
Sufficing with one tasleem in the prayer

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“He used to give one tasleem.”¹

Summarising the statement: That this hadeeth is authentic, and it is the most authentic of the ahadeeth that mention giving one tasleem in the prayer. Baihaqee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)² quotes a portion of these ahaadeeth, but none of those asaneed are without a weakness. However, in general they support this hadeeth. Baihaqee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said at the end: ‘It has been narrated on a group of the Companions (radiallaahu anhum)³ that they gave one tasleem, and this is from the differences that are permissible, and that can be limited to being allowed.’

And at-Tirmidhee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) mentions something similar about the Companions (radiallaahu anhum), then he says: ‘Ash-Shaafi’ee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said: If you wish you can give one tasleem, and if you wish you can give two tasleems.’

I say: The giving of one tasleem is obligatory, which must be done, due to his (صلى الله عليه وسلم) saying: **“...exiting oneself from the prayer is by giving tasleem.”** And giving two tasleems is Sunnah, and it is permissible to leave the second tasleem, sometimes due to this hadeeth.

And from the guidance of the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), the method of exiting from the prayer thus follows:

- 1 – Limiting to one tasleem, as was previously mentioned.
- 2 – To say on his right hand side: ‘assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullaahi’, and to say on his left side: ‘assalamu alaykum.’
- 3 – Like the tasleem before, except that you also add ‘wa rahmatullaahi’ in the second tasleem.
- 4 – Just like the tasleem before, except that you add ‘wa barakatuhu’ in the first tasleem.

All of these are established in the ahaadeeth and I have mentioned their sources in ‘sifaat as-salaat an-Nabee (صلى الله عليه وسلم)⁷ so whoever wishes can refer back to it.

¹ Siislah al-Ahadeeth as-Saheehah no.316

² (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

³ (radiallaahu anhum) May Allaah be pleased with them