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The Book of Hajj Rites

Advice to Those Performing Hajj to the Sacred House of Allâh

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All praise is due to Allâh alone and may prayers of blessing and peace be upon His servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and Companions and whoever followed them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement.

O Muslims, who have come for Hajj to the Sacred House of Allâh, I ask Allâh for success for you and us in doing that which pleases Him and safety from the deceptions of evil temptations. Likewise, I ask Him to give all of you success in offering your Hajj rites in the manner which pleases Him, and that He accept it from you, and return you to your lands safe and successful. Verily, He is the Best Who is asked.

O Muslims! Verily, my advice to everyone is to fear Allâh in all situations, and to stand firmly upon His religion, and to beware of those things that cause His anger. Verily, the most important of the mandatory acts and the greatest of the obligations is the Tawhid of Allâh and sincerity in singling Him out for all acts of worship. This goes along with being concerned about following His Messenger in statements and deeds. Verily, the rites of Hajj and the rest of the acts of worship should be performed in the manner that Allâh legislated for His servants upon the tongue of His Messenger, His Khalil and His chosen one among His creation, our Prophet, Imam and leader, Muhammad bin 'Abdullah 25.

Verily, the greatest of evil acts and the most dangerous of crimes is to associate partners with Allâh. This is by directing worship or some acts of worship to other than Allâh. This is due to Allâh's Statement:

"Verily, Allâh does not forgive that partners be associated with Him, but He forgives whatever is less than that (of sins) for whomever He wishes." 1

And His Statement while addressing His Prophet Muhammad 概:

"Indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad ﷺ) and to those who were before you that if you associate partners (with Allâh), your deeds will be wasted and you will certainly be among the losers." ²

O you who are performing Hajj to the Sacred House of Allâh! Verily, our Prophet 蠹 did not perform Hajj after his migration to Al-Madinah except for once, and that was the Farewell Hajj. That was at the end of his life. During it he taught the people their Hajj rites by his statements and deeds. He 蠹 said to them:

"Take your Hajj rites from me."3

Thus, it is obligatory upon all of the Muslims to follow him in that and to perform their Hajj rites in the manner that he legislated for them. This is because he is the guiding teacher, and Allâh sent him as a mercy for all the worlds and as finality for the servants (of Allâh). Thus, Allâh commanded His servants

to obey him (the Prophet 鑑), and He clarified that following him is a cause for entering Paradise and being saved from the Fire. He explained that he (the Prophet 鑑) was the proof of the servant's true love for his Lord and Allâh's love for the servant. This is as Allâh said:

"And whatever the Messenger gives you take it and whatever he forbids you from, abstain from it." [1]

And He said:

"And establish the prayer and pay Az-Zakah, and obey the Messenger so that perhaps you may receive mercy." [2]

And He said:

"Indeed there is a good example for you all in the Messenger of Allâh, for whoever hopes in (meeting) Allâh and the Last Day and remembers Allâh much." [3]

And He said:

"Whoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger, He will cause him to enter Gardens with rivers flowing beneath them. They will remain

^[1] An-Nisa 4:48.

Az-Zumar no. 39:65.

^[3] Al-Baihaqi, 5/121

¹²¹ Al-Hashr 59:7.

^[3] An-Nur 24:56. Al-Ahzah 33:21.

If the Person being led in Prayer cannot see the Imam nor anyone who is behind the Imam, but he can hear (the Imam's Voice)

What is the ruling of the prayer that is offered in the basement of the *Masjid* if the person who is being led in prayer cannot see the *Imam* nor any of those who are praying behind the *Imam*, but the person only hears the voice of the *Imam* by way of a microphone?

There is no problem with that if the basement (or cellar) is connected to the *Masjid*, due to the generality of the evidences.

A group of people offered the Jumu'ah (Friday) prayer in the basement of the Masjid (on the ground floor, i.e., the Musalla was upstairs) and during the prayer the electrical current was cut off. Then, those who were being led were unable to hear the Imam, so one of those being led stepped forward and led them in the rest of the prayer. What is the ruling of these people's prayer, since he led them in the rest of the prayer performing it as the Jumu'ah prayer? Also, what is the ruling if no one steps forward? Does each of them complete his prayer by himself? If that is permissible, then does he complete the rest of the prayer as Zuhr prayer or Jumu'ah prayer, since he listened to the speaker (Khatib), started the prayer with the Imam and prayed one Rak'ah with him?

If what the questioner mentioned has occurred, then the prayer of all of those people is correct, because whoever caught a Rak'ah of the Jumu'ah prayer, then he caught the Jumu'ah prayer, as is reported in an authentic Hadith from the Messenger of Allâh . If no one had stepped forward and each of them prayed the last Rak'ah by himself, then that would have been sufficient for him. This is like the person who misses a Rak'ah and he prays whatever he catches with the Imam, then he makes up the second Rak'ah for himself. This is according to the generality of the Prophet's statement:

امَرُ أَدْرُكَ رَكْعَةً مِّنَ الصَّلَاةِ فَقَدْ أَدْرُكَ الصَّلَاةِ،

"Whoever caught a Rak'ah of the prayer, then verily he caught the prayer."[1]

And Allâh is the Giver of success.

If a man enters the Masjid during a time when it is prohibited to pray, should he offer Tahiyyatul-Masjid (prayer for greeting the Masjid) or not?

It is better for the person to offer Tahiyyatul-Masjid according to the more correct of the two opinions of the scholars. This is due to the generality of the Prophet's statement:

اإِذَا دَخَلَ أَحَدُكُمُ الْمَسْجِدَ فَلَا يَجْلِسْ حَتَّى يُصَلِّي رَكْعَتَيْنِ ا

"When one of you enters the Masjid, he should not sit until he prays two Rak'ahs." [2]

This Hadith's authenticity is agreed upon (in Al-Bukhari and Muslim). However, if he sits and does not offer the prayer, there is no harm in that.

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The ruling of the Prayer in the expansion area of the Prophet's Masjid

Is the prayer that is offered in the expansion area of the Prophet's Masjid under the awnings considered like the prayer in the interior of the Prophet's Masjid?

The places that have been included inside the Prophet's Masjid by expansion are given the rulings of the Masjids after they are entered into it. Based upon this, that which has

Al-Bukhari no. 1163 and Muslim no. 714.

Al-Bukhari no. 580 and Muslim no. 607.