



In The Name of Allah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy

## **The Obligatory (Wajib) Elements of the Salaat**

Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakhatahu

Upon us today is a subject that needs explanation to every Muslim. Allah says for us to Pray and

He alhamdulillah directed our Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, to teach us how we should pray.

And we learn this from the Sunnah.

### **What is the meaning of Wajib/Fard?**

The meaning of wajib and Fard are exact or interchangeable words. It means what is required, necessary, essential from what you have been commanded with or forbidden from. It is binding upon you. {parts- Hans Wehr, page 1049}

### **What are the 8 wajib/Fard elements for Salaat? Pgs. 241-244**

The eight elements upon which the correctness of one's prayer depends are as follows:

- Saying all of the Takbir (except for the first one which is Arkan)
- Saying "Subhana Rabi'Al Azeem" and
- "Subhana Rabi'Al Ala"
- Saying "Sami-Allahu liman hamidah" (Imam, and the Individual)
- Saying "Rabbana wa Lakal Hamd"
- Saying "Rabbigh-firlee"
- The first Tashahhud
- Lastly, sitting for it, (the first tashahhud)

Remember the Arabic and English meanings for each phrase mention

### **What is the difference between Arkan and the Wajibat of Salaat?**

The difference between the pillars of prayer and the obligatory elements of prayer is that if one leaves out a pillar of the prayer on purpose or even if by forgetfulness then his prayer is nullified (void-not accepted). However, only if you purposely leave off one of the obligatory elements will your salaat be voided. If you forget one of the obligatory elements in the prayer you can make it up with a sujud-as-sahw (prostration for forgetfulness).