takbir and then preform bowing and two prostrations. He should then stand up and say four takbirs in the second unit and recite qunut after every one of these takbirs. Thereafter he should say the fifth takbir and should then perform bowing and two prostrations. After the second prostration he should recite tashahhud and then complete the prayers with salaam.

1529. Any recital or supplication suffices as qunut in the Eid prayers. However, it is better that the following supplication be recited: Alahumma ahlal kibriya'i wal 'azamah wa ahlal judi wal jabarut, wa ahlal 'afwi war rahmah, wa ahlat taqwa wal maghfirah. Asaluka bihaqqi hazal yawmil lazi ja'altahu lil muslimina 'Ida wali Muhnmmadin sal lal lahu 'alayhi wa aalihi zukhran wa sharafan wa karamatan wa mazida an tusalliya 'ala Muhammad wa Aali Muhammad wa an tudkhilani fi' kulli khayrin adkhalta fihi Muhammadan wa Aali Muhammad wa an tukhrijani min kulli suin akhrajta minhu Muhammadan wa Aali Muhammad salawatuka 'alayhi wa 'alayhim. Alla humma inni as aluka khayra ma sa'alaka bihi 'ibadukas Salihun, wa auzubika mim masta aza minhu 'ibdukal mukhlisun.

1530. During the period of Occultation of the Imam of the Time it is recommended that two sermons (Khutbas) be delivered after Eid prayers and it is better that, in the sermons orders regarding Zakatul fitr are explained and in those delivered on the occasion of Eidul azha orders relating to slaughtering of

animals be made known to the people.

- **1531.** No particular surah has been specified for being recited during Eid prayers. However, it is better that after reciting surah al-Hamd in the first and the second units the following surahs be recited: surah ash-Shams in the first unit and Surah al-Gashiya in the second unit or surah al-A'la in the first unit and Surah ash-Shams in the second unit.
- **1532.** It is recommended that Eid prayers be offered in the fields However, in Makkah it is recommended that it should be offered in Masjidul Haram.
- **1533.** It is recommended that before offering Eid prayers a person should take bath and wear a white turban and should go for prayers on foot and barefoot in a dignified manner.
- **1534.** It is recommended that during Eid prayers prostrations be performed on earth and hands be raised while saying takbirs. It is also recommended that a person who is offering Eid prayers (whether he offers them alone or in the congregational prayers) pronounce the words loudly.
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- **1535.** It is recommended that the following takbirs be said on Eidul Fitr night (i.e. night preceding the Eid day). after-dusk and night prayers and on the Eid day after dawn players as well as after Eidul fitr prayers: "Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, la ilaha illal lahu Wallahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Wa lillahil hamd Allahu Akbar ala ma hadana.
- **1536.** In Eidul azha it is recommended that the above-mentioned takbirs be said after ten prayers, of which the first is the noon prayers of Eid day and the last is the dawn prayers of 12th of Zilhaij. It is also recommended that after the above mentioned takbirs the following supplication be recited: "Allahu Akbar ala ma razaqna min bahimatil anam wal hamdu lillahi ala ma ablana.

In case, however, a person happens to be in Mina at the time of Eidul qurban it is recommended that he should say these takbirs after fifteen prayers of which the first is midday prayers of Eid day and the last is the dawn prayers of the 13th Zilhaj.

- **1537.** The recommended precaution is that women should refrain from going to offer Eid prayers. This precaution need not, however, he observed by old women.
- **1538.** As in other prayers the follower should also recite in the Eid prayers, the things of the prayers other than Hamd and surah.
- **1534.** If a follower joins the prayers at a time when the Imam has already said some takbirs he should, while the Imam performs bowing, say all the takbirs and qunut which he has not said along with the

Imam and it is sufficient if in each qunut he says: Subhanallah or Alhamdu lillah only.

1540. If a person joins the Eid prayers when the Imam is in bowing, he can make intention and say the first takbir of the prayers and then go into bowing.

1541. If a person forgets one prostration of tashahhud in Eid prayers the precaution lies in that he should perform it after prayers. However, if something takes place for which a sajdatus sahv is necessary after daily prayers, it is not necessary that he should perform two sajdatus sahv after the Eid prayers.

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