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Basic Teachings of Islam

Salah – Prayer

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What Invalidates Prayer

- To become impure (breaking of Wudu).
- Saying something during prayer (which is not related to the prayer).
- To do Salam with tongue or with hands.
- Too much movement.
- To move the chest away from Qibla.
- To eat or drink.
 - Food remains smaller than chick pea can be swallowed. If bigger, remove them with your hands.

What Invalidates Prayer

- To make noises of pain or distress.
- Tayammum - availability of water during a prayer.
- Masah – timing out of Masah & taking off socks.
- Bursting out into laughter.

What not to do in prayer

- Useless minor actions:
 - Touching body, clothes or beard.
 - Cracking fingers
- To look around.
- Not wearing proper clothes.
- Reciting Quran other than in qiyaam (e.g. in Ruku or Sajdah).

What not to do in prayer

- Full concentration is needed in prayer:
 - Don't pray if food is present and you are hungry. First eat then pray (unless the time is running out).
 - If you need to go to toilet, then first relieve yourself before starting the prayer.
 - In both of these situations, a person cannot concentrate fully in his prayer. Its best to set the mind free before attending the prayer.
- To stand in latter rows when space is available in front rows.