

Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Azha prayers

Issue No. 1- Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Azha prayers are obligatory during the time of Imam (A.S.) and it is necessary to offer them in congregation. However, during the present time when the Holy Imam is in occultation, these prayers are Mustahab, and may be offered individually or in congregation.

Issue No. 2- The time of Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Azha prayers is from sunrise of the Eid day till Zuhr (Time of Zawal).

Issue No. 3- Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Azha prayers have two Rak'ats. In the first Rak'at, one should recite Surah al-Hamd and another Surah and then say five takbirs, and after every takbir he should recite Qunut. After the fifth Qunut, he should say another takbir and then perform Ruku' and two Sajdah. He should then stand up to perform the second Rak'at, and say four takbirs after reciting Surah al-Hamd and another Surah, and recite Qunut after every one of these takbirs. Thereafter, he should say the fifth takbir and then perform Ruku' and two Sajdah. After the second Sajdah he should recite tashahhud, and then complete the prayers with Salam.

Issue No. 4- Any Du'a will suffice in Qunut. However it is better that the following Du'a is recited:

Allahumma ahlal kibriya'i wal 'azamah, wa ahlal judi wal jabarut, wa ahlal 'afwi war rahma, wa ahlal taqwa wal maghfirah. As aluka bihaqqi hazal yawm, allazi ja'altahu lil muslimina 'ida, wali Muhammadin sallallahu 'Alaihi wa Alihi,

zukhran wa sharafan wa karamatan wa mazida, an tusalliya ‘ala Muhammadin wa Ali Muhammad, wa an tudkhilani fi kulli khayrin adkhalta fihi Muhammadan wa aala Muhammad, wa an tukhrijani min kulli sou’in akhrajta minhu Muhammadan wa aala Muhammad, salawatuka ‘alayhi wa ‘alayhim. Alla humma inni as aluka khayra ma sa alaka bihi ibadukas salihun, wa aouzu bika mimmasta aza minhu ibadukal mukhlasun.

Issue No. 5- It is Mustahab to observe the following in Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Azha prayers.

1- To recite the Qira’at aloud.

2- To recite two sermons after the prayers. There is no difference between the Eid sermons and the Friday prayer sermons, except that the two sermons in Friday prayers are delivered before Friday prayer while in Eid prayers, the two sermons are delivered after the prayers. (the two sermons are delivered if the prayer is offered in congregation).

3- No particular Surah has been specified for Eid prayers. But, it is better that after reciting Surah al-Hamd in the first Rak’at , Surah **Sabbi Hisma Rabbikal ’Ala** and in the second Rak’at Surah **Wash Shams** be recited.

4- To say the following takbirs on Eidul-Fitr:

“Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, la ilaha illallahu wallahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, wa lillahil hamd, Allahu Akbar ala ma hadana.”

5- In Eid ul-Azha, it is Mustahab to say after the above-mentioned **takbirs**:

“Allahu Akbar ‘ala ma razaqana min bahimatil an’am, wal hamdu lillahi ‘ala ma ablana”.

6- It is Mustahab to perform the Eid prayers in the open fields, if it is possible.

Issue No. 6- If a person, forgetfully, does not say Qira’at, or Takbirs or Qunuts, and while in Ruku', remembers his prayer is in order.
