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## **Consequences Of Missing Salah**

Wherever we look in the world today, we see Muslims in a state of uneasiness and restlessness. It is as though peace, tranquillity, satisfaction and success have turned their back on us. We are spending our days and nights like a helpless, orphaned community. And the world sees us a rich morsel of food that they can crush or destroy as they see fit. We may have assumed a number of reasons for our downfall according to our intellect and intelligence, but the reasons stated in the Holy Qur'an are the truthful and correct reasons. In reality, we are not familiar with our glorious past or the lives of our pious predecessors, nor do we desire to instil their characters in ourselves or spend our days and nights as they spent theirs. We celebrate their remembrances but we do not emulate their habits in our daily lives. We readily talk about their miracles but we are unaware of their enthusiasm for worship, their piety, and their desire to crush and destroy (worldly) desires. This is why we see in history that as well as being punctual and obedient to the Qur'an and Sunnah, our pious predecessors were the inheritors and rulers of the world. Our state is such that we are sinning on the earth and losing our lands at the same time.

Let us look at the consequences of forsaking the way of our predecessors in the light of the Qur'an and attempt to

familiarise ourselves with their habits so that we may save ourselves from ruination in both worlds.

Allah Ta'ala states in the Holy Qur'an:

فَخَلَفَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ خَلْفٌ أَضَاعُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَاتَّبَعُوا الشَّهْوَاتِ  
فَسَوْفَ يَلْقَوْنَ غَيًّا إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا

*“Then after them came those degenerates who wasted prayer and followed their lust then soon they will encounter a valley of the hell. But those who repented and believed and did good deeds...”<sup>1</sup>*

Hazrat Ibn Abbas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma states, “‘Wasted’ does not mean that they completely left Salah, it means that they prayed it late (after the time for it had lapsed).” The Imam of the Tabi'een, Hazrat Sa'eed bin Musayyab Rehmatullahe Ta'ala 'Alaihi states that it means that he has not yet prayed Zuhr Salah and it becomes time for 'Asr and he delays 'Asr until it becomes time for Maghrib. He delays Maghrib until 'Isha, delays 'Isha until Fajr and does not pray Fajr until after sunrise. Allah Ta'ala has threatened such a person who dies in this state without repenting with 'Ghay', which is a very deep and dark valley of hell where the punishment is severe.

The aforementioned verse has lifted the veil from the reasons for the success of our predecessors and our own failures. Undoubtedly, missing Salah is a great crime and it is necessary for us to understand the severity of missing Salah in the light of Qur'an and Ahadith. The things that will condemn us to the fire of hell will also make our life on earth a living hell.

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<sup>1</sup> Surah Maryam Verse 59-60

Allah Ta'ala states in the Holy Qur'an:

فَوَيْلٌ لِّلْمُصَلِّينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ

*"Then woe to those prayer performers. Who are heedless of their Prayers."<sup>1</sup>*

This refers to those people who are unmindful and lazy regarding performing Salah. Hazrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu states, "I asked Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم about people who are lazy in performing Salah and he replied, 'Those who delay their Salah (meaning pray it at the last possible moment) are classified as performers of Salah, but when they delay it due to laziness, Allah Ta'ala has frightened and threatened them with severe punishment.'"

It is reported that there is a valley in hell whose fire is so severe that if the mountains of the world were to be placed in it they would be reduced to ashes. This valley will be the abode of those who are lazy and unmindful about performing their Salah and perform it after the time has passed, unless they repent sincerely to Allah Ta'ala and express genuine remorse and sorrow for their shortcomings.

Similarly, at another place, Allah Ta'ala informs us about the plight of the dwellers of hell and states:

مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ وَلَمْ نَكُ نُطْعِمُ  
الْمَسْكِينِ وَكُنَّا نَحْوُضُ مَعَ الْخَائِضِينَ وَكُنَّا نَكْذِبُ يَوْمَ  
الَّذِينَ حَتَّىٰ آتَانَا الْيَقِينَ فَمَا تَنْفَعُهُمْ شَفَاعَةُ الشَّافِعِينَ

*"What brought you into the Hell? They said, we used not to offer prayer. And we used not to feed the needy ones. And we used to indulge in objectionable talk with those who indulge*

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<sup>1</sup> Surah Maa'un Verses 4-5

*therein; and we used to belie the Day of Judgement. Until death over took us. So the intercession of the intercessors will be of no use to them.”<sup>1</sup>*

My Beloved Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم beloved devotees! The above verses give us an indication of the punishment for missing or delaying Salah. Let us now listen to the warnings given by the Mercy to all the Worlds صلى الله عليه وسلم so that we become punctual in performing Salah in the future and save ourselves from the punishment of Allah Ta’ala. Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said. “The first thing a person will be asked about on the Day of Judgment is his Salah. If that is correct then he will have obtained success and prosperity and if it (his Salah) is lacking then he will be disgraced and in great loss.”<sup>2</sup>

My Beloved Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم beloved devotees! Which one of us has the strength or might to withstand the disgrace and punishment of the Day of Judgement? Make preparations so that we do not fail at the first hurdle, meaning avoid missing Salah and perform it punctually. At another place, Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “The difference between us and them (the infidels) is Salah. The one who forsakes Namaz has committed infidelity.”<sup>3</sup>

My Beloved Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم beloved devotees! If someone calls a Muslim an infidel, the Muslim would be troubled and uneasy, but he does not know that by forsaking Salah a doubt is created about his faith and he becomes guilty

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<sup>1</sup> Surah Mudatthir Verses 42-48

<sup>2</sup> Kanzul A’amaal Vol 2 Page 282

<sup>3</sup> Sunan Nisaa’i Vol 1 Page 81

of indulging in the same act (missing Salah) as an infidel, as is stated in the aforementioned Hadith.

At another place, specifically in relation to missing 'Asr Salah, Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "All the deeds of the person who misses his 'Asr Salah are wasted."<sup>1</sup>

This is the prime time of the day for conducting business and people are so busy in accumulating wealth that they become guilty of neglecting 'Asr. They do not realise that Allah Ta'ala Himself has warned us to guard this particular Salah in the Holy Qur'an. Allah Ta'ala states:

**حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ**

*"Watch over all your prayers and the middle prayer and stand before Allah with devotion."<sup>2</sup>*

My Beloved Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم beloved devotees! The importance and exaltedness of performing this particular Salah can be realised from the fact that safeguarding it is specifically mentioned by Allah Ta'ala. This is the reason that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم warned us that missing this particular Salah causes all deeds to be wasted. 'Asr Salah is at the busiest time of the day when a person is busy in working, carrying out business, getting ready to go home etc. If at such a time, a person leaves all this and performs Salah, then this act of his will safeguard all his other deeds also, and he will be rewarded for carrying out the Order of the Lord. This is why special care should be taken to ensure that 'Asr Salah is not delayed or forsaken.

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<sup>1</sup> Sahih Bukhari Vol 1 Page 78

<sup>2</sup> Surah Baqarah Verse 238

Look at the severe warning for missing Salah given by Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم at another point when he stated, “Allah Ta’ala’s promise of protection is lifted from the person who intentionally misses Salah.”<sup>1</sup>

Think for a moment! If a person leaves the protection of Allah Ta’ala, then who is there that can give him eternal protection? Is there any (apparent) protector of Muslims that we can see today? No matter where we look in the world, all we see is disgrace and helplessness. It seems that we have been abandoned and are without any helper.

My Beloved Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم beloved devotees! One of the reasons why we have become a target for everyone is that we have forsaken the Protection of Allah Ta’ala and are wandering around aimlessly and helplessly. Let us make a firm intention that we will safeguard and perform Salah punctually and seek protection in the Merciful Grace of Allah Ta’ala.

At another point, Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “On the day of Judgement, the Salah of the person who safeguards it will be a bright light, will testify on his behalf and will free him (from hell). The person who forsakes Salah will find no light, no testimony, no freedom from the fire of hell, and such a person will be with Fir’aun, Qaroon, Haamaan, and Abi bin Khalaf on the Day of Judgement.”<sup>2</sup>

Certain Scholars state that the reason people who forsake Salah will be with these people on the Day of Judgement is that they missed Salah because of their wealth, sovereignty, ministry or business dealings. If he is busy with his wealth (and missed

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<sup>1</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Dur ul Mansoor Vol 1 Page 298

<sup>2</sup> Mishkatul Masabih

Salah) his accounting will be with Qaroon. If he is busy with his sovereign affairs his accounting will be with Fir'aun. If he is busy with ministerial affairs his accounting will be with Haamaan and if he misses Salah due to his business dealings his accounting will be with Abi bin Khalaf who was one of the biggest (infidel) merchants of Makkah. <sup>1</sup>

My Beloved Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم beloved devotees! Who were the aforementioned people? They were enemies of Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved صلى الله عليه وسلم and their abode is hell. Which Muslim would like his accounting to be with these enemies of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala and His Beloved صلى الله عليه وسلم on the Day of Judgement? Undoubtedly, there is no one that would like that. Therefore, if we want to avoid these vile people on the Day of Judgement, then we have to perform Salah punctually in this world so that Salah will grant us light and tranquillity and save us from these enemies of Islam.

Along with the words of Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم let us look at the words of the blessed Companions 'Alaihimur Ridwaan in relation to those who forsake Salah.

Hazrat 'Umar Farooq Radiiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu states, "Listen! The person who wastes (misses) Salah has no share in Islam."

Islam is an embodiment of peace and Allah Ta'ala granted respect and dignity to Muslims because of Islam. In the Qur'an, we are ordered to remain steadfast on Islam until our final breath. At one point, Allah Ta'ala expresses His Happiness at granting Islam to Muslims. The words of the Prophets 'Alaihimus Salaam are preserved in the Qur'an where they would advise their children to remain steadfast on Islam. Just imagine, if we have no part or share of the Islam that was saved by

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<sup>1</sup> Kitabul Kabair Page 37

Imam Hussein Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu at Karbala by sacrificing his life, what a great loss and tragedy that is. If a person forsakes Salah, then he has no share or part of Islam. Therefore, establish Salah and ensure that you have a continuous share of Islam.

Let us read another narration and see what Allah Ta'ala's Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم has said about those who miss Salah.

Imam Baihiqi Rahmatullahe Ta'ala 'Alaihi narrates that Hazrat 'Umar Farooq Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu states that a person came to the court of Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم and asked, "What is the most beloved deed in Islam in the Sight of Allah Ta'ala?" Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "Performing Salah at its allocated time. Those who forsake Salah have no religion and Salah is a pillar of the religion."<sup>1</sup>

Salah is a pillar of the religion and therefore one who forsakes Salah has destroyed a pillar of the religion, has demolished his faith. O Muslims! Come to your senses. Do not take an axe to your faith. Become punctual in Salah and become guardians of the religion.

Let us look at another incident. When Hazrat 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu was attacked and wounded, someone stated, "O Ameer ul Mo'mineen, it is time for Salah." Hazrat 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu said, "Listen! The person who wastes (misses) Salah has no share in Islam". . . and Hazrat 'Umar Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu performed Salah whilst blood was flowing from his body.

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin Shaqeeq Taabi'ee Rehmatullahe Ta'ala 'Anhu states, "The Companions of Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم did not

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<sup>1</sup> Sha'bul Iman with Reference from Dur ul Mansoor Vol 1 Page 296

consider any act to be an act of infidelity (Kufr) except for missing Salah.” (This does not mean that one who misses Salah is an infidel (Kafir), rather it is stressing the seriousness and severity of missing Salah and reminding us that not performing Salah is the way of the infidels, why would Muslims do that?)

Hazrat ‘Ali Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu was asked about a woman who did not pray Salah and he replied, “One who does not pray Salah is an infidel (meaning a great transgressor).”

Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin Mas’ood Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu states that one who does not perform Salah has no faith. Hazrat Ibn Abbas Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhuma states that the person who intentionally misses even one Salah will meet his Lord in such a manner that the Lord will be displeased with him. <sup>1</sup>

Have you pondered on the fact that if Allah Ta’ala is displeased with His slaves, how severe the punishment will be? In a similar narration it is reported that, “The person who meets his Lord in such a manner that he missed Salah, then Allah Ta’ala will not care about his other good deeds.” <sup>2</sup>

In other words, his deeds will have no significance and will not result in any reward being given for them. Nowadays, Muslims remain busy in voluntary deeds (Nafl) and miss Salah very easily and they think that Allah Ta’ala will be pleased with them. Such people should take heed from the aforementioned narration and realise that Allah Ta’ala will not care for any of their deeds.

Some people perform Salah in such a manner that they do not pay attention to the etiquettes and manner of performing each

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<sup>1</sup> Majmu‘az Zawa‘id Vol 1 Page 295

<sup>2</sup> Kitabul Kabair Page 38

part of Salah and try and fulfil their duty (of praying Salah) without due care and attention. Listen to what Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said about such people.

“When a person performs Salah at its earliest (most desired) time, that Salah ascends towards the heavens. It becomes light for the person and subsequently it reaches the Throne and supplicates for the forgiveness of the person who performed Salah until the Day of Judgement. It says, ‘May Allah Ta’ala safeguard you just as you safeguarded me.’ When a person performs Salah after its allocated time has passed, the Salah goes towards the heavens in such a manner that it is covered in darkness. When it reaches the Throne it is covered in an old cloth and thrown back in the face of the person who performed it. The Salah then states, ‘May Allah Ta’ala destroy you just as you destroyed me.’”<sup>1</sup>

Some people wait for the time to almost be over before they perform Salah and make it a habit to pray Salah at the last possible moment so that they can perform two separate Salah’s at the same time. In relation to such people, Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “The person who joins two Salah’s together without a valid reason has come very close to the door of large sins.”<sup>2</sup>

Let us now read about the benefits (in this world and the hereafter) of performing Salah and the punishments of missing Salah. It is reported in Hadith Shareef that the person who performs the five Salah punctually will be granted five honours by Allah Ta’ala:

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<sup>1</sup> Kanzul A’amaal Vol 7 Page 361

<sup>2</sup> Al Mauzu’aat Vol 2 Page 101

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1. Shortness in livelihood will be removed from him.
2. He is safeguarded from punishment of the grave.
3. He will be given his book of deeds in his right hand.
4. He will cross the bridge (Pul Siraat) like a bolt of lightning (meaning very quickly).
5. He will be granted Paradise without any accounting.

The person who is lazy in performing Salah is given fourteen punishments by Allah Ta'ala; five in this world, three at the time of death, three in the grave and three after coming out of the grave. The punishments of this world are as follows:

1. He will have no blessings in his life.
2. The signs of pious people are removed from his face.
3. Allah Ta'ala does not reward him for any deed.
4. His supplications are not raised towards the heavens (they are not accepted).
5. He is given no share of the supplications of pious people.

The punishments at the time of death are as follows:

1. He will be disgraced before death.
2. He will die in a state of hunger.
3. He will die thirsty. Even if he is given all the water of the oceans, he will still remain thirsty.

The punishments of the grave are:

1. His grave narrows to such an extent that his ribs are crushed into each other.
2. His grave is filled with fire and he spends his days and nights being burnt and marked by the flames.
3. A serpent is appointed to his grave whose name is 'Saja'a Iqr'a.' Its eyes are of fire and it has nails made from iron. The length of each nail is the distance a

person would walk in one full day. It bites the deceased and says, 'I am Saja'a Iqr'a.' Its voice is like thunder and it says that my Lord has ordered me to punish you because you did not perform the morning Salah (Fajr) until after sunrise; you delayed Zuhr so much that it became time for 'Asr; you did not pray 'Asr until it became time for Maghrib; you did not perform Maghrib until it was time for 'Isha and you delayed 'Isha so much that it became time for Fajr. When he hits the deceased, he is pushed 70 feet deeper into the earth. He will be punished in such a manner until the Day of Judgement.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the correct wisdom and guide us to perform Salah at their allocated and correct times and save us from the punishment of the grave and of the fire, Aameen.

The punishments after coming out of the grave on the Day of Judgement are:

1. The accounting will be very strict.
2. Earning the displeasure of Allah Ta'ala.
3. Being thrown into the fire of hell.

It is reported in one narration that one who misses Salah will come on the Day on the Judgement with three lines on his forehead; on the first line will be written, 'One who abandoned the order of Allah Ta'ala.' On the second line will be written, 'One who is deserving of the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala', and on the third line will be written, 'Just as you discarded the right of Allah Ta'ala on the earth, in the same manner, you will be deprived of the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala today.'

Hazrat Ibn Abbas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma narrates that a person will be brought before Allah Ta'ala on the Day of Judgement

and Allah Ta'ala will order him to be thrown into the fire of hell. He will ask, "O Allah! Why?" Allah Ta'ala will reply, "Because you did not perform your Salah at the allocated times and you used to take false oaths."

It is reported that one day Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم supplicated for his Companions in the following manner, "O Allah! Do not make any of us wretched or deprived." Then he stated, "Do you know who the wretched and deprived ones are?" The Companions asked, "Yaa Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, who are they?" Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Those who do not pray Salah."

In another narration it is reported that on the Day of Judgment, the faces of those who missed Salah will be black. There is a valley in hell called 'Mulhim' which contains snakes. Each snake is as thick as the neck of a camel and their length is the distance travelled in one month. These snakes will bite those who missed Salah and the venom will remain in the person's body for seventy years. Then the meat of the person will become rotten and decayed.

### **Narrative 1**

It is reported that a lady from Bani Israel came to Hazrat Musa 'Alaihis Salaam and said, "O Prophet of Allah 'Alaihis Salaam! I have committed a grave sin and I have repented to Allah Ta'ala for this sin. You supplicate to Allah Ta'ala to forgive my sin and to accept my repentance." Hazrat Musa 'Alaihis Salaam asked, "What was the sin that you committed?" She replied, "I had committed adultery which resulted in a child being born to me and I killed that child." Hazrat Musa 'Alaihis Salaam said, "O transgressor, get out from here. Maybe your evilness will lead to fire raining down on all of us and punishing us too." Therefore, the lady became disheartened and left.

At that moment, Hazrat Jibreel 'Alaihis Salaam came and said, "O Musa 'Alaihis Salaam! Allah Ta'ala is asking, 'Why did you turn away the woman who had repented? Have you not seen the person who is even worse than her?' Hazrat Musa 'Alaihis Salaam said, "O Jibreel! Who can be worse than that?" Hazrat Jibreel 'Alaihis Salaam said, "The person who intentionally misses Salah."

### **Narrative 2**

It is reported about a person that his sister passed away. This person's bag which contained money accidentally fell into his sister's grave as he was burying her. He had returned home when he remembered his bag. When everyone had left he returned to the grave and started digging it to rescue his bag. He saw that there were flames burning in the grave. He covered the grave again and returned to his Mother very upset and with tears in his eyes. He asked, "Mother! Tell me what my sister's habits were?" His Mother said, "Why are you asking?" He replied, "I have seen flames in the grave of my sister." His Mother also started crying and said, "My son! Your sister was very lazy with her Salah and used to pray her Salah late."

If this is the state of those who perform their Salah late then what will the state of those who totally forsake their Salah be? May Allah Ta'ala guide us to perform Salah at their allocated times as undoubtedly He is the Merciful, Beneficent One.

### **Punishment for not performing Salah correctly**

This means those who are hasty in going up and down and do not perform their Ruk'u (bowing) and Sujood (prostrations) correctly. What is the punishment for such people? Allah Ta'ala states:

## فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ

*“Then woe to those prayer performers. Who are heedless of their Prayers.”<sup>1</sup>*

In relation to this verse, it is reported in commentaries that it means they are moving their necks (up and down) like hens and do not bow or prostrate correctly or calmly.

It is reported in Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu that a person entered the Mosque and performed Salah. Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم was present in the Mosque at that time. After the person had completed his Salah he came to Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم and greeted the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied to his greeting and then said, “Go back and perform Salah, undoubtedly you have **not** performed Salah.” He went and performed Salah in exactly the same manner as he had done before. He came back to Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم and greeted the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied to his greeting and said, “Go back and perform Salah, you have **not** performed Salah.” He went and performed Salah again in exactly the same manner as he had done before. This happened a third time and after the person had prayed Salah the third time he said, “Yaa Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم! By the Lord who sent you with the truth, I cannot pray Salah better than this, please teach me. Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “When you stand for Salah, say the Takbeer and recite the parts of the Qur’an which are easy for you. Then bow down until you feel satisfaction, then stand up fully (meaning ensure your back is straight). Then prostrate until you feel satisfaction,

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<sup>1</sup> Surah Maa’un Verses 4-5

then sit calmly and prostrate calmly and perform your whole Salah in such a manner.”<sup>1</sup>

We learn from this that the Salah that is not performed calmly and properly is not Salah at all. Do we achieve the satisfaction in Salah that is mentioned by Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم in the above Hadith? Do we perform our Salah with that level of calmness? If the answer is no, then ensure that we pay particular attention to this from this day forward.

Hazrat Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal narrates on the authority of a ‘Badri’ Companion Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu (one who fought in the Battle of Badr) that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “The Salah in which a person does not straighten his back whilst bowing and prostrating is not valid.”<sup>2</sup>

This Hadith has been quoted by Imam Abu Daud and Imam Tirmidhi who state that this Hadith is sound and authentic. Another narration reports the words as, “The Salah in not valid unless a person straightens his back (to its original position) whilst bowing and prostrating.”<sup>3</sup>

It has been made clear in the above Ahadith by Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم that if a person does not straighten his back after bowing and prostrating then his Salah is invalid. The back must be returned to the position that it was in before bowing and prostrating and this is one of the essential requirements of Salah. In a similar manner, performing Salah with due care and attention is also an essential requirement. This means that each

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<sup>1</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Sahih Bukhari Vol 1 Page 109 & Sunan Abu Daud Vol 1 Page 131

<sup>2</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Sunan Abu Daud Vol 1 Page 131

<sup>3</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Sunan Abu Daud Vol 1 Page 131

part of the body must be in its proper place at all times. This is proven from Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم who said, "The biggest thief is one who steals from Salah." He was asked, "How can one steal from Salah?" Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, "Not bowing, prostrating or reciting the Qur'an properly."<sup>1</sup> One who is called a thief by Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم is undoubtedly a thief and is deserving of punishment. Therefore, save yourselves from having your name listed amongst thieves.

Hazrat Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal narrates on the authority of Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Allah Ta'ala will not look with Mercy at the person who does not straighten his back after bowing and prostrating."<sup>2</sup>

Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The manner of Salah of the hypocrites (Munafiqs) is that they wait for the sun to set, up to the point that it (the sun) is between the two horns of Shaitaan and then they stand (for Salah). He then bangs his head (on the earth) four times and he remembers Allah Ta'ala very rarely."<sup>3</sup> The abode of the hypocrites will be in the lowest level of hell and that is why our Salah should be completely different to their Salah so that our accounting is not done with them.

Hazrat Abu Musa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu reports that one day Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم led the Companions in Salah and then sat amongst them. A person then entered and performed Salah. He was very hasty in bowing and prostrating. Rasool Allah

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<sup>1</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Majmu'az Zawa'id Vol 2 Page 120

<sup>2</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Musnad Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal Vol 4

<sup>3</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Sahih Muslim Vol 1 Page 225

ﷺ said, “Look at this person. If he were to die, he would not die on the religion of Muhammad ﷺ. He is pecking at Salah like a crow pecks at blood.” Hazrat Abu Bakr bin Khuzaima Rehmatullahe Ta’ala ‘Alaih has quoted this Hadith in his book of Ahadith (Sahih Abu Khuzaima).

Nowadays, many people perform their Salah quickly and become busy in worldly talk outside the Mosque. They perform their Salah so quickly it is as though they are being threatened with death unless they pray with great speed (may Allah Ta’ala protect). Fear the hereafter and correct your Salah so that death is obtained on the religion of Muhammad Rasool Allah ﷺ.

Hazrat ‘Umar bin Khattab Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu narrates that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “There is an Angel on the right hand side of one performing Salah and one Angel on the left hand side. If the person performs his Salah correctly, these Angels ascend with the Salah towards Allah Ta’ala. If the Salah is performed incorrectly or incompletely, the Salah is thrown back in his face.”<sup>1</sup>

May we offer Salah in such a manner that the Angels take it into the Court of Allah Ta’ala and may the Lord accept it, Aameen.

Hazrat Imam Baihiqi Rehmatullahe Ta’ala ‘Alaih reports on the authority of Hazrat ‘Ubadah bin Saamit Radiallaho Ta’ala ‘Anhu that Rasool Allah ﷺ said, “The person who performs ablution well, then stands for Salah, recites correctly and bows and prostrates properly, then the Salah states, “May Allah Ta’ala safeguard and protect you.” Then that Salah is taken towards the heavens and it becomes a shining light. The doors

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<sup>1</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from ‘Alal Mutanaahiyah Vol 1 Page 446

of the heavens are opened for it up to the point that it reaches the Court of Allah Ta'ala and intercedes for the person who performed the Salah. If the person does not recite, bow or prostrate correctly, the Salah says, "May Allah Ta'ala forsake you just as you have forsaken me." Then it goes towards the heavens but the doors of heaven are closed to it. It is then wrapped up like an old cloth and thrown back in the face of the person who performed it."

Hazrat Ibn Abbas Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhuma narrates that Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "When you prostrate make sure your forehead, nose and hands (palms) are on the ground. Allah Ta'ala has revealed to me that I should prostrate on seven (7) parts of the body; forehead, nose, both palms, knees, and the front part of the feet (toes), and not to fold my hair or clothes. The person who does not give each part of his body its right in Salah, that part of the body curses the person until he finishes his Salah.

Remember, we will be asked about each part of our body on the Day of Judgement. If we use our body parts correctly in Salah, then Insha Allah on the Day of Judgement, this Salah will be light for us and will be a means of peace and tranquillity in the hereafter.

Imam Bukhari narrates on the authority of Hazrat Huzaifa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu that he saw a person performing Salah who was not bowing or prostrating correctly. Hazrat Huzaifa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu said to the person, "If you die whilst performing Salah like you just performed, then you will not die on that path of Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sahih Bukhari Vol 1 Page 109

In Sunan Nisaa'i it is reported that Hazrat Huzaifa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu asked the person how long he had been performing Salah in that manner. The person replied, "For the last forty years." Hazrat Huzaifa Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu said, "You have not performed any Salah in forty years and if you die you will not die on the path of Muhammad Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم." <sup>1</sup>

If we look at the Salah of people today we see these kinds of faults in the Salah of most people and the result of these faults is very severe in that death will not be on the path of Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. May Allah Ta'ala save us from such a death and guide us to correct our Salah, Aameen.

In another narration it is reported that Hazrat Hasan Basri Rehmatullahe Ta'ala 'Alaih states, "O children of Adam! What part of your religion is worthy of respect in your eyes when you give no importance to Salah? The first thing you will be asked about on the Day of Judgement is Salah just as Rasool Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said that, "The first deed that a person shall be asked about on the Day of Judgement will be Salah and if this is correct then he will be successful. If this is lacking or deficient, then he will be unsuccessful and will have failed."" <sup>2</sup> Therefore we should ensure that we rectify our Salah and perform them punctually.

### **Respected readers!**

After reading this short booklet, please pass it on to others so that love for Salah can be instilled in our hearts and so that we can save ourselves from the Punishment of Allah Ta'ala. May

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<sup>1</sup> Kitabul Kabair with Reference from Sunan Nisaa'i Vol 1 Page 193

<sup>2</sup> Kanzul A'amaal Vol 7 Page 282

*Consequences of Missing Salah*

Allah Ta'ala, through the alms of Rasool Allah ﷺ make us all punctual in performing Salah, Aameen.



## **Obtain Religious Knowledge**

It is compulsory for all Muslim men and women to obtain religious knowledge. Studying and reading books, newsletters, magazines etc. is a way of increasing knowledge. If you want to increase your knowledge, you should study the books and writings of the Scholars of Ahle Sunnat and the writings of Ameer e Sunni Dawat e Islami, Hazrat Maulana Shakir 'Ali Razvi Noorie. Specifically reading and studying "**Barkaat e Shariat Parts 1 & 2**" will be very beneficial, which cover the topics listed below and are both now available.

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- \* Remembrance of Allah
- \* Rights of Parents
- \* Good Relations
- \* Rights of Neighbours
- \* Condemnation of Backbiting
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