



## SPECIAL PRAYERS

JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 3

### Objectives >>>

#### Students should:

- Be reminded about *Ṣalātul Ayāt* and that it is *Wājib* and understand the basic conditions of when it is to be offered
- Learn how to pray *Ṣalātul Ayāt*
- Be reminded about *Ṣalātul ʿĪd* and that it is *Mustaḥab* now but will become *Wājib* when our present Imam (atfs) reappears
- Understand the significance of ʿĪd
- Understand the importance of socializing with Muslims on ʿĪd day and visiting them

### Special Prayers

In this lesson we will introduce an obligatory special prayer known as *Ṣalātul ayāt* and we will also discuss *Ṣalātul ʿĪd*.

### SALĀTUL AYĀT

*Ṣalātul ayāt* is special set of prayers which are obligatory to perform under following four situations:



- Solareclipse
- Lunareclipse
- Earthquake
- Heavy thunder or lightning, cyclone, or similar natural incidents if they cause fear

The first two situations of solar and lunar eclipse make *Ṣalātul ayāt* obligatory whether the eclipse is partial or full and whether it makes one afraid or not. *Ṣalātul ayāt* means that we are praising God for His special and unique signs.

*Ṣalātul ayāt* becomes *wājib* in case of any earthquake whether it causes fear or not. In case of lightning, thunder, cyclone or similar things, *Ṣalātul ayāt* becomes *wājib* only if it causes fear in someone.

## RULES OF SALĀTUL AYĀT

We need to offer *Ṣalātul ayāt* if we are living in the town where any of the events we mentioned earlier happen. It is best to pray it as soon as that event begins.

If we did not know about an event and found out later, we should pray *Qaḍā'* in most cases.

## HOW TO PERFORM SALĀTUL AYĀT

*Ṣalātul ayāt* consists of two sets of five Rak'at.

There is a long and a short method of offering this prayer. Here, we will discuss the short method only:

After making the intention to offer *Ṣalātul ayāt*, a person is allowed to say takbīr and recite Sūrat al-Ḥamd and then divide the verses of the other Surah into five parts, and recite one verse or more, and thereafter perform the Rukū'. He should then stand up and recite another part of the Surah (without reciting Sūrat al-Ḥamd) and then perform another Rukū'. He should repeat this action, and finish that Surah before performing the fifth Rukū'.

## Practical Activity

The class should perform a demonstration of the short version of *Ṣalātul ayāt* with the teacher leading the prayer.

## SALĀTUL 'ĪD

In previous years, we have discussed *Ṣalātul 'Īd*, which is an important kind of prayer. We know that this prayer is offered for:

- 'Īdul Aīḥā
- 'Īdul Fiṭr

We must remember that *Ṣalātul 'Īd* is a *Mustaḥab* or recommended prayer. *Ṣalātul 'Īd* will become *wājib* or compulsory when our present Imam (atfs) reappears.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER ON THE DAY OF EID

'Īd is the day of happiness and celebration for all Muslims. It is important that we celebrate 'Īd in the way which makes our Imam happy. We should not do anything haram or commit any sins. 'Īd is never an excuse to do something wrong.

There are many recommended things one can do on the day of 'Īd, which include:

- Visiting friends and family
- Socializing with Muslims
- Helping the poor and giving them gifts

## Review Questions

### Q1. *Ṣalātul Ayat* needs to be prayed:

- Only when there is an eclipse of the moon
- Only when there is an eclipse of the sun
- When there is an eclipse of either the moon or the sun

### Q2. *Ṣalātul 'Īd* is:

- Mustaḥab* until our present Imam reappears
- Wājib*
- Mustaḥab* even when our Imam reappears

### Q3. Which of the following is recommended on the day of 'Īd:

- Going to the beach
- Going to the city
- Visiting Muslim friends in their homes and at the mosque