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When does one perform the prostrations of forgetfulness [Sujood as-Sahw], before or after salaam?

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Questioner: What is the most correct opinion regarding the prostrations of forgetfulness? [Should they be done] before or after [the salaam]?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Both are allowed.

Questioner: And the hadeeth in which the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said, “For each forgetfulness there are two prostrations after giving the salutation?”³

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): There are other hadeeths which permit the prostration before the salaam, and that is why I said both are allowed.⁴

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Saheeh Aboo Daawood, no. 954, Hasan

⁴ Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 338.

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