

Qira'at (recitation)

Issue No.1- In the daily obligatory prayers, one should recite Surah al-Hamd in the first and second Rak'ats, and thereafter one should recite one complete Surah.

Issue No.2- It is not permissible to recite the Surahs which contain verses of Wajib Sajdah, in Prayer.

Issue No.3- The Surah az Zuha and Surah Inshirah are treated as one Surah in Prayer, and so are the Surah al-Fil and Quraysh.

Issue No.4- If the time left for Prayer is little, or if a person has to helplessly abandon the Surah because of fear that a thief, a beast, or anything else, may do him harm, or if he has an important work, then it is not Wajib to recite the other Surah after Hamd.

Issue No.5- If a person intentionally recites Surah before Hamd, his prayer is void, and if he does it by mistake, and realizes this while reciting it, he should abandon the Surah and recite Hamd first, and then the Surah.

Issue No.6- If a person forgets to recite Hamd and Surah, or either of them and realizes after reaching the Ruku, his prayers are in order.

Issue No.7- If a person realizes before bowing for Ruku, that he has not recited Hamd and Surah, he should recite them, and if he realizes that he has not recited the Surah, he should recite the Surah only. But, if he realizes that he has

not recited Hamd only, he should recite Hamd first and then recite the Surah again.

Issue No.8- If the person in prayer forgets a part of a Surah, or cannot complete it owing to helplessness, like very little time of prayer is left, he can abandon that Surah and recite some other Surah.

Issue No.9- It is Wajib for a man to recite Surah al-Hamd and the other Surah loudly, while offering Fajr, Maghrib and Isha prayers, and it is Wajib for a man to recite Surah al-Hamd and the other Surah silently while offering Zuhr and Asr prayers, except the sentence of **Bismillah** **Rahmanir Rahim**.

Issue No.10- A woman must recite Surah al-Hamd and other Surah in Zuhr and Asr prayers silently, but she can recite Surah al-Hamd and other Surah in Fajr, Maghrib and Isha prayers loudly or silently.

Issue No.11- If a person intentionally prays loudly where he should pray silently, and vice versa, his prayer is void. But, if, he does so owing to forgetfulness, his prayer is in order.

Issue No.12- In the third and fourth Rak'ats of prayers, one may either read only Surah al-Hamd or Tasbehat Arba'ah - ***Subhanallahi wal hamdu lillahi wa la ilaha illallahu wallahu Akbar*** which may be said once, although it is better that it should be said three times. It is also permissible to recite Surah al-Hamd in one Rak'at, and Tasbehat Arba'ah in the other.

Issue No.13- As an obligatory precaution, it is obligatory for men and women that in the third and fourth Rak'ats, they should recite Surah al-Hamd or Tasbihat Arba'ah silently.

Issue No.14- It is Mustahab that in the first Rak'at one should say **A'uzu billahi Minash shaytanir Rajim** before reciting Surah al-Hamd,

Issue No.15- A new converted Muslim who cannot recite Surah al-Hamd and other Surah, he can recite Tasbih instead of Qiraat in his prayers.
