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FAQ'S PERTAINING TO TARAWEEH SALAAH



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Bismillahi was Salaatu was Salaamu ala Rasulillah

Q.

What is the status of Taraweeh Salaah?

A.

It is Sunnah Mu'akkadah for males and females to perform 20 Rakaats of Taraweeh Salaah. Rasulullah ﷺ has stated, *“Whoever stands (for Taraweeh) in Ramadaan with Imaan and hoping for reward from Allah, all his past sins will be forgiven.”* (Sahih Bukhari)

Q.

How many Rakaats are there in Taraweeh Salaah?

A.

Taraweeh Salaah consists of 20 Rakaats for both males and females. Sayyiduna Ibn Abbas ؓ narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ used to perform twenty Rakaats followed by Witr in the month of Ramadan. (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaibah)

Q.

How many people are required to perform Taraweeh Salaah in congregation at home?

A.

A minimum of two people are required to perform Taraweeh Salaah in congregation like other Salaah at home (excluding Jumuah Salaah where a minimum of 4 adult males are required).



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Q.

Who should lead the Taraweeh Salaah?

A.

The general rules that apply as to who should serve as the Imaam in normal Salaah apply to Taraweeh Salaah, i.e. the person should be a mature (Baaligh) male, who knows how to perform Salaah properly and is able to recite the Quran correctly.

Q.

What should be recited in the Taraweeh Salaah?

A.

It is Sunnah for the entire Quran to be recited once in the Taraweeh Salaah. If there is a Hafiz or Huffaaz, who are residents in the home and are able to recite the entire Quran then this would be best. If this is not possible, then one may recite whatever Paras or Surahs one knows of the Quran.

Q.

Does Witr Salaah have to be performed in congregation during the month of Ramadaan?

A.

In the month of Ramadaan, it is preferred to perform Witr Salaah in congregation. If one read Taraweeh Salaah in congregation, he should also read the Witr Salaah in congregation.



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Q.

If a Hafiz cannot manage to recite the Quraan on his own, what should be recited?

A.

If a Hafiz cannot manage to recite the Quran on his own or he makes numerous errors and there is no one at home who can correct him in Salaah, then he should only read that amount of the Quran that he can manage. It is better to read less of the Quran properly than to recite the entire Quran with serious errors.

Q.

How should women perform Taraweeh Salaah?

A.

Females may perform Taraweeh Salaah individually or by following the men at home.

Q.

Does the Imaam in Taraweeh Salaah have to make intention for women who are in the congregation?

A.

It is necessary for the Imaam to make the intention of leading the women as well.



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Q. How should the Sufoof (rows) in a congregational Salaah be formed?



Adult (Baaligh) males shall stand in the 1st row/s, male children in the second row, adult (Baaligh) females in the third row and female children in the last row.

If there is only one child, then he/she may join the adult row. Two or more children will stand in their own row.



If a Haafiz leads Taraweeh Salaah at home, is it permissible for a Haafiza (female) who is a Mahram (eg. sister) to correct his mistakes?



Yes, it is permissible for a Haafiza to correct the Imaam if he is her Mahram (eg. brother/husband). However, if there are Ghayr Mahrams (men with whom Nikaah is valid) in the congregation, she should not correct the Imaam. Rather, she should clap her hands (with the fingers of the right hand on the back of her left hand) to alert the Imaam of his mistake. Nonetheless, if she does correct the mistake the Salaah will be valid.



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Q.

Can men and women follow the Imaam through live streaming via Radio etc. for normal Salaah, Taraweeh Salaah or Jumuah Salaah?

A.

One of the primary conditions for the validity of Salaah is that there should not be a significant break in the rows (Saffs) of the followers and the Imaam. The Imaam and the followers must be in the same venue. Since, this is non-existent and not possible in the case of live streaming, Salaah in this way is not valid.

And Allah Ta'ala knows best

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(Islamic rulings are answered in accordance to Hanafi Fiqh)