

Chapter – 18

Prostration during Quran Recitation

(سجدة تلاوت)

**{In Quran there are following 14 Verses
on which special prostration is taken place}**

[(Al-Aa'raf:206),(Ar-Ra'ad:15),(An:Nahl:50),
(Al-Asra:109),(Maryum:58),(Al-Hajj:18),
(Al-Furqan:60),(An-Naml:26),(As-Sajdah:15),
(Saad:25),(Hameem Sajdah:38),(An-Najm:62),
(Al-Inshiqaq:21),(Al-Alaq:19)]

No.**Hadith**

- 1005 Once, at Mecca, the Prophet recited Surat-an-Najm in prayer and prostrated after reciting its last Verse. Those who were with him did the same except an old man who took a handful of earth and lifted it to his forehead and said, "This is sufficient for me." Later on, I saw him (*Umaiya Bin Khalif*) killed as a non-believer. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Masood.*
- 1006 On Fridays the Prophet used to recite Surat-As-Sajdah and Surat-Ad-Dahr, in the Fajr prayer. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*
- 1007 The prostration on the verse of Surat Sad is not a compulsory one. However, I saw the Prophet prostrating while reciting it. *Narrated: Ibn Abbas.*
- 1008 (*Refuting to prostrate by an old man*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-1005 above. *Narrated: 'Abdullah.*
- 1009 When all of us offered special prostration on reciting the last Verse of Surat-an-Najm then, (*as per Ayub*), not only Muslims prostrated but also the pagans, the Jinns, and all human beings have prostrated. *Narrated: Ibn Abbas.*

No.**Hadith**

- 1010/1011 Zaid bin Thabit said that he had recited Surat-An-Najm in front of the Prophet, yet we did not perform special prostration. *Narrated: 'Ata' bin Yasar.*
- 1012 Once Abu Hurairah had recited Surat-al-Inshaq and he prostrated during its recitation. I asked him, then he said, "Had I not seen the Prophet prostrating, I would not have prostrated." *Narrated: Abu Salama.*
- 1013/1014 When the Prophet recited any Sura that contained the verse of prostration he would prostrate and we would do the same. Those days, because of the heavy rush we would not find a place for our foreheads to prostrate. *Narrated: Ibn 'Umar.*
- 1015 One Friday, 'Umar bin Al-Khattab recited Surat-an-Naml on the pulpit, and when he reached the verse of Sajdah he got down from the pulpit and prostrated. On this, all the people also prostrated. But, the next Friday he recited the same Surat and when he reached at the verse of Sajdah he did not prostrate. He said (*during his sermon*), "O people! When we recite the verses of Sajdah whoever prostrates, it is the right thing, yet there is no sin for the one who does not prostrate. -- --- Added Ibn 'Umar, "Allah has not made the prostration of recitation compulsory but if we wish we can do it." *Narrated: Rabi'a Bin 'Abdullah Tamimi.*
(*Compiler's Note: At this point, instead of giving importance to our personal wish, we should prefer to follow the Prophet. Look at next hadith and see the determination of Abu Hurairah in this regard*)
- 1016 I offered the 'Isha' prayer behind Abu Hurairah and he recited Surat-al-Inshaq and prostrated. I said, "What is this?" Abu Hurairah said, "I prostrated behind my beloved Prophet and I will do the same till I meet him." *Narrated: Abu Rafi.*
- 1017 Whenever the Prophet recited any Surat which contained the verse of prostration, on its recitation, he used to prostrate and then we too would prostrate. *Narrated: Ibn 'Umar.*