

PLACE OF PRAYER

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Understand the importance of getting permission before using others' property
- Understand that the first condition of the place of prayer is that one has permission to pray there

Lesson 1: The Place of Prayer

When Prophet Muhammad (saw) declared himself to be the Messenger of Allah, the people of Arabia were living a very miserable life. They were rough and ignorant people and did not know much about being respectful towards others so much so that they did not care even to ask permission before entering another's house. They considered themselves to be enemies of each other. Step by step, the Holy Prophet taught them the rules of social behaviour. He emphasized that we must respect all people and their property in order for Allah to be happy with us.

JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 2

Here are a few things we should try and do:

- If we want to enter somebody's house or room and the door is shut, we should knock at the door gently to seek permission to enter.
- We should not walk across other people's yards.
- We should not use other people's things without asking them
- We should always say thank you if someone has allowed us to use their room, house or their things.
- We should make sure that we leave the place that we have used the way it was or even better.



NOTICE
PRIVATE
PROPERTY
KEEP OUT

Most of us know these rules quite well but we sometimes forget to do these things. However, if we want Allah and people to be happy with us we have to make sure that we understand these rules properly and act upon them to the best of our ability.

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The Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) has said:

“Prayer is a pillar of Religion. If your prayer is accepted all your other deeds are accepted. And if you prayer is rejected then all your other deeds are rejected.”



We must all work hard to make sure that our prayers are accepted so that Allah (SWT) is pleased with us. There are a few rules we have to follow when we are praying. Today we will talk about the rule about the place of prayer.

Allah (SWT) has told us that if we want to be good Muslims we must respect other people's rights, which include their property, and Allah wants us to show this especially in our prayers. The first rule about the place in which we can pray is that we must have permission to pray in that particular place by the owner. We should also make sure that we thank the owner for allowing us to use their property once we have finished praying there.

Review Questions

Q1. Before we pray in a place:

- a) We need the owner's permission
- b) We do not need the owner's permission
- c) We can pray where we live

Q2. Before we enter a room whose door is shut, we should:

- a) Knock and ask for permission to enter
- b) Just walk in
- c) Say hello and walk in without knocking