
Permissibility for pregnant woman who fears miscarriage to pray sitting

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Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ was asked:

Questioner:

Is it permissible for a pregnant woman who fears miscarriage to pray sitting?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) answered:

‘Yes, it is allowed.’

Comments:

‘Amr bin AbdulMuna’im Saleem adds some notes to this answer:²

‘The evidence for this is the hadeeth from Saheeh Muslim and Ibn Maajah from ‘Abdah Bin Sulayman from Hisham Bin ‘Urwa from his father, that the Mother of the Believers ‘Aaishah (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا)³ said:

‘The Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁴ was ill and some of his Companions (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ)⁵ entered upon him to visit him, the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) prayed sitting down and they prayed their prayer with him whilst standing and the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) motioned for them to sit so they sat....’

Bukhaaree collected a hadeeth and four other Hadeeth where he narrates that Abdullaah bin Baredah narrated from Imraan bin Hussain (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ)⁶ who said: ‘I had haemorrhoids so I asked the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) about the prayer, he said:

‘Pray standing and if that is not possible then pray sitting and if that is not possible then on your side (lying down)’.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² From: Jamia’ Masail an-Nisa’ p. 43 collected by ‘Amr bin AbdulMuna’im Saleem

³ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah be pleased with her

⁴ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁵ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ) (rad iyallahu `anhum) May Allaah be pleased with them

⁶ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him