

What du'aa should be recited after the Fardh salaah?

Q: Salaah - 94: When Sunan and Nawaafil salaahs have to be performed after the Fardh salaah of Zuhr, Maghrib and Isha, is it proper to recite any du'aas other than:

ALLAAHUMM ANTS?SALAAMU WAMINKAS?SALAAMU TABAARAKT YAA JAL JALAALI WAL IKRAAM.

Our Imaam refuses to do so and states that it is against the Sunnah to do so. He quotes an extract from Fataawaa Aalamgeeri stating that after these salaahs, the Imaam should start performing the Sunnah salaahs and not engage in lengthy du'aas. Please explain.

Answer: It is not only permissible but also better to add du'aas to this du'aa after the Zuhr, Maghrib and Isha salaahs. It is not against the Sunnah. In fact, there are great virtues attached to them. When Rasulullaah SAW. was asked which du'aas are most readily accepted, he replied that they were the du'aas made at the last portion of the night and after the Fardh salaah. Another Hadith states that Rasulullaah SAW. told Hadhrat Mu'aadh bin Jabal RADI. to recite after the Fardh salaah:

ALLAHUMM A?INNEE ALAA DHIKRIKA WASHUKRIK WA HUSNEE IBAADATIK.

After quoting these two Ahadeeth, the author of Daleelut Taalib alaa Iriahil Mataalib (pg.323) states that these two narrations prove that it is Masnoon to recite du'aas after the Fardh (obligatory) salaah.

When Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah RADI. was asked whether he had memorised the words that Rasulullaah SAW. recited after making Salaam after salaah), he replied in the affirmative. He then recited the du'aa, which was:

SUBHAAN RABBIK RABBUL IZZATI AMM YASIFUN WA?SALAAMUN ALAL MURSALIN WAL HAMDU LILLAHI RABBIL AA?LAMEEN.

A narration of Bukhaari (Vol.1 Pg.717) states that Rasulullaah SAW. recited the following du'aa after the Fardh salaah:

LAA ILAAHA ILLALAAHU WAH DAHU LA?SHARIKLAHU LAHUL MULKU WALHUL HAMDU YUHYEE WAYOMEETU BIYADIHIL KHAYR WAHUV ALAAKULLI SHAY EEN QADEER ALLHUMM LAA?MAANI?A LIMAA A?ATAYT WALAA MUA TIY LEEMA MAN AA?AT? WALAA YAN FA?OO DHAL JADDI MEEN KAL JADD.

The Ahadeeth also cite numerous virtues for reciting the following du'aa after the Fajr and? maghrib salaahs

LAA ILAAHAA ILALL? LAAHU WAHDAHU LAA?SHAREEKLAHU LAHULMULKU WAL HUL HAMDU WAHUV ALAA KULLEE SHAY?IN QADEER.

It is because of these narrations that Shah Wali'ullaah Muhaddith Dehlawi RAH. says that (ASHTAG FEERULLAAH) should be recited thrice after salaah, followed by other du'aa after:

ALLAAHUMM ANTAS? SALAAMU WAMEEN KAS?SALAAMU TABAARAKT YAA DHAL JALAALI WAL IKRAAM.

He then adds that these should be recited before the Sunnah salaahs because certain narrations state that they should be recited like this.

The Ahadeeth mention great virtues of several du'aas that are to be recited after the Fardh salaah. While it is not necessary that all of them be recited after every salaah, reciting a few of them will suffice to follow the Sunnah.

The gist of it all is that other du'aa may be added to (ALLAHUM ANTAS?SALAAM?.) and the delay in performing the Sunnah salaahs thereafter is just as they would be delayed by going home to perform them. It will not reduce the rewards of the Sunnah salaahs at all. Shah Abdul Haqq Muhaddith Dehlawi RAH. states that reciting Aayatul Kursi and other du'aa after the Fardh salaah does not conflict with the instruction to perform the Sunnah salaah without delay.

The Imaam should not however make it a habit of reciting lengthy du'aas, which will considerably delay the Sunnah salaahs and cause difficulty to the Musallis. This is what is meant by the text of Fataawaa Aalamgeeri. For more details, one may refer to the book Nafaa'isul Marghooba fi Hukmid Du'aa ba'dal Maktoobah. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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