

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

2nd PILLAR OF ISLAM

- ❖ To establish Obligatory, Canonical, Congregational Worship (Prayers) to Allah daily **FIVE TIMES** that is called **As-SALAA't** (Arabic : **الصلاة**) is the Second Pillar of Islam

Al Qur'an : Sura Ta'ah : 20 Aayat : 14 "Verily I am Allah! There is no god worthy of worship except Me. So, Worship Me Alone , and **ESTABLISH As-SALA'H** (Prayers) for My Remembrance".

Allah testified in the Glorious Qur'an that everything in the Universe makes As-Sala'h and Glorifies Allah (uninterrupted), therefore mankind also shall establish As-Sala'h regularly and as Gratitude to Allah to Guide to the Right Way i.e., Islam.

Al Qur'an : Sura Noor : 24 Aayat : 41 "Do you not see that Allah is Glorified by everything in the heavens and the earth and [by] the birds with wings spread [in flight]? **Each** [of them in Universe] **Know their respective mode of As-Sala'h** (Prayer) and Glorifying [Him], and Allah is Knows all that they do".

Allah thus, Commanded mankind also, to therefore, make **As-Sala'h** (Prayer) and **Tasbeeh** (Glorifying [Him]) and for the same, He kept sending Prophets and Messengers, since Adam(a) – Adam till last and final Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad[s] arrived, to teach mankind everything about the dos and don'ts Commanded by Allah and most importantly the METHOD TO MAKE / PERFORM / ESTABLISH **As-Sala'h** – The Second Pillar of Islam.

Al Qur'an : Sura Baqhra : 02 Aayaat : 238 : "Guard strictly your (habit of performing regularly, daily 5 times obligatory) **As-Sala'h** - Prayers, especially the Middle Prayer (i.e., Asr Sala'h); and Stand before Allah devoutly submissive".

As-Sala'h is the most integral part of every Muslim's life. It is the most practical demonstration of publicly acknowledging Allah as The Only God Worthy of Worship. It is also the best form of public display of a Muslim's Slavery to Allah Alone.

The compulsion of **As-Sala'h** can be understood by reading Aayaat of Qur'an where Allah Commanded to Perform Sala'h even during fighting a war with enemies.

Al Qur'an : Sura Nisa : 04 Aayaat : 101 to 103 : "When ye travel through the earth, there is no blame on you if you shorten your **As-Sala'h** (Prayers), for fear the Unbelievers May attack you: For the Unbelievers are unto you open enemies. And when you [i.e., Prophet[s] as the Commander the army] are among them and lead them in **As-Sala'h** (Prayers), Let one party of them stand up (in Prayer) with you, taking their arms with them: When they finish their prostrations, let them Take their position in the

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

rear. And let the other party come up which has not yet Prayed - and let them Pray with you, Taking all precaution, and bearing arms: the Unbelievers wish, if you were negligent of your arms and your baggage, to assault you in a single rush. But there is no blame on you if you put away your arms because of the inconvenience of rain or because you are ill; but take (every) precaution for yourselves. For the Unbelievers, Allah hath prepared a humiliating punishment. And when you have completed the prayer, remember Allah standing, sitting, or [lying] on your sides. But when you become secure, re-establish [regular] prayer. Indeed, prayer has been decreed upon the believers a decree of specified times".

DID PROPHETS (Peace be upon them all) BEFORE MUHAMMAD^[s] PERFORM As-SALA'h

YES! There are references in the Glorious Qur'an that point out to the fact that As-Sala'h was Commanded to Prophets before Muhammad[s] also. For example :

- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Baqhra : 02 Aayat : 125 : And [mention] when We made the House a place of return for the people and [a place of] security. And take, [O believers], from the standing place of Abraham a place of prayer. And We Commanded Ibraaheem (Abraham) and Ismaa'eel (Ishma'el), [saying], "Purify My House for those who perform Tawaf and those who are staying [there] for worship and those who bow and prostrate [in prayer]".
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Aal e Imran : 03 Aayat : 39 : So the angels called him while he was standing in Prayer in the chamber, "Indeed, Allah gives you good tidings of John, confirming a word from Allah and [who will be] honorable, abstaining [from women], and a prophet from among the righteous."
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Aal e Imran : 03 Aayat : 43 : O Maryam (Mary), be devoutly obedient to your Lord and prostrate and bow with those who bow [in Prayer]".
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Ibraaheem : 14 Aayat : 37 : "Our Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House, our Lord, that they may establish Prayer. So, make hearts among the people incline toward them and provide for them from the fruits that they might be grateful".
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Ibraaheem : 14 Aayat : 40 : "My Lord, make me an establisher of Prayer, and [everyone] from my descendants. Our Lord, and accept my supplication".
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Maryam : 19 Aayat : 31 : "And He has made me (Eesa / Jesus Christ) Blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me Prayer and zakah as long as I remain alive ".

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

Also in a Hadees of Muhammad[s] related to the miraculous night journey called *Al Isra OR Al Meiraaq*, Muhammad[s] mentioned about Prophets performing As-Sala'h and then Muhammad[s] himself leading all Prophets from Aadam[Adam-pbuh] till Eesa Maseeh [Jesus Christ – pbuh]. Muhammad[s] said :

- ✓ Sahih Muslim : Vol : 01 H : 430 : “I found myself in Hijr and the Quraish were asking me about my night journey. I was asked about things pertaining to Bait-ul-Maqdis which I could not preserve (in my mind). I was very much vexed, so vexed as I had never been before. Then Allah raised it (Bait-ul-Maqdis) before my eyes. I looked towards it, and I gave them the information about whatever they questioned me I also saw myself among the group of apostles. I saw Moosa offering As-Sala'h and found him to be a well-built man as if he was a man of the tribe of Shanu'a. I saw Eesa ibn e Maryam offering As-Sala'h Jesus son of Mary (peace be upon him) offering prayer, of all of men he had the closest resemblance with 'Urwa b. Masu'd al-Thaqafi. I saw Ibraheem offering As-Sala'h; he had the closest resemblance with your companion (Muhammad[s] himself) amongst all people. When the time of As – Sala'h came I led them. When I completed the prayer, someone said: Here is Malik, the keeper of the Hell; pay him salutations. I turned to him, but he preceded me in salutation”.

All the Prophets before Muhammad[s] would Perform As-Sala'h in a method and on a time as prescribed by Allah to all of them respectively. Allah said in Al Qur'an : Sura Ma'ida : 05 Aayat :48 : “.....To each of you (Umma / followers of different Prophets of Allah respectively) We Prescribed a LAW (Shari'a) and a METHOD(Minhaaj or Manhaj - to perform actions of Worship to Allah)”.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon all those who lived with Muhammad[s] during his time and who will live till eternity to perform As-Sala'h as Muhammad[s] would perform.

Moreover, Muhammad[s] said and that is recorded in Sahih Bughari : Vol : 01 H : 631 AND also in Vol : 09 H : 7246 : “PERFORM As-Sala'h AS YOU HAVE SEEN PERFORMING ME”. This Command is generic and will apply to every human being irrespective man or a woman that they shall perform As-Sala'h as has been recorded in authentic sayings of the Companions of Muhammad[s] who have seen Muhammad[s] make As-Sala'h and they themselves made As-Sala'h with the Prophet[s].

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

5 TIMES OBLIGATORY As-SALA'h

The 5 Times obligatory, canonical, congregational (*Muslim women have the choice of performing in congregation or individually*) As-Sala'h are :

- | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. FAJAR | : at dawn : | BUQHARI : Vol : 01 | H : 541 |
| 2. ZUHAR | : after mid day : | BUQHARI : Vol : 01 | H : 540 to 542 |
| 3. ASaR | : after-noon : | BUQHARI : Vol : 01 | H : 544 to 546 |
| 4. MAGHRIB | : at twilight : | BUQHARI : Vol : 01 | H : 561 |
| 5. ISHAa | : at night time : | BUQHARI : Vol : 01 | H : 565 to 567 |

- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Hu'd : 11 Aayat : 114 "And establish As-Sala'h (the Prayers) at the two ends of the day and at the approach of the night. Indeed, good deeds do away with misdeeds. That is a reminder for those who remember"
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Israa : 17 Aayat : 78 "Establish regular As-Sala'h (the Prayers) - at the sun's decline till the darkness of the night, and the morning As-Sala'h and Recitation : for As-Sala'h and (Qur'an's) Recitation in the morning (Fajar) carry their testimony."
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Ruum : 30 Aayat : 17 "So exalted is Allah when you reach the evening and when you reach the morning"
- ✓ Al Qur'an : Sura Qhaaf : 50 Aayat : 39 "Bear, then, with patience, all that they say, and celebrate the praises of thy Lord, before the rising of the sun and before (its) setting"

There is atleast one Aayat in the Qur'an in which Allah mentioned the timings of all the FIVE OBLIGATORY As-Sala'h (the Prayers) to be performed daily by all Muslims. That is in : Al Qur'an : Sura Ta'ha : 20 Aayat : 130 **"So be patient over what they (Non-Muslims) say and Exalt [Allah] with Praise of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before its setting; and during periods of the night [Exalt Him] and at the ends of the day, that you may be satisfied"**

FROM **50 TIMES** DAILY to **05 TIMES** DAILY

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "While I was at Mecca the roof of my house was opened and Gabriel descended, opened my chest, and washed it with Zamzam water. Then he brought a golden tray full of wisdom and faith and having poured its contents into my chest, he closed it. Then he took my

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

hand and ascended with me to the nearest heaven, when I reached the nearest heaven, Gabriel said to the gatekeeper of the heaven, 'Open (the gate).' The gatekeeper asked, 'Who is it?' Gabriel answered: 'Gabriel.' He asked, 'Is there anyone with you?' Gabriel replied, 'Yes, Muhammad I is with me.' He asked, 'Has he been called?' Gabriel said, 'Yes.' So the gate was opened and we went over the nearest heaven and there we saw a man sitting with some people on his right and some on his left. When he looked towards his right, he laughed and when he looked toward his left he wept. Then he said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious son.' I asked Gabriel, 'Who is he?' He replied, 'He is Adam and the people on his right and left are the souls of his offspring. Those on his right are the people of Paradise and those on his left are the people of Hell and when he looks towards his right he laughs and when he looks towards his left he weeps.' Then he ascended with me till he reached the second heaven and he (Gabriel) said to its gatekeeper, 'Open (the gate).' The gatekeeper said to him the same as the gatekeeper of the first heaven had said and he opened the gate. Anas said: 'Abu Dhar added that the Prophet (ﷺ) met Adam, Idris, Moses, Jesus and Abraham, he (Abu Dhar) did not mention on which heaven they were but he mentioned that he (the Prophet (ﷺ)) met Adam on the nearest heaven and Abraham on the sixth heaven. Anas said, "When Gabriel along with the Prophet (ﷺ) passed by Idris, the latter said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious brother.' The Prophet (ﷺ) asked, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Idris.'" The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "I passed by Moses and he said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious brother.' I asked Gabriel, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Moses.' Then I passed by Jesus and he said, 'Welcome! O pious brother and pious Prophet.' I asked, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Jesus. Then I passed by Abraham and he said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious son.' I asked Gabriel, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Abraham. The Prophet (ﷺ) added, 'Then Gabriel ascended with me to a place where I heard the creaking of the pens." Ibn Hazm and Anas bin Malik said: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Then Allah enjoined fifty prayers on my followers when I returned with this order of Allah, I passed by Moses who asked me, 'What has Allah enjoined on your followers?' I replied, 'He has **ENJOINED FIFTY PRAYERS** (daily) on them (Muslims).' Moses said, 'Go back to your Lord (and appeal for reduction) for your followers will not be able to bear it.' (So, I went back to Allah and requested for reduction) and He reduced it to half. When I passed by Moses again and informed him about it, he said, 'Go back to your Lord as your followers will not be able to bear it.' So, I returned to Allah and requested for further reduction and half of it was reduced. I again passed by Moses and he said to me: 'Return to your Lord, for your followers will not be able to bear it. So, I returned to Allah and He **Said, "These are FIVE PRAYERS and they are all (equal to) fifty (in reward) for My Word does not change"**. I returned to Moses

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

and he told me to go back once again. I replied, 'Now I feel shy of asking my Lord again.' Then Gabriel took me till we "reached Sidrat-il-Muntaha (Lote tree of; the utmost boundary) which was shrouded in colors, indescribable. Then I was admitted into Paradise where I found small (tents or) walls (made) of pearls and its earth was of musk." This is how the Muslims, through Muhammad[s] were GIFTED IN MEIRAJ (Journey of Muhammad[s] in the Heavens) the Command of 5 TIMES DAILY OBLIGATORY As SALA'h.

5 Times obligatory As-Sala'h is to be performed DAILY by every individual Muslim man and every individual Muslim woman without any excuse. Even, if a person is completely paralyzed, then also, he / she will have to perform As-Sala'h on its due time, at-least by making his/her respective eye movements. EXCUSE to abandon As-Sala'h (the daily Prayers) is only for that Muslim man or woman who is in a condition of absent state of mind, like in coma etc. The children who are younger than ten years of age are also excused from the obligation of performing 5 times daily, As-Sala'h (the Prayers).

ALSO, the Muslim woman in her monthly cycle of menstruation or if she is in the condition of post-partum bleeding is excused from performing As-Sala'h (the daily Prayers) till she takes Ghushl - the bath of ceremonial purity. Allah said about the menstruating women in : Al Qur'an : Sura Baqhra : 02 Aayat : 222 *"They ask thee concerning menstruation. Say: It is hurtful pain (to menstruating woman) and a pollution: So, keep away from women in their courses, and do not approach them until they are clean. But when they have purified themselves, ye may approach them in any manner, time, or place ordained for you by Allah. For Allah loves those who turn to Him constantly and He loves those who keep themselves pure and clean"*.

Muhammad[s] was asked by a Sahaabiya[r] – female companion named Fatima[r] d/o Abi Hubaiysh regarding performing / abandoning of As-Sala'h (the Prayers) during menstruation. She asked, "O Messenger of Allah! I get persistent bleeding and I do not become clean. Shall I give up As-Salat?" Muhammad[s] said: 'No. This is only a blood vessel, it is not menstruation. So when the real menses begins give up your As-Sala'h and when it (bleeding due to menses) has finished wash the blood off your body (take Ghushl – ceremonial bath) and offer As-Sala'h". This is recorded in Sahih Buqhari : Vol : 01 H : 306. Similarly it is recorded in Sahih Buqhari : Vol : 01 H : 761 : A woman asked Aayisha[r] : "Should one of us make up the prayers that she misses during her menses"? Aayisha[r] said "Are you a Haruriyyah" – a group from among the Qhuwaarij ? "One of us (wives of the Prophet whenever) would menstruate during the time of the Messenger of Allah, then she was not ordered (by the Prophet[s]) to make up (for As-Sala'h we missed during menses)".

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

The compulsion of As-Sala'h and its strictness if neglected, can be understood from the Sayings of Muhammad[s] mentioned below.

Muhammad[s] said, regarding training Muslim children to be regular about As-Sala'h as is recorded in Abu Da'wood : Hadees : 495 : **"Command your children to Pray As-Sala'h when they become seven years old, and beat them for it (if they neglect 5 times As Sala'h daily) when they become ten years old; and arrange their beds (to sleep) separately"**.

Ibn e Ma'ja'h : Vol : 02 H : 1079 : Muhammad[s] said, *"The covenant that distinguishes between us (Muslims) and them (Non-Muslims) is As-Sala'h - Prayers; so whoever leaves it, he has committed Kufr"*.

Ibn e Ma'ja'h : Vol : 02 H : 1078 : Muhammad[s] said, *"Between us (Muslims) and Kufr (disbelief) is forsaking the As-Sala'h"*.

Ibn e Ma'ja'h : Vol : 02 H : 1426 : Muhammad[s] said, *"The first thing for which a person will be brought to account on Day of Judgment will be his As-Sala'h - prayer. If it is complete, then the voluntary (prayers) will also be recorded for him (as an increase). If it is not complete then Allah will say to His angels: 'Look and see whether you find any voluntary prayers for My slave, and take them to make up what is lacking from his obligatory prayers.' Then all his deeds will be reckoned in like manner"*.

Abu Da'wood : Vol : 05 H : 5156 AND Aadaab al Mufrad : Ch : Being a Good Master H : 158 : Ali[r] said that the last words (Ali[r] heard) Muhammad[s] said, *"As-Sala'h – 5 tims Prayers; As-Sala'h – 5 tims Prayers; Fear Allah concerning your (behaviour towards) slaves"*.

Proclaiming Allah as The Greatest followed by an Adulation of Allah through a supplication (reciting *Sanaa*), that is then followed by the Recitation of the very 1st Sura of Al Qur'an : Sura Faatiha : Aayaat : 01 to 07, followed by recitation from other parts of the Qur'an and mentioning Praises and Supplications to Allah taught by Muhammad[s], are the most important recital components of Worshipping Allah throughout As-Sala'h.

The most important actions during As-Sala'h that explicitly reflect a Muslim man or woman's slavery to Allah are basically four. They are : [1] Standing Straight with folded hands and looking down like a slave called the posture of *Qhiyaam* – Standing posture [2] Bowing down with palms on the knees, sight totally grounded between the two feet, and back absolutely flat so much so that a person shall be able to easily place a glass on the back like on a flat surface. This posture is called *Rukoo* [3] Prostrating on the ground with the forehead, nose, both palms, both knees, and all the ten digits

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

(toes) of the feet touching the surface on which you are making As-Sala'h. This is called **Sajdaa** [4] Sitting down, such that left leg is pulled inside, cross under the other leg, while you place your right buttock on the surface on which you are making As-Sala'h and place your left buttock on your right leg. This posture is called **Tashahhud** [5] Turning your head towards the right shoulder first and then towards the left shoulder to mark the conclusion of that respective As-Sala'h. This is called **Salaam**

As-SALA'h

Is an Arabic word that linguistically *has about* **8 MEANINGS**. It has been used in the Glorious Qur'an and authentic Ahadees also with different meanings. The different meanings of the Arabic word SALA'H are :

[1] **Invocation** - Al-Qur'an: Sura Tauba: 9: 103

[2] **Next after the first** i.e. Second *in position* - It is used with this meaning by great Arab poets and we all know that Sala'h is the second pillar of Islam as said by Muhammad [Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam] in Sahih Buqari: Vol: 1 Hadees: 8

[3] Allah's Special Blessing- Al-Qur'an: Sura Ahzab: 33: 56

[4] **Highly Honored Praise** and seeking Allah to Bestow His Special Blessing - Al-Qur'an: Sura Ahzab:33: 56

[5] **Monasteries and Synagogues** - Al-Qur'an: Sura Haj: 22: 40

[6] **Durood-e-Shareef** [that we read in the last portion of the last Raka of every Sala'h] - Sahih Buqari: Vol: 6 Ahadees: 4797, 4798

[7] To cause something or someone **to burn in a Fire of blazing Flame**- Al-Qur'an: Sura Masad / Lahab: 111: 01 to 03

[8] **Movement of Gastro-Solius** i.e. Solius and Gastrocnemius muscles mainly responsible for any movement or action of the lower part of the body. We Muslims make *Rukoo* and *Sujood* in the Sala'h and the movement involves more action of the lower part of the body then. *The word Sala'h has been used with the meaning of motion of lower part of the body by great Arab poets referring to it as SILWAI'N.*

ANALYSIS : If we analyze, we can conclude that all the 8 Meanings are applicable to the 5 times daily obligatory, canonical, congregational and voluntary As-Sala'h that Muslims perform as the best form of worshiping Allah.

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

As-SALA'h is the **BEST PROGRAMMING** TOWARDS **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

The **ULTIMATE PURPOSE** of As-Sala'h is programming its male and female Muslim performer to **REFRAIN** FROM ALL **EVIL** and **SHAMEFUL ACTS** throughout life by listening carefully with understanding to the Message of Qur'an being recited while performing As-Sala'h. In short, **As-Sala'h is Programming Towards Righteousness.**

- ✓ **Al Qur'an** : Sura Ankaboot : **29** Aayat : **45** : "Recite, [O Muḥammad[s], what has been Revealed to you of the Book (Al Qur'an) and establish As-Sala'h (5 times PRAYERS); Indeed, **As-SALA'H PREVENTS FROM SHAMEFULL** and **EVIL DEEDS**, and the Remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows that which you do".

In-fact the programming for righteousness while performing the five times daily obligatory, canonical, congregational As-Sala'h begins with Azaan called before each of the five times As-Sala'h.

WHAT IS AZAaN ?

- ✓ **Al Qur'an** : Sura Ma'ida : **05** Aayat : **58** : "And when you pronounce the call to Sala'h [Azaan], they [disbelievers and hypocrites] take it as mockery and fun, that is because they are a people who understand not".
- ✓ **Al Qur'an** : Sura Jum'ua : **62** Aayat : **09** : "When the call for the Sala'h is pronounced on The Day of Friday then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you if you knew".

Azaan is the pronounced invitation to entire mankind 5 times daily, called out loudly, from a Masjid i.e., a Mosque at the prescribed time of each of the 5 times daily obligatory, canonical and congregational As-Sala'h, enjoined by Allah upon every adult Muslim man and woman.

The Azaan (**Arabic**: أَذَان) also written in English as *adhaan*, *azan*, is the **Islamic** Call to As-Sala'h (5 times obligatory, canonical, congregational Prayers). The person calling the Azaan, at the 5 **prescribed times** of the day is referred in Arabic as **Mu'azzin** meaning *The Caller*. The root word of Azaan is **'Azina** أَذِن meaning "to listen, to hear, be informed about". Another derivative of

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

Azina this word is *'uzun* (أُذُن), meaning "ear".

It would not be wrong to say that the *main purpose* behind the five times loud pronouncement of the *Azaan* in every mosque, is to make available to everyone, an easily intelligible and understandably clear summary of fundamental most Islamic belief enshrined in the 1st Pillar of Islam called the *Shahaada*. In modern times, [loud-speakers](#) and other sound amplifying devices are installed on *minarets* of Mosques for this purpose. This can be better understood by understanding the words called in the five times daily *Azaan*.

WORDS and their RESPECTIVE MEANINGS pronounced in Every AZAaN

- ALLAH u AKBAR – Allah is Greater than all – **4 times** followed by
- ASH HADU-AN LAA ILAAHA ILLALLAH – I bear witness There is No God except Allah – **2 times** followed by
- ASH HADU-ANNA MUHAMMADur RASOOLuLLAH – I bear witness Muhammad[s] is the Messenger of Allah – **2 times** followed by
- HAIYYA AL-As-SALA'h – (instantly) Come For As-Sala'h – **2 times** followed by
- HAIYYA AL-AI-FALA'h – (instantly) Come For *Acutal* Success – **2 times** followed by
- **As-SALA'tu QHAIYR um MINAN NAUM** – *As-Sala'h is better than sleep* – **2 times** – This statement is pronounced **only in** Fajar Sala'h i.e. dawn time's As-Sala'h **2 times** followed by
- ALLAH u AKBAR – Allah is Greater than all – **2 times** followed by
- LAA ILAAHA ILLALLAH – I bear witness There is No God except Allah – **ONLY 1 time** and the entire *Azaan* is Concluded

HISTORY OF AZAaN

There are many reports recorded in the Books of Ahaadees (books compiled on the Sayings of Muhammad[s]), regarding the beginning of the *Azaan*. If you read the most authentic book on the Sayings of Muhammad[s], i.e., Sahih [Buqhari](#) : Vol : 01 Hadees # **603** to Hadees # **633** deal with the history of *Azaan*.

Sahih [Buqhari](#) : Vol : 01 Hadees # **604** :When the Muslims arrived at Medina, they used to assemble for the prayer, and used to guess the time for it. During those days, the practice of *Adhan* for the prayers had not been introduced yet. Once they discussed this problem

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

regarding the call for prayer. Some people suggested the use of a bell like the Christians, others proposed a trumpet like the horn used by the Jews, but `Umar was the first to suggest that a man should call (the people) for the prayer; so, Allah's Messenger(s) ordered Bilal to get up and pronounce the Adhan for prayers.

WHAT TO SAY ON HEARING THE AZAaN

- ✓ Sahih **Buqhari** : Vol : 01 Hadees # **611** : Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Whenever you hear the Adhan, say what the Mu'adh-dhin is saying".
- ✓ Sahih **Buqhari** : Vol : 01 Hadees # **613** : Yaahya[r] said, "Some of my companions told me that Hisham had said, "When the Mu'adh-dhin said, "**Haiyya Al As-Sala'h** (come for the prayer)." Muawiya[r] said, "**La hawla wala quwata illa billah** (There is no Power except with Allah)" and added, "We heard your Prophet saying the same."

INVOCATION TO SAY AFTER THE AZAaN

رَبِّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةُ التَّامَّةُ وَالصَّلَاةُ الْقَائِمَةُ
 آتِ مُحَمَّدًا الْوَسِيلَةَ وَالْفَضِيلَةَ وَابْعَثْهُ مَقَامًا مَحْمُودًا الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ

- ✓ Sahih **Buqhari** : Vol : 01 Hadees # **614** : Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Whoever after listening to the Adhan says, '**Allahumma Rabba hadhihi-dda` watit-tammah, was-salatil qa'imah, ati Muhammadan al-wasilata wal-fadilah, wa b'ath-hu maqaman mahmudan-il-ladhi wa'adtahu** - 'O Allah! Lord of this Perfect Call (of not ascribing partners to You) and of the regular As-SALA'h – the Prayer which is to be established now, Grant Muhammad[s] the right of Intercession and grant him the Distinction, and resurrect him to the best and the highest place in Paradise that You promised him; then my intercession for him/her will be allowed on Day of Resurrection".

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

BASIC PRE-REQUISITES OF As-SALA'h

There are basically two pre-requisites of Sala'h without which it is invalid.

1. GHUSL : is an Arabic word that can be translated into English as 'Ceremonial Bath'. Generally bathing is a common concept but Ceremonial Bathing is the one that is done in accordance with the authentic teachings of bathing taught by Muhammad[s]. Clean water is the main component of ceremonial bathing and the place to bath must be such that if one is completely removing his/her clothes, then they shall not be seen by anyone else and if they are bathing in a place where there are chances that others can see them, then, they cannot remove all their clothes and keeping the private parts covered by clothes is obligatory for the man and keeping entire body covered with at least a single piece of cloth is obligatory for the women and this cloth shall not be transparent so that their respective body can be seen through.

Ghusl - ceremonial bathing is obligatory after *Janaabah* – meaning, a state of ceremonial impurity, like, the state in which a man or a woman are after sexual intercourse. After intercourse (*even if only the initial part of the male genital has penetrated the female's private part*), then Ghusl – ceremonial bathing, becomes obligatory.

Ghusl - Ceremonial bathing also becomes obligatory after a person wakes up seeing a wet dream or after one has had complete sexual satisfaction with discharge by *any other way*.

Method of Muhammad[s] for performing Ghusl – ceremonial bathing for both men and women includes : [i] Washing with left hand only the private parts perfectly clean [ii] Pouring water down the entire navel area and cleaning with left hand only any place where there are traces of male or female discharge [iii] Making Wazu / ablution (next topic details how to make ablution according to teachings of Muhammad[s]) except for washing the feet and then [iv] Pouring water from right portion of the head 1 time minimum and 3 times maximum *and* from over left portion of the head 1 time minimum and 3 times maximum making sure that all hairs on the head are wet. A Muslim woman, not willing to throw open her braid / plait can do so only if she is sure to make all hairs on head wet with water as much as possible [v] Pour 1 time minimum and 3 times maximum water over the right shoulder and then 1 time minimum and 3 times maximum over the left shoulder making sure that the entire body is wet [vi] Move a little from the place of bathing and pour water over your feet and wash them just as you do at the end of every Wazu / ablution

You need to make sure during entire time of taking ceremonial bath that once you start the third action (mentioned above in the paragraph), then onwards you must not touch directly your private

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

parts with your hands.

Otherwise, you will have to repeat all the six actions (mentioned above in the paragraph). And, if you are wearing clothes while taking ceremonial bath then during the first and second action (mentioned above in the paragraph), run only your left hand inside and clean the regions that have impurity on your body.

Allah Says, “.....If ye are in a state of ceremonial impurity, bathe your whole body....”. Al Qur’an : Sura Ma’ida : 05 Aayat : 06

Sahih Buqhari : Ahaadees : 248 to 348 and Sahih Muslim : Ahaadees : 223 to 376 in detail deal with subject of Ghusl – Ceremonial bathing obligatory after ceremonial impurity.

For more details watch the video : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_g_ZhW_YBg

2. WAZU' is an Arabic word that can be translated into English as 'ablution. Ablution becomes

obligatory upon a Muslim man and a Muslim woman, basically, if they have attended the minor or major call of nature (urinating, excreting), after passing fart (emitting wind with sound and smell from anus) etc. Without Tahaarat there is no ablution and Tahaarat means using water to clean private parts used to attend call of nature and if no water then anything that would dry the wetness of urine drops or clean the area of anus. Using bricks, tissue papers etc., is permissible in case water is not available. But before making Wazu it is compulsory to make sure that after attending minor or major call of nature you have cleaned those private parts and in case you fear some drops of urine fell on your clothes then using water and with left hand clean that part of the clothes till you are satisfied that there is no impurity left on the clothes. Then after you need to make ablution in the methodology taught by Muhammad[s]. [i] Say, Bismillah (meaning, In the Name of Allah), and wash both your hands till wrist minimum one time and maximum three times [ii] goggle minimum one time and maximum three times [iii] put water as much inside your nostrils as possible, blow your nose and use the last finger of left hand to clean the nose inside minimum one time and maximum three times [iv] hold water in both your palms by folding hands like you do while supplicating and fill water in them and wash your face such that if you have beard then every hair shall be wet and no area on your face shall be left dry and do this minimum one time and maximum three times [v] take water in your right palm and roll the water over the hand till elbows and make sure your entire hand till elbow is wet and do the same now for your left hand and do minimum one time and maximum three times for each hand respectively [vi] Take water in both your palms and then drop the water and with both hands wipe your head and then with your first finger of both hands respectively clean your ears one time [vi] Wash your right foot till ankle and then left foot

SALA^{ath} – 2nd Pillar Of Islam

All notes are by Br. Imran, President of the IREF – Islamic Research & Educational Foundation

till ankle and do this act for each foot respectively minimum one time and maximum three times.

Allah Says, “O ye who believe! when ye prepare for prayer, wash your faces, and your hands (and arms) to the elbows; Rub your heads (with water); and (wash) your feet to the ankles. If ye are in a state of ceremonial impurity, bathe your whole body. But if ye are ill, or on a journey, or one of you cometh from offices of nature, or ye have been in contact with women, and ye find no water, then take for yourselves clean sand or earth, and rub therewith your faces and hands, Allah doth not wish to place you in a difficulty, but to make you clean, and to complete his favor to you, that ye may be grateful.”. Al Qur’an : Sura Ma’ida : 05 Aayat : 06

Sahih Buqhari : Ahaadees : 135 to 247 and Sahih Muslim : Ahaadees : 223 to 376 in detail deal with subject of Ghusl – Ceremonial bathing obligatory after ceremonial impurity.

For more details watch the video : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_g_ZhW_YBg

IS ALLAH ACCEPTING MY As-Sala’h ? According to a popular narration, it is said that, once a *Taabayee* i.e. The Muslim/s who lived during lifetime of male & female Companions of the Prophet[s] but not when Muhammad[s] was alive, asked a *Sahaabi*[r] i.e. male companion of Muhammad[s] that how could one know whether Allah is Accepting As-Sala’h performed by me ? The *Sahaabi*[r] in reply quoted the Aayat from Al Qur’an from Sura Ankaboot : 29 Aayat : 45 and said that if you are refraining from all the things that Allah and His Messenger Muhammad[s] have forbidden and fulfilling all the Commands of Allah and Muhammad[s], then your As-Sala’h is being accepted BUT even after performing the obligatory, canonical and congregational Prayers 5 times daily, still you commit evil and shameful acts and do not obey Allah and His Messenger’s Commands, then there is a serious apprehension that your As-Sala’h is rejected by Allah. BECAUSE Allah said in Al Qur’an : Sura Ankaboot : 29 Aayat : 45 that As-Sala’h prevents you, refrains you from all evil and shameful deeds. “Recite, [O Muḥammad[s], what has been Revealed to you of the Book (Al Qur’an) and establish PRAYERS (As Sala’h); Indeed, As-SALA’H PREVENTS FROM SHAMEFULL and EVIL DEEDS, and the Remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows that which you do” - Wallah u Aalam – And Allah Knows Best