

Chapter – 17

Prayer at Eclipses

(نماز کسوف)

[قَدْ بَيَّنَّا الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ، (02:118)]

No.**Hadith**

- 982to985 When the sun eclipsed. Allah's Prophet stood up, dragging his cloak, till he entered the Mosque. Then the Prophet said, The sun and the moon do not eclipse because of someone's death. Whenever you see these eclipses pray and invoke (*Allah*) till the eclipse is over. The Noble Prophet also said that, These eclipses are one of the signs of Allah" *Narrated: Hassan Abu Bakra, Qais, 'Abdur Rahman Bin Qasim and, Mughira bin Shu'ba.* (See Hadith - 87).
- 986 In the lifetime of the Prophet the sun eclipsed and the Prophet led the (*special*) prayer. He stood for prayer with prolonged recitation from the Quran and then performed a prolonged bowing; He then did not prostrate but stood up for a while; and then did long prostration. He did the same in the second Rakat. The eclipse had cleared before he finished the prayer. After the prayer, he stood up, glorified and praised Allah, and then said, "The sun and the moon are two of the signs of Allah. They do not eclipse because of the death or the life of someone. When you see them any eclipse offer the prayer, invoke Allah and give charity. The Prophet then said, "O followers of Muhammad! By Allah! There is none who has more self-respect than Allah. He has forbidden that His slaves, male or female commit adultery (*illegal sexual intercourse*). O my followers! If you knew which I know, then you would laugh little and weep much. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

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987 When the sun eclipsed in the life-time of Allah's Prophet an announcement was made that a prayer was to be offered in congregation." *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Umer.*

988/989 (*The Sun Eclipses and its prayers*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-986 above. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

990 Allah's Prophet said: "The sun and the moon are two signs amongst the signs of Allah, and they do not eclipse because of the death of someone, but Allah frightens His devotees with them." *Narrated: Abu Bakra.*

991 A Jewess came to ask 'Aisha about something. She first said to her, "May Allah give you refuge from the punishment of the grave." So 'Aisha asked Allah's Prophet, "Would the people be punished in their graves?" The Prophet replied in affirmative and then said, "Seek refuge with Allah".

Then one day, Allah's Prophet rode to go to some place but the sun eclipsed. He returned in the forenoon and passed through the rear of the dwellings (*of his wives*) and stood for the (*Eclipse*) prayer. The people also stood behind him. He stood up for a long period and then performed two prolonged bowings. Then he offered prostrations. Then he stood up for the second Rakat and offered with similar sequence as to the first Rakat. He then delivered the sermon and said I advised you as much as Allah wished, and now Allah ordered the people to seek refuge from the punishment of the grave. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

992 When the sun eclipsed in the lifetime of Allah's Prophet, an announcement was made that the prayer was to be held in congregation. The Prophet performed two long bowings in one Rakat. (*And after two prostration*), he stood up and performed two bowings in the second Rakat as well. Then he sat down and finished the prayer; and by then the eclipse had cleared. ---- 'Aisha said, "I had never performed such a long prostrations." *Narrated: 'Abdullah Bin 'Umer.*

993 Allah's Prophet offered the eclipse prayer in which he bowed for a long period equal to the period in which one could recite Surat-al-Baqara. Then he stood up for a while --

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and then he bowed for a long time again which was shorter than that of the first. Then he offered two long prostrations. Then he did similarly for the second Rakat. When he finished the prayer, the sun eclipse had cleared. After prayer, some people asked the Prophet, "O Allah's Prophet! We saw you taking something from your place and then we saw you retreating." The Prophet replied, "I saw Paradise and stretched my hands towards a bunch of its fruits. Had I taken it, you would have eaten from it as long as the world remains. I also saw the Hell-fire. I saw that most of the inhabitants in it were women because of their ungratefulness with their husbands. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin Abbas.* (See Hadith - 87, 183 and hadith 874).

994 During solar eclipse, the people offered special prayer led by Allah's Prophet. When the prayer was finished the Prophet addressed the people. He said, Just now, I have been shown the Paradise and Hell. It has also been revealed to me that you people will be put to trial in the graves like the trial of Ad-Dajjal. The angels will come to everyone of you and will ask what do you know about this man (*Muhammad*). The firm believer will reply, 'He is Muhammad, Allah's Messenger, who came to us with clear evidences and guidance, so we accepted his teachings, believed and followed him. Whereas, the hypocrite will say, 'I do not know him. I heard the people saying something, so I said the same.' *Narrated: 'Asma' bint Abi Bakr.*

(See Hadith - 87, 183 and hadith 874).

995 The Noble Prophet has ordered people to make free the slaves during the solar eclipse. *Narrated: 'Asma.*

996 Allah's Prophet told that "Seek refuge with Allah from the punishment of the grave." *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

(See details in Hadith - 991 above).

997/998 Allah's Prophet said, "The sun and the moon do not eclipse because of someone's death or life but they are two signs amongst the signs of Allah. ---- So pray whenever you see them." *Narrated: Abu Masood and 'Aisha.*

(Compiler's Note: For the details of Prayer see Hadith 992/ 993)

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- 999 The sun eclipsed and the Prophet got up, being afraid that it might be the Hour (*The Day of Judgment*). He went to the Mosque and offered the prayer with the longest Qiyam, bowings and prostrations. And then he said, "When you see anything thereof, proceed to remember Allah, invoke Him and ask for His forgiveness." *Narrated: Abu Musa.*
- 1000 On the day of Ibrahim's (*the son of the Prophet*) death, the sun eclipsed and the people said that the eclipse was due to the death of Ibrahim. Allah's Prophet said, "The sun and the moon are two signs amongst the signs of Allah. They do not eclipse because of someone's death or life. So when you see them, invoke Allah and pray till the eclipse is clear." *Narrated: Mughira bin Shu'ba.*
- 1001to1002 When the sun eclipsed the Noble Prophet went out, dragging his clothes and reached to the Mosque. He led two Rakat (*special*) prayer till the sun eclipse cleared. ---- In the initial stages, people started telling that this eclipse has occurred due to the death of Prophet's son, Ibrahim. On this, the Prophet told them that, "The sun and the moon are two signs amongst the signs of Allah; and they do not eclipse because of the death of someone. and so when an eclipse occurs, pray and invoke Allah (*till the eclipse is over*)."
Narrated: Abu Bakra.
- 1003 The Prophet led us and performed four bowings in two Rakat during the solar eclipse, and in this, the first Rakat was longer than the second. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 1004 The Prophet ordered to call aloud for offering the eclipse prayer in congregation. This prayer was of two Rakats, in which there were four bowings and four prostrations. He also recited loudly the Quran during Qiyam. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*