



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

The Conditions (*Shurut*) for 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 ﷺ, to teach us how we should pray.

And we learn this from the Sunnah.

What is a Shart?

We have explained this word before here "Understanding the 7 conditions", however from the text of this book we shall add to it. In general it means "condition". This linguistically means a "sign". In the Shariah (laws of Islam), it has been explained in simply terms: "If there is no purity then there is no prayer, but if one is pure it is not necessarily the case that he has to pray (at that specific moment)." The plural term for Shart is Shurut. Hence, condition becomes conditions.

What are the 9 Shurut for Salaat? Pgs. 236-240

The nine conditions upon which the correctness of one's prayer depends are as follows:

- You must be a Muslim (Have accepted Islam) and the proof for this is the ayat [3:85]
- You must be a sane person. For the pen has been raised from the insane person. The proof for this is the hadith recorded by Imam Ahmad.
- You must be of Age. The age of discernment for children in Islam is at the age of 7, the proof for this is the hadith recorded by Al-Hakim, Imam Ahmad, and Abu Dawud.
- The removal of hadath, and there are lesser and greater forms of hadath. These include menstruation, intercourse that can be purified with Ghusl. The lesser form includes things like the passing of wind which is purified with Wudhu.
- The removal of impurities from (3) from one's body, clothing and place of prayer.
- Covering of one's awrah (will be explained)
- The entrance of the time for prayer. Allah says (translated to mean): "Verily, the prayer is enjoined on the believers at fixed hours." [4:103] and there are other proofs we shall cover in class for notes.
- Facing the Qiblah [2:144]
- Intention to Pray in your heart. To utter it by mouth is a bid'ah.

Vocabulary: Shart, Shurut, Muslim, Hadath, Taharah, Awrah, Qiblah, and Niyyah

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