

FURTHER PRAYER RULES

JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 4

Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Understand the rule relating to the foundational obligations of prayer

Further Prayer Rules

In our last few lessons, we have learnt many of the rules of prayer, and by now, we should all be able to pray correctly. In this lesson, we will learn a few more of the rules of prayer that will help us to know when we need to repeat our prayer and when we do not need to repeat our prayer if we make a mistake.

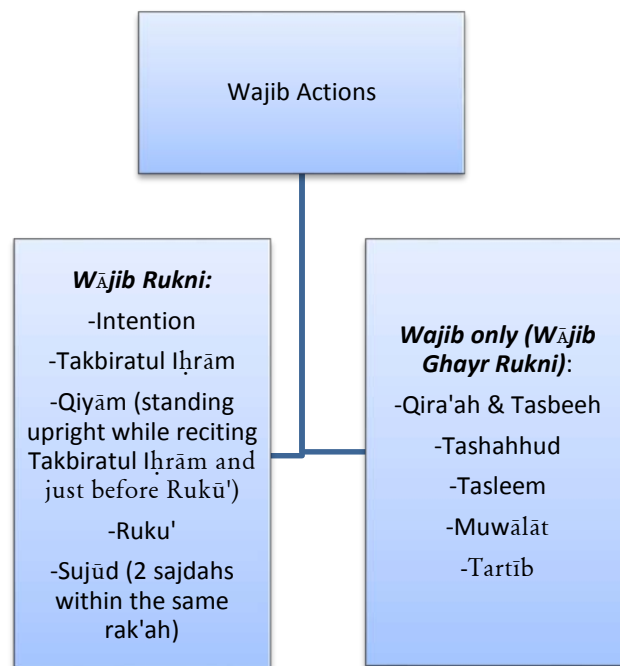
WĀJIB RUKNI

There are two types of Wājib actions in prayer. Some are Wājib Rukni (foundational obligation) and others are just Wājib.

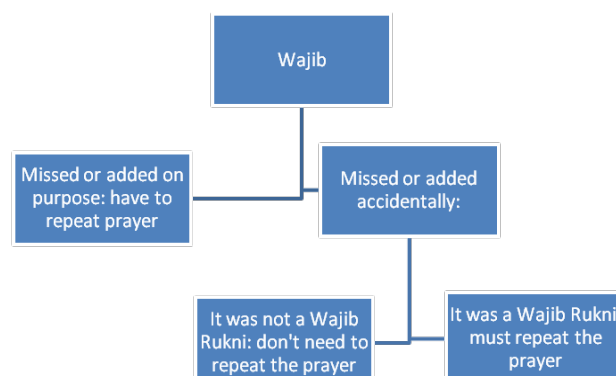
If an act is wājib Rukni certain rules apply to it. The main two rules that apply to it are this:

- If we miss or add a wājib Rukni act in our prayer, on purpose or accidentally, our prayer is invalid and we need to offer prayers again. If a wājib act is not a Rukn we only need to repeat our prayer if we miss it on purpose.
- If we miss an action during prayer (for example we forget to do our second Sajdah) we can go back to do it as long as we have not moved on

to another Wājib Rukni (such as next rak'ah and its qiyam). If we have, then we are not allowed to go back to do what we have missed.



Here is a table to help you figure out when you need to repeat your prayer and when you do not:



Let us look at the five foundational obligations in more details

- **Niyah:** This is the intention. As we have discussed in previous lessons, we need to have the intention of praying for the sake of Allah and to know which prayer we are reciting.
- **Takbiratul Ihram:** This is the first Takbir we do when we begin the prayer. If we do not do this correctly, or don't do it at all, our prayer is not valid.
- **Qiyam (standing upright just before ruku' and during Takbiratul Ihram):** remember that we learnt we must stand upright and steady before we go into Ruku'. If we do not do this, even if by accident, our prayer is not valid. Similarly, when we are reciting Takbiratul Ihram, we need to be standing upright and steady.
- **Ruku':** There is only one Ruku' in each rak'ah. If we miss or add a ruku' to our prayer, our prayer is not valid, even if this is by accident.
 - For example, if I realise after Maghreb prayer that I prayed four rak'at instead of three, I need to repeat my prayer.
- **Two sajdah within the same rak'ah:** If we miss two Sajdah within the same rak'ah, then our prayer is invalid. But if we miss two sajdah in different rak'at, our prayer is okay if we make up those Sajdah after prayer.

MISSED ACTIONS IN PRAYER

Let's look at some situations where we accidentally miss something in prayer. What should we do in such situations?

- I forgot to recite a surah after Surat al-Hamd and now I am in Ruku':
 - You cannot go back because you have passed a Rukn (which is Ruku') continue your prayer and finish it, your prayer is okay
- I forgot to perform my second Sajdah of the first rak'ah and now I am standing up for the second Rak'ah and reciting Surat al-Hamd:
 - You have not passed a Rukn so you can go back and perform that Sajdah you missed and continue your prayer as normal. The standing

during the recitation of Surat al-Hamd is not a rukn so you can go back.

- I forgot to perform my second Sajdah in the first Rak'ah but now I am in my second rak'ah and in the state of Ruku':
 - You cannot go back because you have passed a Rukn (rukū'). Finish your prayer then make up that Sajdah as Qaḍā' after you have finished the prayer. Because you only missed one sajdah (and not two within the same rak'ah) you have not missed a rukn. Making up a Sajdah as Qaḍā' is easy. After you have finished the prayer, you just perform a Sajdah with the intention of Qaḍā', that's all.
- I missed Tashahhud and now I am standing up and reciting the Tasbeḥat in the third rak'ah, and I remember that I have missed it
 - Sit down and perform Tashahhud and continue your prayer as normal, because you have not passed a Rukn.

Review Questions

Q1. I forgot to recite a second surah after Surat al-Hamd and now I am doing my sajdah. What should I do?

- a. Stand up and recite the surah I missed
- b. I have already passed a wājib rukni so I cannot go back. But my prayer is okay
- c. My prayer is invalid because I missed the surah and I have to repeat the prayer

Q2. I finished my Maghreb prayer and realised I only prayed two rak'at instead of three. What should I do?

- a. My prayer is okay because I did not miss a wājib rukni
- b. My prayer is invalid because I missed a wājib rukni
- c. Neither of the above