

Ilm Essentials

Salāh Lesson 19

The Janāzah Prayer

Janāzah Prayer

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- Once the body has been prepared
 - ▣ The janāzah prayer should not be delayed
 - Disliked to delay for the purpose of attracting a larger crowd
- Janāzah prayer is a fard kifāyah
 - ▣ Must have knowledge of the person's death
- Essence of the prayer is duā for the deceased

Fard & Wājib of the Janāzah Prayer

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- Fard acts
 - ▣ Reciting the 4 takbīr
 - ▣ Standing
- Wājib acts
 - ▣ Giving the final salāms

Conditions for the Janāzah Prayer

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- All of the pre-conditions for the prayer will also apply to the janāzah prayer
 - ▣ Intention should include the funeral prayer
 - And also prayer in jamā'ah
- There is no time limit for the janāzah prayer
 - ▣ Should not be performed at the prohibited times
 - Sunrise, sunset and zenith
 - ▣ Can be performed after the fard of Fajr or Asr

Conditions for the Janāzah Prayer

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- Deceased must be a Muslim
 - ▣ Even though he was a fāsiq or bida'ti
 - Not valid to pray over a disbeliever or apostate
- The deceased and his kafn must be pure
 - ▣ Along with the place where it is put
 - Janāzah prayer is not valid if ghusl was not performed
- The deceased must be in front of the people who are praying for him
 - ▣ If he is placed behind them, the prayer is not valid

Sunnah of the Janāzah Prayer

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- Praising Allah Most High
 - ▣ Done after the first takbīr
- Sending salawāt
 - ▣ Done after the second takbīr
- Making duā for the deceased
 - ▣ Done after the third takbīr

Performing the Janāzah Prayer

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- The imām will stand opposite the chest of the deceased person
 - ▣ So that the head of the deceased will be to the right of the imām
 - For both men and women
 - Another opinion is that he stand opposite the head of the man, and the chest of a woman
- Sunnah to make at least three rows
 - ▣ Especially when only a few people
 - Not necessary to maintain an odd number of rows

Performing the Janāzah Prayer

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- Rows should be close together
 - ▣ Since there is no rukū or sajdah
- Imām will recite the takbīr tahrīmah aloud
 - ▣ Along with all other takbīr
 - Followers will recite them all softly
 - ▣ The hands will only be raised with the first takbīr
- Everyone will tie their hands
- After the initial takbīr
 - ▣ Everyone will recite the thanā softly
 - No Fātihah or Quran in this salāh

Performing the Janāzah Prayer

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- After the second takbīr
 - ▣ Everyone will recite salawāt Ibrāhīmiyyah softly
- After the third takbīr
 - ▣ Everyone will make duā softly
 - Keeping their hands tied
 - Reading the sunnah duā is best
 - Increases the chance of acceptance by Allah
- After the fourth takbīr
 - ▣ The imām will pronounce both salām aloud
 - Followers will pronounce them softly
 - Nothing will be read after this takbīr except the salām

Performing the Janāzah Prayer

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- If the imām only performs one salām
 - ▣ Perform the second on your own
- There is no duā made after the prayer
 - ▣ Since the essence of the prayer itself is duā
- As soon as the prayer is complete the procession should begin toward the graveyard
 - ▣ With the head of the deceased toward the front

Janāzah Prayer Duā (Adult)

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اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا
وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا
اَللّٰهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ
وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيْمَانِ

“Oh Allah, forgive those of us who are alive and those who are dead, those who are present and those who are absent

Those who are young and those who are old, our males and our females

Oh Allah, whoever you keep alive, let him live as a follower of Islām

And whoever you cause to die, let him die upon faith”

Janāzah Prayer Duā (Boy)

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اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا فَرَطًا وَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا اَجْرًا وَّ ذُخْرًا
وَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا شَافِعًا وَّ مُشَفَّعًا

“Oh Allah, make him one who is sent forth on our behalf, as well as a reward and a stored treasure for us. Make him an intercessor for us and accept his intercession”

Janāzah Prayer Duā (Girl)

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وَ اجْعَلْهَا لَنَا شَافِعَةً وَ مُشَفَّعَةً

“Oh Allah, make her one who is sent forth on our behalf,
as well as a reward and a stored treasure for us. Make
her an intercessor for us and
accept her intercession”

Regulations of the Janāzah Prayer

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- Should remove your shoes for the salāh
 - ▣ If not, make sure that the shoes are pure
- If you fear missing the janāzah prayer by performing wudū
 - ▣ Will perform tayammum
- Prayer over one who commits suicide is valid
 - ▣ Because he is still a believer, despite his sin
- If one was buried without a janāzah prayer
 - ▣ It will be offered over their grave
 - Unless the body has disintegrated

Janāzah Prayer and Children

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- Janāzah for a child is the same as an adult
 - ▣ Except when you make duā for an adult
 - It is for their forgiveness
 - ▣ When you make duā for a child or insane person
 - It is asking Allah for blessings through the child
 - Because they have no sin
- A baby in whom the sign of life was seen or heard, but who died immediately after
 - ▣ Will be named, given a ghusl, wrapped in the kafn, prayed over and buried

Janāzah Prayer and Children

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- Prayer will not be offered for a still-born child
 - ▣ He should be named, given a ghusl, wrapped in a cloth and buried
- In the case of a miscarriage
 - ▣ If the limbs are formed
 - It will be considered a still-born
 - ▣ Otherwise it will be wrapped in a cloth and buried
 - No name or ghusl

Where to Perform the Janāzah

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- Traditionally, makrūh to perform the janāzah prayer in a masjid
 - ▣ Ideal place is at the area reserved for it
 - Some said permissible if done in a side room or courtyard
 - Or if the body and the imām and some followers are in a side room and the rest in the masjid
- Should not be made an issue today
 - ▣ Weather also plays a role

Carrying the Casket

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- The deceased should be buried in the closest Muslim cemetery
 - ▣ Or in the closest cemetery which has a designated area for Muslims
 - Permissible to transfer it short distances
 - Longer distances would be makrūh
- Mustahabb to carry the casket
 - ▣ Such that the head of the deceased is facing the direction you are walking

Carrying the Casket

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- Praiseworthy that the bearers walk quickly
 - ▣ But not so hastily as to be unstable
- Walking behind the casket is better than in front
 - ▣ Permissible to walk in front
 - Permissible to follow in a vehicle

Carrying the Casket

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- Makrūh to praise Allah and recite Quran aloud while following
 - ▣ Followers can make duā or recite the kalimah softly, or remain silent
 - ▣ Permissible to weep softly
 - Weeping with a loud voice is makrūh
- Makrūh to sit before the casket is put inside the grave
- Makrūh for women to follow the casket

Burial of the Deceased

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- The body will be inserted into the grave from the Qiblah side of the grave
- The deceased will be lowered, head first, into the grave
 - ▣ Those who lower it should say
 - بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
- The body will be turned on its right side so that the face and chest are in the direction of the Qiblah
 - ▣ The knots of the shroud will be untied

Burial of the Deceased

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- For a woman, her mahram men should place her into the grave
 - ▣ Generally not the husband
 - Mustahabb to hold a sheet over the top of the grave
 - Will not be done for a man

Burial of the Deceased

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- All those present should throw three handfuls into the grave, with each handful saying
 - مِنْهَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ
 - وَفِيهَا نُعِيدُكُمْ
 - وَمِنْهَا نُخْرِجُكُمْ تَارَةً أُخْرَى
 - ▣ “From it (the earth) We created you”
 - ▣ “And to it We will return you”
 - ▣ “And from it We will bring you out once again” (Quran 20:55)

Burial of the Deceased

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- Then other means will be used to fill in the grave
- Then seek forgiveness and make duā (facing the Qiblah)
 - ▣ Can also recite Quran
 - Sūrah al-Baqarah, verses 1-5, at the head
 - Sūrah al-Baqarah, verses 285-286, at the feet
- The questioning in the grave will now begin

Issues Related to Burial

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- A casket should not be used in the grave
 - ▣ If required by law, choose the most degradable
- Not permissible to build on the grave for adornment
 - ▣ Permissible to place a marker on top
 - To indicate the grave so that it won't be desecrated

Consoling the Bereaved

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- “Every believer who consoles his brother in distress, will be dressed by Allah in a garb of honor on the Day of Resurrection” (Ibn Mājah)
- Praiseworthy to prepare food for the bereaved family
- Praiseworthy to express sorrow and sympathy

Visiting Graves

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- Visiting the graveyard is a sunnah
 - ▣ Men should visit on a regular basis
 - Women can also visit as long as they can observe calmness and patience
 - However they should visit infrequently
- Whoever visits a grave should stand facing the deceased, greet him and supplicate for him
 - ▣ Also recommended to recite Sūrah Yā Sīn
- Take care not to step on or over the graves
- No sajdah or bowing toward any grave
- No leaving flowers or other items on the grave
 - ▣ Can remove dry weeds/plants

Duā When Visiting Graves

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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الدِّيَارِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَ إِنَّا إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ بِكُمْ لِلْآخِرَةِ
أَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ لَنَا وَ لَكُمْ الْعَافِيَةَ

“Peace be upon you, Oh dwellers of this place, Believers
and Muslims

Verily when Allah wills, we will join you
I ask Allah to grant us and you safety”