

## **(4) The Method of Salaah in the Light of Authentic Ahadith**

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### **Sunnats Before Salaatul Zuhr**

Rasulullah (ﷺ) has said: **"Whoever performs four rakaats before the fardh of zuhr and four rakaats after it, Allah Ta'aala will make him haraam upon the fire of Jahannam."** [Tirmidhi, Hadith no. 428]

### **Sunnats Before Salaatul Asr**

Rasulullah (ﷺ) has said: **"May Allah show mercy upon that person who performs four rakaats before the fardh of asr."** [Tirmidhi, chapter on the narrations regarding the four rakaats, Hadith no. 430]

### **Sunnats of Salaatul Maghrib**

Hazrat Abu Ma'mar (رضي الله عنه) has said that the Sahaabah (رضي الله عنهم) **used to consider 4 rakaats after the Fardh of maghrib to be mustahab.** [Qiyaamul-Layl of Marwazi pg.58]

### **4 Rakaats Before Salaatul Isha**

Hazrat Sa'eed Ibn Jubair (رضي الله عنه) narrates that the Sahaabah (رضي الله عنهم) **used to regard the performing of four rakaats before the fardh of isha as mustahab.** [ibid. pg.58]

### **Three Rakaats of Witr**

Hazrat A'ysha (رضي الله عنها) is reported to have said (with regards to the tahajjud salaah of Rasulullah (ﷺ)): **"He (ﷺ) never used to perform more than eleven rakaats, whether in Ramadhan or out of Ramadhan. Rasulullah (ﷺ) would perform long rakaats in two units of four rakaats each with such excellence and devotion which cannot be described. Thereafter he would perform three rakaats of witr salaah."** [Sahih Muslim, chapter on salaatul layl, Hadith 738]

### **Reciting Qunoot Before Ruku'**

Hazrat Aasim (رضي الله عنه) narrates: "I inquired from Hazrat Anas Ibn Malik (رضي الله عنه) concerning the qunoot of witr. He affirmed its occurrence in the witr salaah. Then I asked whether it should be recited before the ruku or after it. He replied: **"It should be recited before the ruku."** I then informed him of a certain person who had heard him (Hazrat Anas (رضي الله عنه) saying that it should be recited after ruku. Hazrat Anas (رضي الله عنه) *most vehemently denied this.*" Furthermore he said: **"Rasulullah (ﷺ) recited the qunoot after the ruku for only one**

**month.**(referring to the qunootun naazilah)." [Sahih Bukhari, chapter on qunoot before ruku].

In Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah it is mentioned that for this very reason the Sahaaba-e-Kiraam (رضي الله عنهم) used to recite the qunoot before ruku.

Allaama Ibn Hajar (رحمه الله) writes in his commentary on Bukhari, Fath al-Bari that after analysing all these narrations we learn that *it was the normal practice to recite the qunoot before ruku.*

However on certain occasions (such as the befalling of a calamity, etc.) the qunoot would be recited after ruku. (vol. 1, pg. 291)

### **Salaam Should Be Made at the End of the Witr Salaah**

Hazrat A'yesha (رضي الله عنها) narrates that Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to perform **three rakaats witr without making salaam in between (i.e. after two rakaats.)** [Zadul Ma'aad, pg.110]

Allama Ibn Hajar (رحمه الله) writes in Fathul Baari, the commentary on Sahih Bukhari, that Hazrat Ubay Ibn Ka'b, Hazrat Umar, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud and Anas Ibn Malik (رضي الله عنهم) used to make salaam at the end of three rakaats witr, not in between. (vol. 1, pg. 291)

### **Two Rakaats Sunnah of Fajr**

It is narrated that once Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه) reached the masjid whilst the Imaam was leading the salaah of fajr with the congregation. Hence, since he had not as yet performed the two rakaats sunnah of fajr, *he stood behind one of the pillars of the masjid and performed it (while the jama'ah was in progress). Thereafter he joined the jamaat.* [Majmauz-Zawaa'id, vol. 1, pg. 75]

This was also the practice of Abdullah Ibn Abbas, Abu Dardaa and Uthmaan (رضي الله عنهم).

### **Qadha of the Two Rakaats Sunnah of Salaatul Fajr**

Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is reported to have said: "**Whoever did not perform the sunnah of fajr should perform it after the sun rises.**" [Tirmidhi, Hadith no. 423]

In the Muwwatta of Imaam Malik (رحمه الله) it is narrated that this was also the practice of Abdullah Ibn Umar (رضي الله عنهما).

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