

Sajdah Tilaawah

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1. What Does Sajdah Tilawah Mean?

Sajdah Tilawah literally means 'Prostration of Recitation'.

2. What is Sajdah Tilawah?

- ✓ There are 14 places in the Qur'an where the word 'Sajdah' (سجدة) appears on the margin of the page.
- ✓ If a person reads or hears these specific portions of the Qur'an, it becomes Wājib¹ (necessary) on that person to make Sajdah.
- ✓ This Sajdah is known as Sajdah Tilawah.

3. How Many Places Of Sajdah Tilawah Are In The Qur'an?

There are **14** such places in the Qur'an. They are as follows:

Number	Juz'	Sūrah Name	Sūrah Number	Āyah (Verse)
1	9	Al 'A'rāf	7	206
2	13	Ar Ra'd	13	15
3	14	An Nahl	16	49 & 50
4	15	Banī Isrāīl	17	107 to 109
5	16	Maryam	19	58
6	17	Al Hajj	22	18
7	19	Al Furqān	25	60
8	19	An Naml	27	25 & 26
9	21	As Sajdah	32	15
10	23	Sād	38	24 & 25
11	24	Hā Mīm, As Sajdah	41	37 & 38
12	27	An Najm	53	62
13	30	Al Inshiqāq	84	21
14	30	Al 'Alaq	96	19





¹ Missing a Wājib act is a sinful act.

4. What Is The Method Of Performing Sajdah Tilāwah?

This depends on whether a person is in Salāh or outside Salāh.

Outside Salāh:

If a person *recites or hears* an Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah *outside Salāh* (for example when reciting the Qur'ān), then the method of performing Sajdah Tilāwah is as follows:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
			
<p>Close the Qur'ān at the first possible opportunity.</p>	<p>Stand up and face the Qiblah.</p>	<p><i>Without</i> raising both hands, say "Allāhu Akbar" and go into Sajdah. Say "Subhāna Rabbiyal A'lā" at least 3 times.</p>	<p>Say "Allāhu Akbar" and stand up again. <i>The Sajdah Tilāwah is now complete.</i> Salām does not need to be done.</p>

In Salāh:

1. If a person recites an Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah *whilst performing Salāh on his own*, then he will immediately say 'Allāhu Akbar' (اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ) and go into Sajdah. He will recite *Subhana Rabbiyal A'la* (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى) at least 3 times, then say 'Allāhu Akbar' (اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ), stand up again and continue with his Salāh.

If the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah is in the *middle* of a Sūrah, then after standing up the person will continue with the Sūrah, **without** reciting Tasmiyah again.

If the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah is at the *end* of a Sūrah, then after standing up the person will start another Sūrah, or pray any few verses of the Qur'ān **after** reciting Tasmiyah.

2. When performing Salāh behind the Imām, if the Imām recites an Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah in Salāh, the Imām will immediately go into Sajdah and the people behind him will also follow.

Important Notes:

- It is also permissible to go into Sajdah and come up from it *while in a sitting position*, as in the case when many Sajdah need to be performed. In other words, it is not necessary to perform Sajdah Tilāwah from a standing position.
- It is *better* to perform the Sajdah Tilāwah *immediately after reciting the Āyah*. Doing it later is also allowed. However, too much delay is Makrūh (disliked) and makes a person sinful.

5. What If A Person Just Hears The Recitation Of An Āyah Of Sajdah Tilāwah?

If a person hears another person reciting an Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah, then Sajdah Tilāwah becomes Wājib on the listener (and obviously the reciter) *as long as he hears it via "live broadcast"* - For example, listening to *live* recitation online, on the radio or via a Masjid transmitter.

However, if a person hears a "*recording*" of the recitation of an Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah from a CD player, Mobile phone, IPod, computer etc, then Sajdah Tilāwah will **not** be necessary.

6. What Are The Conditions For Sajdah Tilāwah?

The conditions for performing Sajdah Tilāwah are the same as the conditions for Salāh:

1. Cleanliness of the body (including Wudhu), clothes and place.
2. Covering of the private parts ('Āwrah).
3. Facing the Qiblah.
4. Making an intention.

7. What If The Same Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah Is Recited Or Heard Many Times?

In the above scenario, only one Sajdah will need to be performed as long as the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah is recited or heard whilst in the same place. If a person changes his place, then Sajdah Tilāwah will become Wājib according to the number of places changed.

Ponder over the following example:

Muhsin was learning his Quran Sabaq at home and he recited the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah five times whilst sitting (in the same place) in the front room. He then moved to his bedroom and recited the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah, whilst sitting in the same place, a further three times. Hence, two Sajdah Tilāwah will become Wājib on him.

8. What If A Different Āyah Of Sajdah Tilāwah Is Recited Or Heard Sitting In The Same Place?

In this situation, the number of Sajdah Tilāwah to be performed will be the same as the number of the different verses of Sajdah Tilāwah recited.

Ponder over the following example:

Yūnus was listening to some recitation of the Qur'ān in the Masjid. Two different verses of Sajdah Tilāwah were recited whilst he was sat in the same place. Two Sajdah Tilāwah will become Wājib on him.

9. Whilst Reciting The Qur'ān, Is A Person Allowed To Skip Or Miss Out The verse Of Sajdah Tilāwah, To Avoid Doing The Sajdah Tilāwah?

It is Makrūh (undesirable/disliked) and a sin to skip the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah completely. However, if there are other people around, then it is better to recite the Āyah of Sajdah Tilāwah quietly, so that Sajdah Tilāwah does not become Wājib on anyone else.

Our Prophet ﷺ said:

"When a person prostrates himself after reading a verse requiring the performance of Sajdah (i.e. he performs Sajdah Tilāwah), the Shaytān starts crying and wailing in a corner, saying: 'Alas! The children of Adam were enjoined to perform Sajdah and they carried it out, and became entitled to enter Paradise, but I refused to do so and was condemned to Hell.'"

(Muslim and Ibn Mājah)

Revision Questions

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15	If a person <i>repeats the same verse</i> of Sajdah Tilāwah many times (for example whilst learning Qur'ān Sabaq), sitting in the same place, how many Sajdah will need to be performed?	4
16	Khālid <i>repeated the same verse</i> of Sajdah Tilāwah <u>ten</u> times whilst learning his Qur'ān Sabaq, sitting in <u>two</u> different places, how many Sajdah will need to be performed?	4
17	If numerous verses of Sajdah Tilāwah are recited, how many Sajdah become Wājib?	5

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18	Is a person allowed to skip verses of the Qur'ān that contain Sajdah Tilāwah?	5
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20	Relate the Hadīth regarding Sajdah Tilāwah clearly.	5

End of Revision Questions!

Notes For Teachers:

1. This handout must be covered thoroughly with the class and all aspects explain clearly. Give live examples to pupils so that the Masāil are fully understood.
2. Pupils must also be made to demonstrate Sajdah Tilāwah practically, both for *outside* Salāh and *inside* Salāh.
3. On the last page of the 17th Juz, there is a Sajdah Tilāwah according to other schools of Fiqh, but not according to Imām Abū Hanīfah (RA). Teachers can make reference to this so that pupils are aware.

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