

## Chapter – 21

## Disciplines of Prayers

(آداب نماز)

[حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ، (02:238)]

[وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ، (07:204)]

**No.****Hadith**

1123

I passed a night in the house of my aunt Maimuna. Allah's Prophet also spent that night over there. He slept till midnight, then he woke up and removed the traces of sleep by rubbing his hands over his face. Then he recited the last ten verses of Surat-Al-Imran. Then he went towards a hanging leather water-container and performed ablution and then stood up for prayer. I also got up and did the same as Allah's Prophet did, and then stood by his left side. Allah's Prophet then put his right hand over my head and caught my right ear and twisted it, (*means singled me to come at his right*). Then He offered two Rakat, followed by two Rakat, with a total of twelve Rakat. And then offered one Rakat Witr. Then he lay down till the Mu'addin came and then he prayed two light Rakat (*of Fajr*) and went out and led the early morning (*Fajr*) prayer." ***Narrated: Ibn Abbas.*** (See Hadith - 118, 182 and hadith 815).

1124/1125

We used to greet the Prophet while he was praying and he used to answer our greetings. But, when we returned from An-Najashi (*the ruler of Ethiopia*), we greeted him but he did not answer us during the prayer. After finishing the prayer he said, "In the prayer our minds are occupied with Allah."

***Narrated: 'Abdullah Bin Masood.***

**No.****Hadith**

- 1126 In the life-time of the Prophet we used to speak while praying. One of us would tell his needs to his companions, till the following verse was revealed:

حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَىٰ وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ

{Guard strictly your prayers; and the middle prayer, and stand with reverence before Allah. (02.238)}

After that we were ordered to remain silent while praying.

*Narrated: Ibn 'Amr Shaibani.*

- 1127 The Prophet went out to resolve a reconciliation between the tribes of Bani 'Amr bin 'Auf. The time of the prayer became due, so Bilal went to Abu Bakr and said, "Will you please lead the people in prayer?" Abu Bakr replied in affirmative. So Bilal pronounced the Iqama and Abu Bakr led the prayer. In the meantime, the Prophet came and crossed the rows of the praying people till he stood in the first row. On this, people started clapping. Abu Bakr never looked hither and thither during the prayer but when the people clapped too much, he looked back and saw the Prophet in the first row. The Prophet waved him to remain at his place, but Abu Bakr retreated and the Prophet went forward and led the prayer.

*Narrated: Sahl.* (See Hadith - 649).

- 1128 We used to say the greeting, name and greet each other in the prayer. Allah's Prophet heard it and said, Say like this:

التحيات لله والصلوات والطيبات السلام عليك أيها النبي ورحمة الله وبركاته

السلام علينا وعلى عباد الله الصالحين

أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأشهد أن محمدا عبده ورسوله

{All the compliments are for Allah and all the prayers and all the good things. Peace be on you, O Prophet! Allah's mercy and blessings on you. And peace be on us and on the good (*pious*) worshipers of Allah. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger}

So, when you have said this, then you have surely sent the greetings to every good dutiful worshipper of Allah, whether he be in the Heaven or on the Earth." *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Masood.* (See Hadith - 791).

**No.****Hadith**

- 1129/1130 The Prophet said, "If something abnormal happens in the prayer, the men can invite the attention of the Imam by saying *سبحان الله*". And said that: "The clapping hands is good for women". *Narrated: Abu Hurairah and Sahl bin Sad.*
- 1131 One Monday, Abu Bakr was leading the people in the morning prayer. The Prophet, suddenly lifted the curtain of 'Aisha's house, and came towards them and looked at them as they were standing in rows and then he smiled. The attention of the Muslims was diverted from the prayer because they were delighted to see the Prophet. Abu Bakr tried to come back thinking that Allah's Prophet wanted to come for the prayer. The Prophet waved his hand to them to complete their prayer, then he went back into the room and let down the curtain. The Prophet expired on that very day. *Narrated: Anas bin Malik.* (See Hadith - 645).
- 1132 The Noble Prophet said: "If anyone wants for leveling the earth for prostration, then do it once only." *Narrated: Mu'aiqib.*
- 1133 We used to pray with the Prophet in scorching heat, and if someone of us could not put his face on the earth (*because of the heat*) then he would spread his clothes and prostrate over them. *Narrated: Anas bin Malik.*
- 1134 I used to stretch my legs towards the Prophet while the Prophet was praying; whenever he prostrated he pressed me, and I would withdraw my legs, and whenever he stood up, I would re-stretch my legs. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 1135 The Prophet said that "During my prayers once Shaytan came in front of me and tried to interrupt my prayer. But Allah gave me an upper hand on him and I choked him. No doubt, I thought of tying him to one of the pillars of the mosque till you people get up in the morning and see him. Then I remembered the statement of Prophet Suleiman:  
*رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَهَبْ لِي مُلْكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي*  
 {My Lord! Forgive me and bestow upon me a kingdom,  
 which shall not befit anyone after me. (38:35)}  
 Then Allah made him return with humiliation and his head down. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*

(See Hadith - 445).

**No.****Hadith**

- 1136 We were at Al-Ahwaz fighting with Kharijees. While we were at the bank of a river, we saw a man (*As Sha'aba said he was Abu Barza al-Aslami*) was praying and the reins of his animal were in his hands. The animal was struggling and he was following the animal. A man from the Kharijees said, "O Allah! Be harsh with this sheik (*old man*)." And when the old man finished his prayer, he said, "I heard your remarks. I participated with Allah's Prophet in six to eight holy battles and saw his lenient attitude. I would rather retain my animal than let it return to its stable, but it would cause me much trouble." *Narrated: Azraq bin Qais.*
- 1137 Once the sun eclipsed and Allah's Prophet stood up for the prayer and recited a very long Surah and then bowed for a long, and then raised his head and started reciting another Surah. Then he bowed, and then he prostrated and did the same in the second Rakat and then said, "These (*lunar and solar eclipses*) are two of the signs of Allah and if you see them, pray till the eclipse is over. While standing at this place you saw me moving ahead. At that time, I saw the Paradise and I wanted to pluck a bunch of grapes from there. And when you saw me retreating, I saw Hell with its different parts, destroying each other." *Narrated: 'Urwa.*  
(See Hadith - 874 and Hadith 993).
- 1138 The Prophet said, "During the prayer, Allah is in front of everyone of you, so you should not spit, nor spit out phlegm from the throat, in that direction. If anyone of you has to spit during the prayer, he should spit to his left." *Narrated: Ibn 'Umar.*
- 1139 The Prophet said, "Whenever anyone of you is in prayer, he is speaking in private to his Lord and so he should neither spit in front of him nor on his right side but to his left side or under his left foot." *Narrated: Anas.* (See Hadith - 504/505).
- 1140 The people used to offer the prayer with the Noble Prophet with their waist-sheets tied round their necks because of the shortness of the sheets, so the women were ordered not to lift their heads till the men had sat straight." *Narrated: Sahl bin Sa'ad.* (See Hadith - 775).

**No.****Hadith**

- 1141 (*Greetings during prayers*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-1124/1125. *Narrated: 'Abdullah.*
- 1142 (*We were travelling*). Allah's Prophet sent me for some job and when I had finished it I returned and came to the Prophet and greeted him, but he did not answer to my greeting. I felt so sorry that only Allah knows it, and I said to myself,, 'Perhaps Allah's Prophet is angry. However, after waiting for some time, again I greeted him and he returned the greeting and said, "The thing which prevented me first time from returning the greeting was that I was praying." ---- At that time he was on his Rahila and its face was not towards the Qiblah (*means he was offering optional prayers*). *Narrated: Jabir bin 'Abdullah.*
- 1143 (*Clapping during prayer led by Abu Bakr*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-1127. ---- (*Nevertheless, here is one addition that*): The Prophet asked Abu Bakr, "What prevented you from leading the prayer when I beckoned you to carry on?" Abu Bakr replied, "It does not befit the son of Abu Quhafa to lead the prayer in the presence of Allah's Prophet. *Narrated: Sahl bin Sad.*
- 1144./1145 The Prophet said that, "Do not keep the hands on the waist or on the hips during the prayer." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*
- 1146 I offered the 'Asr prayer with the Prophet. After finishing the prayer, the Prophet got up quickly and went to some of his wives and then came out. He then said, "I remembered while I was in my prayer that a piece of gold was lying in my house, and I disliked that it should remain with us till this night, and so I have ordered it to be distributed." *Narrated: 'Uqba bin Al-Harith.* (See Hadith - 807).
- 1147 Allah's Prophet said, "When the Azan for the prayer is pronounced, then Shaytan takes to his heels passing wind so that he may not hear the Azan, and when the Mu'addin finishes he comes back; and when the Iqama is pronounced he again takes to his heels and when it is finished, he again comes back and continues disturbing the praying person, till he forgets how much he has prayed. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*

**No.****Hadith**

- 1148 When I met Abu Hurairah, he told me that people say that I narrate too many narrations (*Hadiths*) of the Prophet. I met another man and asked him, "Which Surah did Allah's Prophet recited yesterday in the 'Isha' prayer?" He said, "I do not know." I said, "Did you not attend the prayer?" He said, "Yes, I did." --- I said, "I know, he recited such and such Surah." *Narrated: Saeed Maqbari.*
- 1149/1150 Allah's Prophet once led us in a (*Zuhr or 'Asr*) prayer and offered two Rakat, and got up (*for the third Rakat without sitting after the second Rakat*). When he was about to finish his prayer, he said Takbeer before Taslim and performed two prostrations (*of Sahu*), then he finished the prayer with Taslim." *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Buhaina.*
- 1151 Once Allah's Prophet offered five Rakat in the Zuhr prayer, and somebody asked him whether there was some increase in the prayer. The Noble prophet said, "What is that?" He said, "You have offered five Rakat." So Allah's Prophet performed two prostrations of Sahu after Taslim. *Narrated: 'Abdullah Ibn Masood.*
- 1152/1153 The Prophet led us in the 'Asr or the Zuhr prayer and finished it with Taslim after two Rakat. People asked, "Has the prayer been reduced?" The Prophet first confirmed this point with other Companions and when he got the answer in affirmative, he offered two more Rakat and then performed two prostrations (*of Sahu*). *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*
- 1154 I asked Muhammad bin Sirin whether Tashah-hud should be recited after the two prostrations of Sahu. He replied, "It is not mentioned in the narration of Abu Hurairah." *Narrated: Salama bin 'Alqama.*
- 1155 The Prophet offered one of the evening prayers, most probably the 'Asr prayer. In that he finished his prayer after offering two Rakat only. Dhul Yada'in said, Respected Prophet! You forget some prayer. Then the Prophet offered two more Rakat and performed Taslim and then said Takbeer and performed two prostrations of Sahu. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*

**No.****Hadith**

1156 Allah's Prophet offered only two Rakat in the Zuhr prayer and came out of his prayer. *(But when it was remembered)* he completed the prayer and offered two additional prostrations for Sahu. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Buhaina Asadi.*

1157/1158 *(Running out of Shaytan on Azan and his coming back to create disturbance during the prayer):* This is repeated hadith. See hadith-1147. --- *(However, there is some addition in these hadiths that)* if someone forgets that how much he has offered the prayer then he should offer two additional prostrations and finish the prayer with Taslim. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*

1159 Some Companions had sent Kuraib to ask to Aisha that, "We were informed that you offer optional two Rakat after 'Asr prayer, whereas we were told that the Prophet had forbidden offering them. 'Aisha said, "Go and ask Um Salama about it." So we approached Um Salama and asked the same question. Um Salama replied, "I heard the Prophet forbidding them, but later I saw the Prophet offering them immediately after the 'Asr prayer. For this, I sent my slave girl to him and ask about offering prayer after 'Asr. When he had finished the prayer he said, "O daughter of Bani Umaiya! You have asked me about the two Rakat after the 'Asr prayer. Today, I could not offer the two Rakat after the Zuhr prayer. These two Rakat that I have just prayed are for those *(missed)* ones. *Narrated: 'Abdur-Rahman bin Azhar.*

1160 *(Clapping during prayer led by Abu Bakr):* This is repeated hadith. See hadith-1127. *Narrated: Sahl bin Sa'adi.*

1161 I went to 'Aisha. She was praying along with other people. I said, "What is going on?" She beckoned with her head towards the sky. I said, "Is there any sign?" She nodded intending to say, "Yes *(Means solar eclipse).*" *Narrated: Asma'.*

1162 Allah's Prophet prayed in his house sitting during his illness. Some people followed him standing, but the Prophet beckoned them to sit down. On completion of the prayer he said, "The Imam is to be followed. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

(See Hadith - 767 and Hadith 1046).