

## Chapter – 19

## Shortening the Prayers

(قصر)

[وَإِذَا ضَرَبْتُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَقْصُرُوا مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ، (04:101)]

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- 1018 Once the Prophet was on a journey for nineteen days. In these days he offered shortened prayers. So whenever we travelled we used to shorten the prayer up to 19 days. But if we travelled and stayed for a longer period we used to offer the full prayer. *Narrated: Ibn Abbas.*
- 1019 I heard Anas saying, "We travelled with the Prophet from Medina to Mecca and offered two Rakat (*for every four Rakats prayers*) till we returned to Medina. Our travelling was for ten days." *Narrated: Yahya bin Abi Ishaq.*
- 1020 (*During journey*) I offered shortened prayers with the Prophet, Abu Bakr and 'Umar and it was of two Rakat. 'Uthman in the early days of his Caliphate did the same, but later on he started praying the full prayers. *Narrated: Nafi' Bin 'Abdullah.*
- 1021 The Prophet led us in the (*four Rakat*) prayers at Mina during the peace period by offering two Rakat. *Narrated: Wahab.*
- 1022 (*During travelling*) We offered four Rakat prayers (*Zuhr, 'Asr, 'Isha*) behind Othman Ibn 'Affan. ---- When 'Abdullah bin Masood was informed about it, he said sadly:

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

{Truly to Allah we belong, and truly to Him we shall return}

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And added, "I prayed two Rakat with Allah's Prophet at Mina and similarly (*during their caliphates*) with Abu Bakr and with 'Umar." He then said, "May I be lucky enough to have these two of the four Rakats accepted (*by Allah*)."

*Narrated: 'Abdur Rahman bin Yazid.*

1023 (*On the occasion of Hajjat-ul-Wida'*) The Prophet and his Companions reached Mecca in the morning of the 4th Dhul-Hijja reciting Talbiyah. Then the Prophet ordered his Companions to assume it as Umrah instead of Hajj, excepting those who had Hadi (*sacrifice*) with them. *Narrated: Ibn Abbas.*

1024to1026 The Noble Prophet ordered that, "A woman should not travel (*alone*) for more than three days except with a Mahram (e.g. her husband, brother, father, grandfather, etc. ---- (*In Hadith 1026 it is said that*) It is not permissible for a woman to travel even for one day and night except with a Mahram." *Narrated: Nafi', Ibn 'Umer, and Abu Hurairah.*

1027 (*Before the start of journey to Makah*) I offered four Rakats of Zuhr prayer at Medina, and on reaching Dhul-Hulaifah, we offered 'Asr (*short*) prayer with two Rakats. *Narrated: Anas.*

1028 When the prayers were first enjoined, all they were of two Rakats only. Later, all the prayers in journey were kept as they were, but the prayers for normal days (*without travelling*) were added. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

*(Note: Zuhri asked 'Urwa that, "Weather it is Aisha's personal interpretation, same as 'Uthman did on this issue?").*

1029 Whenever the Prophet was in a hurry during the journey, I saw him delaying the Maghrib prayer till he could offer it along with the 'Isha' (*shortened*) prayer, Then he would never offer any optional prayer till the middle of the night. Then he used to pray the Tahajjud. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Umar.*

1030to1033 The Prophet used to offer (*Witr and Sunnah prayers*) while riding, facing any direction of the ride *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Amir, Jabir bin 'Abdullah, Nafi' and 'Abdullah bin Dinar.*

1034to1036 The Noble Prophet used to offer the optional prayers on his Mount (*animal*) during the journey, facing any direction. But he never did the same in offering the compulsory prayers. --

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For this he used to dismount and face the Qiblah. *Narrated: 'Amir bin Rabi'a, Jabir bin 'Abdullah and Anas bin Sirin.*

- 1037 Ibn 'Umar said, I never saw the Prophet offering optional prayers during the journey. And Allah says: 'Indeed! You have a good example to follow the Noble Prophet.' *Narrated: Hafs bin 'Asim.*
- 1038 Ibn 'Umar said, Allah's Prophet never offered more than two Rakats during the journey. Abu Bakr, 'Umar and 'Uthman also used to do the same. *Narrated: Hafs bin 'Asim.*
- 1039 Only Um Hani told us that she had seen the Prophet offering the forenoon prayer. Um Hani said, "On the day of the conquest of Mecca, the Prophet came to my house. First he took a bath and then offered eight Rakats. Earlier, I never saw him praying such light prayers. *Narrated: Ibn Abi Laila.*
- 1040 *(Prayers while riding):* This is repeated hadith. See hadith-1030 to 1033 above. *Narrated: Ibn 'Umar.*
- 1041 The Prophet used to offer the Zuhr and 'Asr *(shortened)* prayers together on journeys, and also used to offer the Maghrib and 'Isha' prayers together. *Narrated: Zuhri Salim.*
- 1042/1043 When the Noble Prophet was in hurry during journey he used to delay and offer the Maghrib and 'Isha' prayers together. He prayed three Rakats Maghrib and two Rakats *(shortened)* prayer of 'Isha. *Narrated: 'Abdullah Bin 'Umer, Anas.*
- 1044/1045 Whenever the Prophet started a journey before noon, he used to delay the Zuhr prayer till the time of 'Asr and then after dismounting from animals offer them together. But if the sun declined *(at noon)* he used to offer the Zuhr prayer and then start his journey. *Narrated: Anas bin Malik.*
- 1046 Allah's Prophet prayed while sitting during his illness and the people prayed behind him standing and he pointed to them to sit down. When he had finished the prayer, he said, "The Imam is to be followed and so when he bows you should bow; and when he lifts his head you should also do the same." *Narrated: 'Aisha.* (See Hadith - 766).
- 1047 Once Allah's Prophet fell down from a horse and his right side was injured severely. People went to inquire about his -

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health. That moment, the time for the prayer became due. He offered the prayer while sitting. He said, "The Imam is to be followed; If he bows you should also bow; and when he lifts his head you should also do the same and if he says:

سمع الله لمن حمده

Then you should say:

ربنا و لك الحمد

*Narrated: 'Aisha.* (See Hadith - 369)

- 1048/1049 A Companion asked Allah's Prophet about the praying of a man while sitting during his illness. He said, "If you pray while standing it is better and one who prays while sitting gets half the reward of that who prays standing; and whoever prays while lying gets half the reward of that who prays while sitting." *Narrated: 'Imran bin Husain.*
- 1050 I asked the Prophet about the prayer of a person while sitting. He said, It is better for one to pray standing. And if you can't stand, then pray while sitting and if you cannot do even that, then pray lying on your side *Narrated: 'Imran bin Husain.*
- 1051/1052 I never saw Allah's Prophet offering the night prayer while sitting. However, in his old age, he used to recite Quran while sitting and whenever he wanted to bow, he would get up and recite thirty or forty verses while standing and then bow and prostrate. He used to do the same in the second Rakat. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*