

Namaze Jamaat- Part 1

The topic of discussion is - The Rules for Joining Salatul Jamaat when late

We shall discuss three (3) main situations.

These are important masails that make us realize the importance of Salatul Jamaat.

- 1) If we are sure that the Imam is in the 1st or 2nd rakat- then it's easy we just join the Salaat and quickly make the niyyat of Salatul Jamaat and join in. Note - We have till ruku of that particular rakat to join him, if he is still in the state of ruku. If it is the first rakaat, then continue with the Imam. If it is the second rakat- we should still join in BUT after the two sujood, do not recite tashahud, and instead do the action that indicates that we are about to stand up, (half sitting position - ready to stand) and then stand when everybody stands. When the Imam leads the third rakat, it will be our Second so we should recite just Sura tul Hamd if we can not recite 2 surahs.

- 2) Mistakes are commonly made if one has to join in and it is the third or fourth rakat.
Suppose you are praying Maghrib whilst the Imam is in his Isha Salaat, then you will finish in the third rakat and you must join in his fourth rakaat for your first rakaat of Isha. It is important to remember that if you join the Imam whilst he is still standing in the third or fourth rakat, then you can not remain silent, you must at least recite suratul fateha! Otherwise if you feel you won't make it with suratul fateha, you must join him when he is in ruku. It is a mistake to join in whilst standing and stay silent as in the third and fourth rakat we don't stay silent we do recite the zikr.

- 3) Suppose you come in the salaat, and the Imam is in his last sajdah of the salaat- you can still join in and all the Fukaha agree to this. You must make your niyyat of Salatul Jamaat and join him in the last tashahud, sitting through the dhikr. When the Imam reaches the salaam- then you stand up and begin your salaat- of course you will now recite the full salaat but you only don't have to do the Takbiratul Eham- as you have joined him and got some thawab of Salatul Jamaat.