

# Ilm Essentials

## Salāh Lesson 14

# Eid Prayers

# The Two Eid Prayers

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- The word “eid” refers to a celebration or rejoicing
  - ▣ Arabic root means “to return, again and again”
- The two eid prayers are wājib on everyone upon whom jumuah is fard
  - Male, free, resident, healthy and mature
  - ▣ Eid al-Fitr (at the end of Ramadān)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> of Shawwāl
  - ▣ Eid al-Adhā (on the Day of Sacrifice)
    - 10<sup>th</sup> of Dhul-Hijjah

# The Two Eid Prayers

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- The eid prayers consist of two rakāh with 6 extra takbīrs
  - ▣ Three extra in each rakāh
- The conditions for the validity of the eid prayer are the same as those for jumuah
  - ▣ City, time of the prayer, approval of the ruler, jamā'ah, open accessibility
    - Except that the khutbah is not wājib
      - Nor will it precede the prayer

# The Two Eid Prayers

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- If you miss the eid prayer, you cannot pray by yourself
  - ▣ If there is another prayer in the vicinity
    - Wājib to attend that prayer
      - If not you will return home
- The eid khutbah is sunnah
  - ▣ But if delivered, wājib to listen attentively
    - Sunnah that the khutbah be delivered after the prayer
- Everything disliked in the jumuah khutbah is disliked in the eid khutbah

# Time of the Eid Prayers

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- Time for the eid prayers begins after the sun has risen sufficiently
  - ▣ Continues until just before Dhuhr
    - Preferable to pray as early as possible
- Makrūh to perform any sunnah or nafl prayer before the eid prayer
  - ▣ Regardless of whether at home or at the eid grounds
    - Also makrūh to perform any sunnah or nafl at the eid grounds after the prayer

# Sunnah Acts for Eid al-Fitr

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- Keep the night of eid alive with worship
  - ▣ “Whoever stands in worship on the nights of the two Eids expecting a reward from his Lord, his heart will not die the day the hearts die” (Ibn Mājah)
- Wake up early
  - ▣ So that you can prepare for the prayer
- Perform ghusl
- Use the miswāk
- Apply scent or perfume

# Sunnah Acts for Eid al-Fitr

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- Wear the best clothes you possess
  - ▣ Within the rulings of the sharīah
    - White is optimal
- Eat something (sweet) before going for the prayer
  - ▣ Mustahabb to eat an odd number of dates
    - The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) used to do this (Bukhāri)
- Pay sadaqah al-fitr before going for the prayer
- Perform the prayer at the eid grounds (ideally outside)
  - ▣ If necessary, can also be performed in the masjid



# Sunnah Acts for Eid al-Fitr

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- Proceed to the eid grounds as early as possible
  - ▣ So as to be in the first row
- Proceed on foot if possible
  - ▣ Permissible to use transportation
- Recite the takbīr softly on the way
  - Stop recitation upon reaching the eid grounds
    - Or when the salāh begins
- Take different routes when going to, and coming from, the eid grounds

# How to Perform the Eid Prayers

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- Make intention
  - ▣ Including intention to follow the imām
- Say takbīr tahrīmah and tie your hands
- Recite thanā
- Recite three extra takbīrs
  - ▣ Each time raising your hands and letting them fall to your side
    - The imām will recite the takbīrs aloud
      - The follower will recite them softly
- After the third extra takbīr
  - ▣ Tie your hands again

# How to Perform the Eid Prayers

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- Imām will recite ta'awwudh and basmalah softly
- Imām will recite the Fātihah and the additional recitation aloud
  - ▣ Mustahabb to recite Sūrah al-A'la and al-Ghāshiyah
- Continue the prayer as usual
- After the additional recitation of the second rakāh
  - ▣ Recite three extra takbīrs
    - Each time raising your hands and letting them fall to your side

# How to Perform the Eid Prayers

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- With your hands at your side, recite the fourth takbār and go into rukū
  - ▣ Do not raise your hands for this takbār
    - This fourth takbār is also wājib
- Complete the prayer as usual
- The imām will deliver two khutbahs
  - ▣ Instructing the people concerning sadaqah al-fitr
    - He will start them with the magnification of Allah by saying “Allāhu akbar”

# Missing Part of the Eid Prayer

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- If you miss the initial 3 takbīr with the imām
  - ▣ Perform them as soon as you join the prayer
    - Even if the imām is reciting
- If you join while the imām is in rukū
  - ▣ Perform the takbīrs, assuming you will not miss the rukū
- If you fear missing the rukū
  - ▣ Go straight into rukū and recite the 3 takbīrs in rukū
    - Without raising the hands
      - Instead of the tasbīhāt
        - If there is time recite the tasbīhāt
  - ▣ If the imām rises from rukū before you have finished all 3 takbīr
    - Leave them and follow the imām

# Missing Part of the Eid Prayer

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- If you miss the first rakāh with the imām
  - ▣ Recite the 3 missed takbīr after your recitation of the Fātihah and the additional sūrah
    - Not at the beginning of the rakāh as expected
- If you miss the second rukū with the imām
  - ▣ Recite the takbīrs in their usual place when you complete the two rakāh on your own

# Eid al-Adhā

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- The rulings concerning the prayer of Eid al-Adhā are similar to those concerning Eid al-Fitr
- The sunnah acts are the same for both eids, except
  - ▣ Do not eat anything before the eid prayer
    - So that the sacrificial meat is the first thing you taste
  - ▣ Recite the takbīr loudly en route to the eid grounds
    - As well as at the eid grounds
  - ▣ The khutbah for Eid al-Adhā will instruct the people concerning the qurbāni and takbīr at-tashrīq
    - There is no sadaqah al-fitr for this eid

# Various Issues

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- If the imām performs extra takbīrs, you should follow the imām
  - ▣ Common method today is 12 takbīr
    - 7 in the first rakāh and 5 in the next
  - ▣ Unless he recites more than 16 takbīr
    - In which case you will remain silent
- There is no adhān or iqāmah for either eid prayer



# Various Issues

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- If eid falls on a Friday, this has no bearing on jumuah
  - ▣ Jumuah, along with the khutbah, will still be fard
    - The eid khutbah cannot suffice for the jumuah khutbah
- You will perform eid based on the country you are in
  - ▣ Regardless of how many days you have fasted previously
    - Even if you have only done 28 fasts
  - ▣ You will then finish the remaining fast later
- Should perform tayammum if necessary to catch the prayer

# Various Issues

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- Not a specific sunnah to say “Eid Mubārak”
  - ▣ Neither is hugging (three times)
    - تَقَبَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنَّا وَ مِنْكَ
- Should women attend the eid
  - ▣ The saḥābiyah did attend the eid
    - Generally recommended for the women to go
  - ▣ Today it would depend on the circumstances and environment

# Sadaqah al-Fitr

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- Sadaqah al-fitr is wājib upon every well-off, sane, mature Muslim
  - ▣ Male or female
    - Resident or traveler
- “Well-off” is defined as being in possession of 612.36 grams of silver or its equivalent
  - ▣ In excess of your immediate debts and basic needs
- Becomes wājib with the entering of Fajr that morning
  - ▣ Not necessary that you had this wealth for an entire year

# Sadaqah al-Fitr

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- Wājib for a wealthy father to pay on behalf of his poor minor children
  - ▣ From his own wealth
- If his minor children have wealth
  - ▣ The money can be taken from their wealth
    - If the guardian did not give it
      - The child will give it themselves
        - Either at that time or later
- The sadaqah is half a sāl (4.85 lbs) of wheat or wheat flour
  - ▣ Or one sāl (9.7 lbs) of dried dates, raisins or barley
    - Permissible/preferable to pay their value in cash

# Sadaqah al-Fitr

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- Permissible to pay on behalf of another
  - ▣ With their permission
    - A man can give on behalf of those in his household without their explicit permission
- Mustahabb to give the sadaqah before you proceed to the prayer
  - ▣ Makrūh tanzīh to delay until after the prayer
    - Regardless of the duration of delay
  - ▣ If it is delayed, it is still considered current (adā) and not past due (qadā)
  - ▣ Valid to pay it before the day of eid
    - Probably best to pay ahead of time
      - Ideally anytime after Ramadān begins
- Can only be given to those eligible to receive zakāh

# Questions and Discussion

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