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Basic Teachings of Islam

Azaan – Call to the Prayer

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Definition of Azaan

- Azaan literally means *'to make an announcement'*.
- Azaan is an announcement for the arrival of a prayer time, using with specific Arabic words.
- Azaan was practised after the migration to Madinah. It is special to the Muslims. No other religion practise this type of Azaan.
- **Muazzin** – A person who reads the Azaan aloud before the prayer.

Azaan – Call to the Prayer

- Allah Almighty gives great reward for those who recite Azaan before the five daily prayers.
- Abu Hurairah (ra) reported that the Holy Prophet said:
 - "If people knew the reward of making Azaan and standing in the first row of the congregation [jama'at], they would cast votes for these"

Azaan – Call to the Prayer

- Baraa son of Aazib (ra) reported that the Holy Prophet said:
 - "Surely Allah and His angels praise the first row (of congregation) and the Mu'azzin.
 - He is forgiven according to the loudness of his voice
 - and every living thing whether dry or fresh that hears him confirms him
 - and he will also get the reward like of those who pray with him."

Azaan – Call to the Prayer

- Uqbah son of Aamir (ra) reports that the Holy Prophet said:
 - "Your Allah is delighted with a shepherd grazing his sheep on a hillside and he makes the Azaan for the prayer and then prays.
 - Allah says: Look at this slave of mine standing in the prayer and fearful of Me. I have forgiven him and entered him into paradise."

Azaan is Sunnah Muakkadah

- Sunnah Muakkadah is an action performed regularly by the Holy Prophet or the rightly guided caliphs.
- It is neither Fard nor Wajib, But very close to Wajib.
- Neglecting Sunnah Muakkadah can be sinful.

Azaan is Sunnah Muakkadah

- The Azaan is a collective Sunnah Muakkadah for the people of one locality.
- It is Sunnah Mu'akkadah to give Azaan before the daily five prayers.
- Azzan has to be read when praying **individually** or with **Jama'at**, at **home** or on a **journey**
- However a person who prays at home the local mosque's Azaan is enough for him too.

Azaan is Sunnah Muakkadah

- Azaan should only be performed **ONCE** in a mosque.
- If you come late to the masjid and:
 - Praying individually >> DO NOT give Azaan or Iqamaah.
 - Praying with a group of people >> only give Iqamaah

Azaan is Sunnah Muakkadah

- There is no Azaan for
 - Funeral,
 - Eid,
 - Lunar or Solar eclipse,
 - Taraweeh, Witr, Sunnah and Nafl prayers.

Azaan - Arabic

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Meaning of Azaan

- *Allah is the greatest. (four times)*
- *I bear witness that there is no God but Allah. (twice)*
- *I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. (twice)*
- *Hurry to the prayer. (twice)*
- *Hurry to the success. (twice)*
- *Allah is the greatest. (twice)*
- *There is no God but Allah. (once)*

Meaning of Azaan

- In the morning Azaan the following is added after "Hurry to the success."

الصَّلَاةُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ النَّوْمِ ☆ الصَّلَاةُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ النَّوْمِ ☆

- *The prayer is better than sleep.* (twice)

Recommended Aspects of Azaan

- The Mu'azzin should be in a state of Wudu.
- He should be pious and honest.
- He should know the Sunnahs of Azaan and the times of prayers.
- It is best to put the tips of the index fingers in both ear holes in order to boost the voice. Or you can just put your hands over the ears.

Sunnahs of Azaan

- The Mu'azzin should stand on a high place so that his voice travels as far as possible.
- But if someone says Azaan
 - for himself
 - for the present people
 - or when there is a loud speaker available
- He does not need to stand at a high place.
- The Azaan should be said standing up and facing to Ka'bah.

Sunnahs of Azaan

- To turn the face to **right** when announcing "Hurry to the prayer"
- To turn the face to **left** when announcing "Hurry to the success"
- To prolong [lengthen] the words of Azaan and pause between each two sentences, since the Holy Prophet said to Bilaal:
 - "When you make the Azaan prolong it and when you say the Iqaamah say it quickly."

Forbidden Aspects of Azaan

- The Azaan of the following five is forbidden:
 - a child who does not understand the Azaan
 - a woman
 - an insane
 - an intoxicated [drunk]
 - and someone in state of major ritual impurity.
- And if these five say Azaan it should be repeated.

Answering the Azaan

- Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri (ra) reported that the Holy Prophet - said,
 - "When you hear the call to prayer, say the same words as the Mu'azzin."
- Therefore the listeners should repeat the text after the Mu'azzin has finished each sentence of the Azaan.
- In reply to "Hurry to the prayer" and "hurry to the success" it is permissible to say:
 - لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله
 - *(There is no strength and no power except from Allah)*

Answering the Azaan

- Similarly in Fajr Azaan when the Mu'azzin say "Prayer is better than sleep." the listener should say :

صَدَقْتَ وَ بَرَرْتَ –

– *(You have spoken the truth and done good)*

- The listener should not talk during Azaan
- If he is reciting the Qur'an he should stop it, listen to the Azaan and answer it.
- However, if you are busy learning the Islamic knowledge, you can carry on with the studies and not answer the Azaan.

Du'a (supplication) after Azaan

- The time between Azaan and Iqaamah is time for acceptance of Dua.
- Anas bin Maalik reported that the Holy Prophet said:
 - "No supplication is rejected between Azaan and Iqaamah."
- Abdullah bin Amr reported that a person asked:
 - "O Messenger of Allah ! The Mu'azzins have become superior to us because of their Azaan.
 - The Holy Prophet said to him :
 - Say as they say and when you have finished ask and you will be granted (your desires)."

Du'a (supplication) after Azaan

- The Following Dua is said after the Azaan:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةُ التَّامَّةُ وَالصَّلَاةُ الْقَائِمَةُ آتِ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدَ الْوَسِيْلَةَ وَالْفَضِيْلَةَ وَالذَّرَجَةَ
الرَّفِيْعَةَ وَابْعَثْهُ مَقَامًا مَحْمُودًا الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ وَارْزُقْنَا شَفَاعَتَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيْعَادُ ☆

- *(O Allah ! O Lord of this complete invitation and established prayer ! Grant Our Holy Prophet the Waseelah [the highest position of intercession] and superiority and honour and elevate him to Maqam-e-Mahmood [an exclusive praise-worthy position reserved only for the Prophet] and bless us with his intercession on the Day of Judgement. Indeed, You do not go against your promise.*

Sending blessings on the Holy Prophet after the Azaan

- The Mu'azzin and the listeners should send blessings on the Holy Prophet after the Azaan.
- The Holy Prophet orders:
- "When you hear the Mu'azzin repeat like him and then send blessings on me."

Iqaamah

- Iqaamah is the announcement for the start of congregation.
- It has specific wordings similar to Azaan.
- The person who says the Iqaamah doesn't need to put the fingers into the ears because the voice is to be lower compared to the Azaan.
- Secondly the words of Iqaamah should be said quickly.
- Its words are same as Azaan except that after "Hurry to the
- success" one should say the following twice:

قَدْ قَامَتِ الصَّلَاةُ ☆

- (The prayer has begun).

Iqaamah

- The listeners should repeat the Iqaamah with the person saying the Iqaamah.
- When the person says: "The prayer has begun." the listener should say

– اقامها الله وادامها

– *(May Allah (swt) establish it for ever)*

Important points for Azaan & Iqaamah

- The Mua'zzin should not talk during Azaan and Iqaamah even to reply to Salaam (greetings) or sneezing etc. If he talks he should say Azaan anew.
- If he makes a mistake in the order of the wordings, he
- should correct the order without starting again from the beginning.
- There should be time interval between Azaan and the Iqaamah so that the people can get together for the prayer in the mosque.
- However for Maghrib prayer the pause between Azaan and Iqaamah should be brief because Maghrib should be read as soon as the time has started.

Important points for Azaan & Iqaamah

- The Mu'azzin should also say the Iqaamah.
- However if another person says Iqaamah with his permission that is permissible
- If the Mu'azzin is absent then anyone may say Iqaamah and it will not be Makrooh
- But if he is present and is not willing that another person says Iqaamah, then it is Makrooh but if he agrees it is not Makrooh.

Announcements

- Jalsa on 2nd December 2007
 - 3 of you will recite the Holy Quran, recite nasheed and make a speech
- Test on 2nd December 2007
 - Will cover slides from 1 – 5
 - Homework
 - Write translation of verses 157 – 159 & 171 – 172 of Surah An-Nisa (no. 4)