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## Mistake of prostrating before the Imaam

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(Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 183.)

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> said: “The brother here - also reminded [us of] another calamity common amongst those who pray and which is in opposition to the Sunnah: Al-Baraa ibn 'Aazib, (رضي الله عنه)<sup>2</sup>, said that when we would pray behind the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>3</sup> we would not prostrate until we saw that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) had placed his forehead on the ground.

Nowadays after saying, ‘Sami’Allaahu liman hamidah, Rabbanaa wa lakal-Hamd,’ the Imaam will barely have said, ‘Allaahu Akbar,’ except that the people [behind him] will have fallen down into prostration with him—this is a mistake.

He would say, ‘Allaahu Akbar,’ and when he was seen to have finished going into prostration and had placed his forehead on the ground, it was then that the row behind him would start to go into prostration with him (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).”

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

<sup>3</sup> (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him