

Prolonging the last prostration to make Du'aa

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Question: This question is concerning prolonging the last prostration, making it longer than the other pillars of the prayer in order to supplicate and seek forgiveness, is there an error in prolonging the final prostration.

Shaykh al-'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Prolonging the final prostration is not from the Sunnah because the Sunnah is that the actions of the prayer be close (in length), the bowing, raising from the bowing, the prostration, and the sitting between the two prostrations as Al-Baraa bin Aazib (رضي الله عنه)² said, I performed the prayer with the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ and I found that his standing, his bowing, his prostrating, and his sitting between the tasleem and exiting the prayer to be almost similar (in length). This is what is preferred, but there is a place for supplicating other than the prostration and it is the tashahhud. Because the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم)⁴ when he taught Abdullah ibn Mas'ood (رضي الله عنه) the tashahhud he said, **'then delay to supplicate as you desire'**. Thus he can supplicate, be it a little or a lot after the tashahhud before he gives the salaam.

السؤال: يقول في هذا السؤال الإطالة في السجدة الأخيرة عن باقي أركان الصلاة للدعاء فيها والاستغفار هل في الصلاة خلل في حالة الإطالة في السجدة الأخيرة؟

الجواب

الشيخ: الإطالة في السجدة الأخيرة ليست من السنة لأن السنة أن تكون أفعال الصلاة متقاربة الركوع والرفع منه والسجود والجلوس بين السجدين كما قال ذلك البراء بن عازب رضي الله عنه قال رمقت الصلاة مع النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فوجدت قيامه فركوعه فسجوده فجلسته ما بين التسليم والانصراف قريباً من السواء هذا هو الأفضل ولكن هناك محلٌ للدعاء غير السجود وهو التشهد فإن النبي صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم لما علم عبد الله بن مسعود التشهد قال (نَمْ لِيَتَخَيَّرْ مِنْ الدُّعَاءِ مَا شَاءَ) فليجعل الدعاء قل أو كثر بعد التشهد الأخير قبل أن يسلم.

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

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

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

⁴ (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him and his family