

أخطاء شائعة في الصلاة

COMMON MISTAKES *In Prayer*



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INTRODUCTION

All the praise is for Allaah; may the prayers and peace of Allaah be upon Muhammad, his family, his companions, and his followers. As to proceed:

These are beneficial statements comprising clarification of the mistakes of those who pray, which they commit by way of innovating newly invented statements and actions and doing some of the pillars and Sunan acts in other than their proper places or in other than their correct manner. I urge my brother worshipper to avoid them.

MISTAKES MADE IN QIYAAM

1. Negligence regarding the Matter of the Sutrah

That which is correct is what the Prophet ﷺ said:

لَا تُصَلِّ إِلَّا إِلَى سُتْرَةٍ

“Do not pray except towards a Sutrah.”¹

Ibn Abdil-Barr said:

“It is befitting that the worshipper should draw near to his Sutrah and not be far from it.”²

Imaam Maalik said:

“The (drawing of) the line is Baatil (Falsehood).”³

2. The Woman Uncovering her Feet in Salat

That which is correct is that which Imaam Ash-Shaafi’ee said: **“It is upon the woman to cover everything in Salat with the exception of her hands and her face.”** He also said: **“All of the woman is ‘Awhrah except her hands and face; and the top of her feet is ‘Awhrah.”⁴**

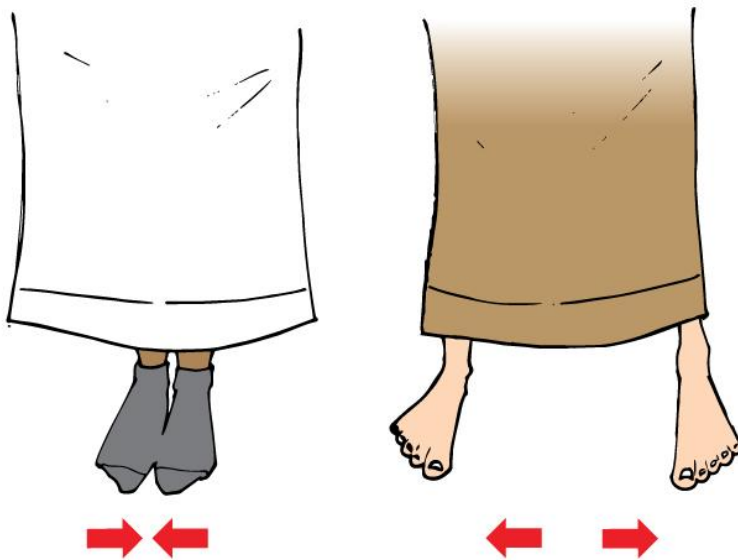
¹ Saheeh Muslim

² Al-Kaafee 1/45

³ Al-Mudawwanah

⁴ Kitaab Al-Umm

3. Exaggerating in Spreading the Feet or Closing Them



Ibn ‘Umar, may Allaah be pleased with him, narrated that the Prophet ﷺ would not spread his feet far apart nor would he have them close to each other.⁵

4. Audibly Pronouncing the Intention

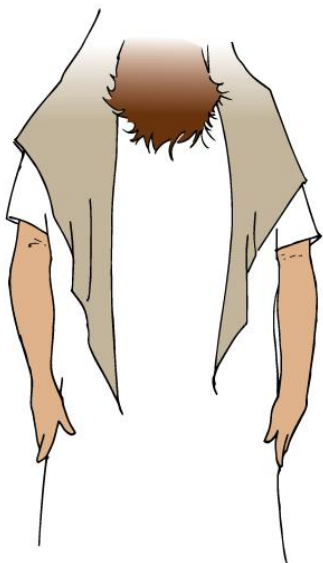


That which is correct is what Aboo ‘Abdullaah Muhammad ibn Al-Qaasim Al-Maalikee said: **“The intention is from the actions of the heart. So articulation of it is an innovation; along with the fact that it contains disturbance of the people.”**⁶

⁵ Fiqh Al-Ibaadaat pg. 148

⁶ Majmoo’ah Ar-Rasaa’il Al-Kubraa 1/254

5. Tucking the Garment and Rolling it up in Salat



The Prophet ﷺ said:

وَلَا أَكْفُ شَعْرًا وَلَا ثَوْبًا

“(And I was commanded) not to tuck the hair or the garment (in prayer).”⁷

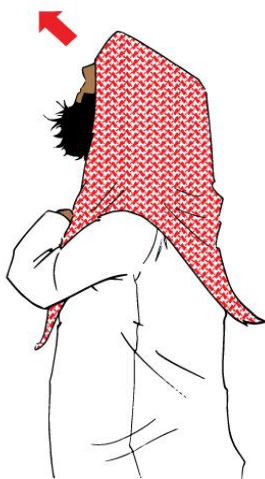
6. Carelessness or Exaggeration in the Opening Takbeer



That which is correct is that he ﷺ would raise them parallel to his shoulders, and at times he would raise them parallel to his ears.⁸

⁷ Sharh Saheeh Muslim

7. Raising one's Vision toward the Sky or Looking toward other than the Place of Prostration

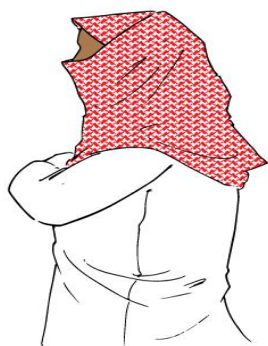


The Prophet ﷺ said:

لَيَنْتَهِينَ أَقْوَامٌ يَرْفَعُونَ أَبْصَارَهُمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ فِي الصَّلَاةِ أَوْ لَا تَرْجِعُ إِلَيْهِمْ

“The people who lift their eyes towards the sky in Prayer should avoid it or lest it not be returned to them.”⁹

8. Covering One's Mouth in Salat



On the authority of Aboo Hurayrah, may Allaah be pleased with him, who said: “Allaah’s Messenger ﷺ forbade...and that the man should cover his mouth (in prayer).”¹⁰

That which is an exception is covering one’s mouth in prayer if there is legislative reason. A legislative reason would be illness or some other reason.

⁸ Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree

⁹ Saheeh Muslim

¹⁰ Reported by At-Tirmidhee; Al-Albaanee graded it Hasan

9. Placing the Right Hand upon the Left in the Prayer in Places which Oppose the Guidance of the Prophet ﷺ

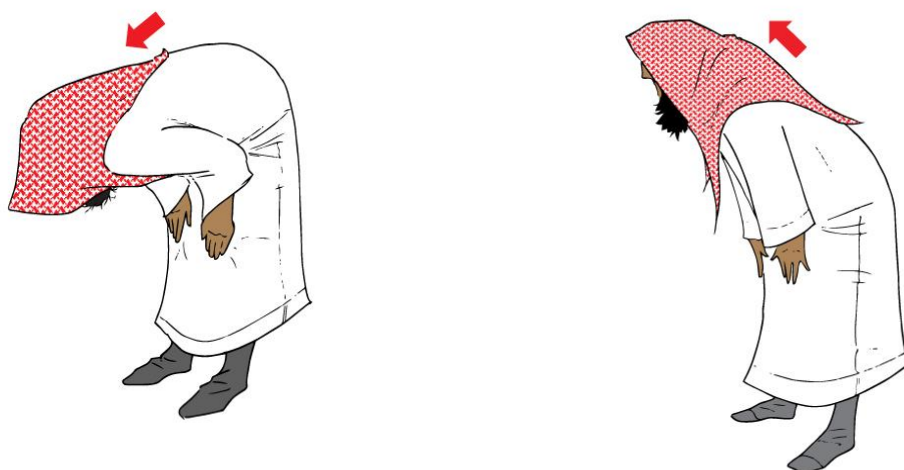
That which is correct is that one is to place the right hand upon the back on the left



....hand. Refer to: *Description of the Salat with Illustrations.*

MISTAKES IN RUKOO'

10. Carelessness in Rukoo or Exaggeration Therein



The Prophet ﷺ said:

لَا تَجْزِي صَلَاةَ الرَّجُلِ حَتَّى يَقِيمَ ظَهْرَهُ فِي الرُّكُوعِ

“The prayer of a man is not correct until he straightens his back in Rukoo’.”¹¹

That which is correct is that when the Prophet ﷺ would bow, he would spread his back and make it even.¹² The Prophet ﷺ said:

ثُمَّ ارْكَعْ حَتَّى تَطْمَئِنَّ رَاكِعًا

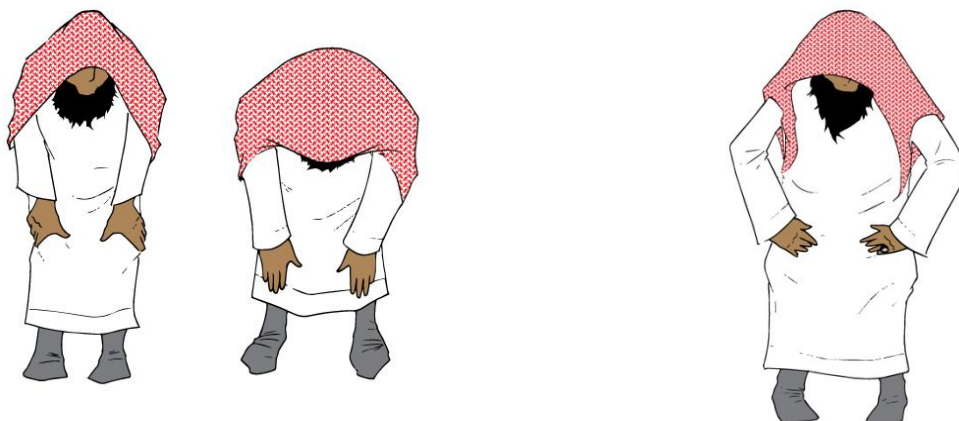
“Then bow until you are at ease in your bowing.”¹³

¹¹ Aboo Daawud

¹² Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree

¹³ Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree

11. When Bowing, Placing the Hands in Places which Oppose the Guidance of the Prophet ﷺ



That which is correct is that the Prophet ﷺ said:

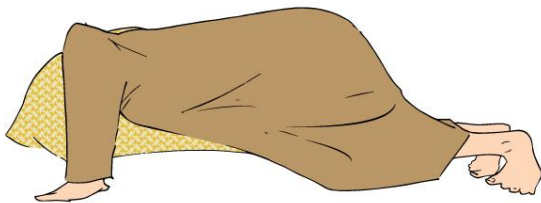
فَإِذَا رَكَعْتَ فَضَعْ رَاحَتَيْكَ عَلَى رُكْبَتَيْكَ ثُمَّ فَرِّجْ بَيْنَ أَصَابِعِكَ

“When you bow, place your palms upon your knees and spread your fingers.”¹⁴

¹⁴ Ibn Khuzaymah reported it and Al-Albaanee graded it as Saheeh.

MISTAKES IN SUJOOD

12. Exaggerating and Overextending in Sujood



That which is correct is that the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِعْتَدِلُوا فِي السُّجُودِ

“Be balanced in prostration.”¹⁵

Spreading One’s Arms like a Dog

13. Contracting the Body and

The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِعْتَدِلُوا فِي السُّجُودِ وَ لَا يَبْسُطُ أَحَدُكُمْ
ذِرَاعَيْهِ انْبِسَاطَ الْكَلْبِ

“Be balanced in prostration and let not one of you spread his arms like a dog.”¹⁶



¹⁵ Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree

¹⁶ Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree

14. Raising one's Nose from the Ground and Prostrating only upon the Forehead

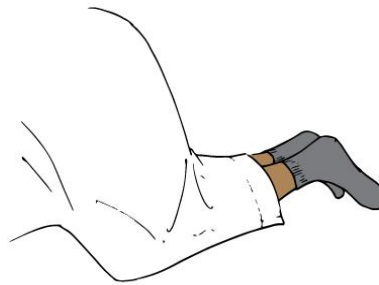
The Prophet ﷺ said:

لَا صَلَاةَ لِمَنْ لَا يُصِيبُ أَنْفَهُ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ مَا يُصِيبُ الْجَبِينَ

“There is no prayer for he whose nose does not touch as much of the ground as his forehead.”¹⁷

That which is correct is that the Prophet ﷺ would place his nose and forehead upon the ground.¹⁸

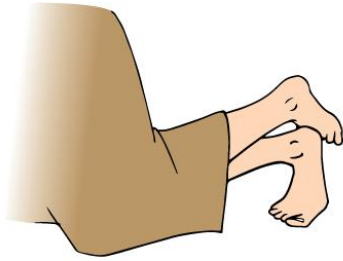
15. Lifting one's Feet from the Ground when Prostrating



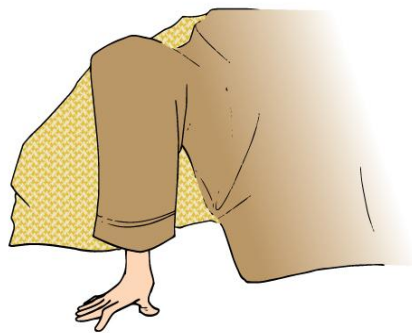
¹⁷ Reported by Ad-Daaraqutnee; Al-Albaanee graded it Saheeh.

¹⁸ Reported by At-Tirmidhee and Al-Albaanee graded is Hasan

16. Placing the Right Foot upon the Left or Vice Versa



17. Not Firmly Placing the Bottom of one's hand upon the Ground



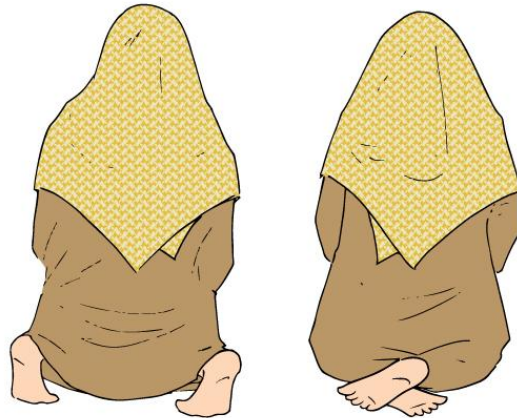
That which is correct is that the Prophet ﷺ would join the fingers together and point them in the direction of the Qiblah.¹⁹

¹⁹ Reported by Al-Bayhaquee; and Al-Albaanee graded it Saheeh

MISTAKES IN SITTING

18. Not Sitting in the Manner which is Affirmed within the Prophetic Ahadeeth

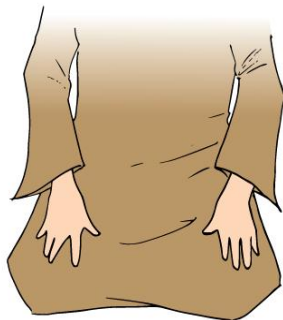
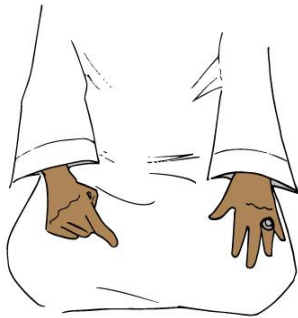
That which is correct is that which has come on the authority of 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her, who said: **"He would spread his left foot and prop up his right foot."**²⁰



²⁰ Reported by Muslim

MISTAKES IN THE TASHAHHUD AND THE TASLEEM

19. Moving the Finger in Manners which oppose the Prophetic Ahadeeth

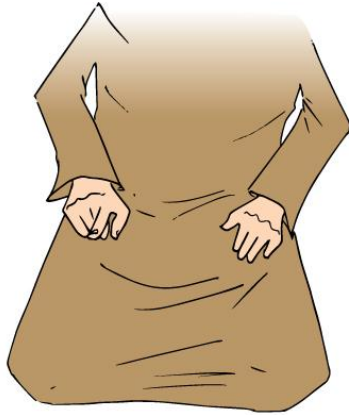


That which is correct is that when the Prophet ﷺ point with his (index) finger, he would connect his thumb to his middle finger.²¹ At times, he would form a circle with the two of them (i.e. the middle finger and the thumb).²²

²¹ Reported by Muslim

²² Reported by Aboo Daawud; and Al-Albaanee graded it Saheeh

20. Placing the Hands at the Top of the Leg



That which is correct is that they should be placed upon the knees. The Prophet ﷺ would spread his left palm upon his left knee.²³

21. Pointing when saying the Tasleem

On the authority of Jaabir ibn Samurah, who said: “When we used to pray with the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ we would say: ‘As-Salaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullaah; As-Salaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullaah,’ and point would the hand to the two sides. So Allaah’s Messenger ﷺ said:

مالي أراكم ترفعون أيديكم كأنها أذنان خيل شمس؟



“What is the matter, that I see you raising your hands as if they are the tails of wild animals?”

So they left the raising of the hands and sufficed with the Tasleem.”²⁴ That which is correct is to say the Tasleem to the right and left without pointing.

²³ Reported by Muslim

²⁴ Reported by Ibn Khuzaymah

SOME OTHER MISTAKES

❖ **Intertwining the fingers.** Allaah’s Messenger ﷺ said:

إذا توضعوا أحدهم للصلاة فلا يشبك بين أصابعه

“When one of you performs Wudoo’ for prayer (and goes out), let him not interlace his fingers.”²⁵

❖ **Adding the statement:** “May Allaah establish it and perpetuate it,” to the Iqaamah. Ibn Hajr and An-Nawawee both said: “It has no basis.”

❖ **Preceding the Imaam or coinciding with his movements in prayer.** The Prophet ﷺ said:

أما يخشى الذي يرفع رأسه قبل الإمام أن يحول الله رأسه رأس حمار

“Does not he who raises his head before the Imaam fear that Allaah will transform his head into the head of a donkey?!”²⁶

- ❖ A person yawning without trying to restrain it or placing his hand upon his mouth.
- ❖ An abundance of movement in prayer
- ❖ Rotating the head with the Tasleem
- ❖ Disturbing those praying within the Masaajid with the sounds of cellular phones
- ❖ Bringing small children, who have no self-control, to the Masjid. It is also a mistake to deal with them in a repulsive manner
- ❖ Being extremely fast in making the statements and movements of the prayer

²⁵ As-Silsilah As-Saheehah

²⁶ Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree

CONCLUSION

This is that which was easy for me to compile from the mistakes which the worshippers make in their prayer and their departure from the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ therein; which every Muslim cannot do without. The last of our supplications is:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

All the praise and thanks is for Allaah, the Lord of all that exists