

Chapter – 15

Witr-Odd Numbered Prayer

(نماز وتر)

[أُمَّةً قَائِمَةٌ يَتْلُونَ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَهُمْ يَسْجُدُونَ، (03:113)]

No.**Hadith**

- 936 Allah's Prophet said, "The night prayer is offered as two Rakat followed by two Rakat and so on. He also said that if anyone is afraid of the approaching dawn (*Fajr prayer*) he should pray one Rakat and this will be a Witr for all the Rakats which he has prayed before." *Narrated: Ibn 'Umer.*
(See Hadith - 456/457).
- 937 Once I passed the night in the house of Maimuna, my aunt. That night the Prophet was also there. The Prophet slept till midnight or nearly so, and woke up rubbing his face, and recited ten verses from Surat-Aal-Imran. Then Allah's Prophet woke up and went to perform ablution. I did the same and stood beside him. The Prophet signalled me to stand at his right hand. Then he prayed two Rakat, five times, and then ended his prayers with Witr. He then lay down till the Mu'addin came. He stood up and offered two Rakat (*Optional*) of Fajr prayer and then went out and offered the Fajr prayer. *Narrated: Ibn 'Abbas.* (See Hadith - 661 to 663).
- 938to940 The Noble Prophet used to offer the Night prayers as two Rakat followed by two Rakat and so on. And pray only one Rakat in the end which made Witr for all the previous Rakats. Qasim Bin Muhammad says that, "Since we attained the age of youth we have seen some people offering a three-Rakat ----

No.**Hadith**

prayer as Witr and all that was permissible. And then offer two Rakat optional of Fajr prayer after Adhan and before going for the Fajr prayer." *Narrated: Abdullah bin 'Umar, Aisha and Anas bin Sirin.*

- 941 Allah's Prophet offered Witr prayer at various hours of the night extending up to Sahar. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 942 The Prophet used to offer his night prayer while I was sleeping across in his bed. Whenever he intended to offer the Witr prayer, he used to wake me up and I would offer the Witr prayer too. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 943 The Prophet said, "Make Witr prayer as your last prayer of the day." *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Umar.*
- 944 We were travelling. The morning was just to come, so Saeed came down from his camel and offered Witr prayer. Our Companion, 'Abdullah bin 'Umar asked me, "Where have you been?" I replied, "I apprehended the approaching dawn so I dismounted and prayed the Witr prayer." 'Abdullah bin 'Umer said, "Allah's Prophet used to pray Witr (*while on a journey*) on the back of the camel." *Narrated: Saeed bin Yasar and 'Abdullah bin 'Umar .*
- 945 The Prophet used to offer (*Nawafil*) prayers on his Rahila (mount) facing its direction by signals, but not the compulsory prayers. He also used to pray Witr on his (*mount*) Rahila. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Umar .*
- 946/947 I asked Anas that, "Did the Prophet recite Qunut in the Fajr prayer?" Anas replied in the affirmative. He was further asked, "Did he recite Qunut before bowing?" Anas replied, "He recited Qunut before, but recited after bowing as well for some time (for one month)." *Narrated: Muhammad bin Sirin.*
- 948 The Prophet recited Qunut for one month (*in the Fajr prayer*) in which he invoked Allah to punish the tribes (*of Ral and Dhakwan*) for breaking their commitments. *Narrated: Anas bin Malik.*
- 949 The Qunut used to be recited in the Maghrib and the Fajr prayers. *Narrated: Anas bin Malik.*