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Basic Teachings of Islam

Salah – Prayer

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Prohibited times of Salah

- There are some times during the day when performing prayer is prohibited or disapproved.
- We are prohibited from praying during those times as it may lead others to believe we are worshipping a god other than Allah, such as the Sun, the Moon or fire.

Prohibited times of Salah

- In the next slides following colours have been used:



The act of worship **can** be performed at that time.



The act of worship can be performed, but its **preferred not to perform** at that time.



The act of worship **cannot** be performed. If you perform it, you will be committing a sin.

Prohibited times of Salah

Acts of Worship	Sunrise (roughly 20 minutes after the sunrise)	Highest point of sun - Zawal time (roughly between 12.30 – 1.00pm in Summer)	Sunset (roughly 20 minutes before sunset)
Fard prayer	X	X	X
Witr Prayer	X	X	X
Sunnah prayer	X	X	X
Nafl prayer	X	X	X
Missed prayers	X	X	X
Sajda Tilawat	X	X	X
Funeral prayer	✓	✓	✓
Asr prayer of the day			✓

Disliked times of Salah

Acts of Worship	Beginning of Fajr till Reading Fajr Sunnah Prayer	After Fajr Sunnah Prayer till Sunrise	After Fajr Fard Prayer till Sunrise	After Asr Fard Prayer	From Sunset till Maghrib Prayer
Nafil Prayer	X	X	X	X	X
Missed Prayers	X	X	X	X	X
Sajda Tilawat	X	X	X	X	X
Funeral Prayer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Funeral prayer**
- If funeral is brought during the disapproved time, there is no harm in reading the funeral prayer.
- In fact, it is better to read it.
- However, if funeral had already been prepared and it is delayed so that disapproved time starts, then it should be read after the ending of the disapproved time.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Nafl prayer:**
- If someone starts nafl prayer during the disapproved times, he must stop the prayer.
- But now it has become wajib on the person to perform this prayer after the disapproved time.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Holy Quran:**
- It is not suitable to read Holy Quran during the three prohibited times.
- Rather one should perform other Zikr, such as sending blessings on the Holy Prophet.
- However if that's the only time one finds to the Holy Quran, one can do so.
- Also for students of Holy Quran, its best to continue with the memorisation of the Holy Quran.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Sajda Tilawat:**
- Its best **not** to perform Sajda Tilawat during the disapproved times.
- If the verse of the Sajda was recited outside of disapproved time, but the Sajda is performed in disapproved time, then this is very much disliked.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Asr prayer:**
- Even though, no prayer should be performed at sunset, you can read the Asr fard prayer of that day.
- However, to delay Asr prayer so much is very much disliked.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Missed Fajr Sunnah prayer:**
- If a person misses Fajr sunnah, he can pray the missed Fajr sunnah **after** sunrise.
- He cannot pray them straight after Fajr Fard.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules – Khutba:**
- If the Imam has started reciting the khutba for the Jummah or Eid prayers, it is disapproved to perform any prayer at that time.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules:**
- No sunnah prayer should be offered if congregation prayer (Jama'at) has started, except for Fajr and Zohar prayers.
- If you believe you can still join the congregation after finishing the Fajr sunnah or the Zohar sunnah, then complete the sunnah first.
- But if you believe you will miss the Jama'at if you read Sunnahs first, then do **not** read the Sunnah.

Prohibited times of Salah

- **Other important rules:**
- If you have to perform missed prayers in these disapproved times (see above), you should not perform in public.
- General public will get the wrong impression.