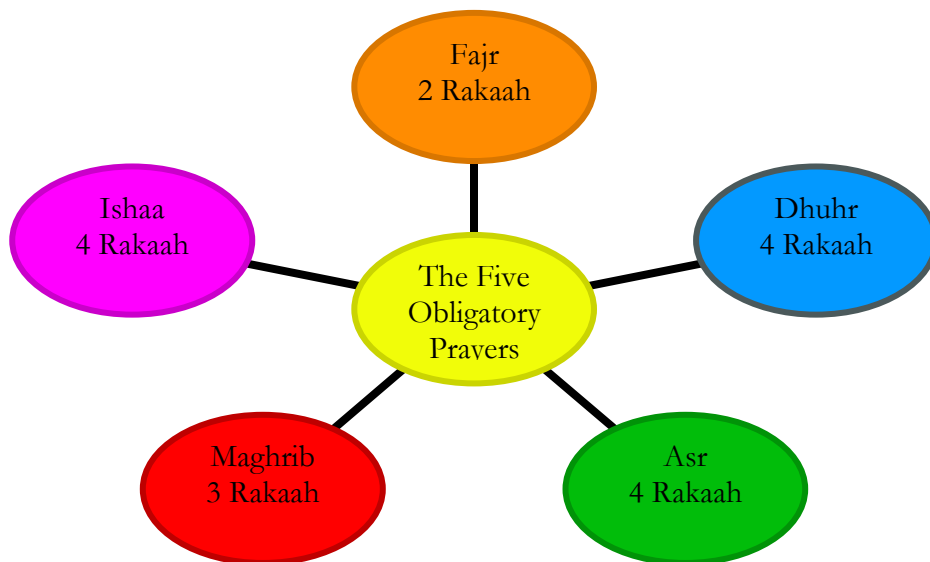


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The Salaat (Prayer) and Its Conditions

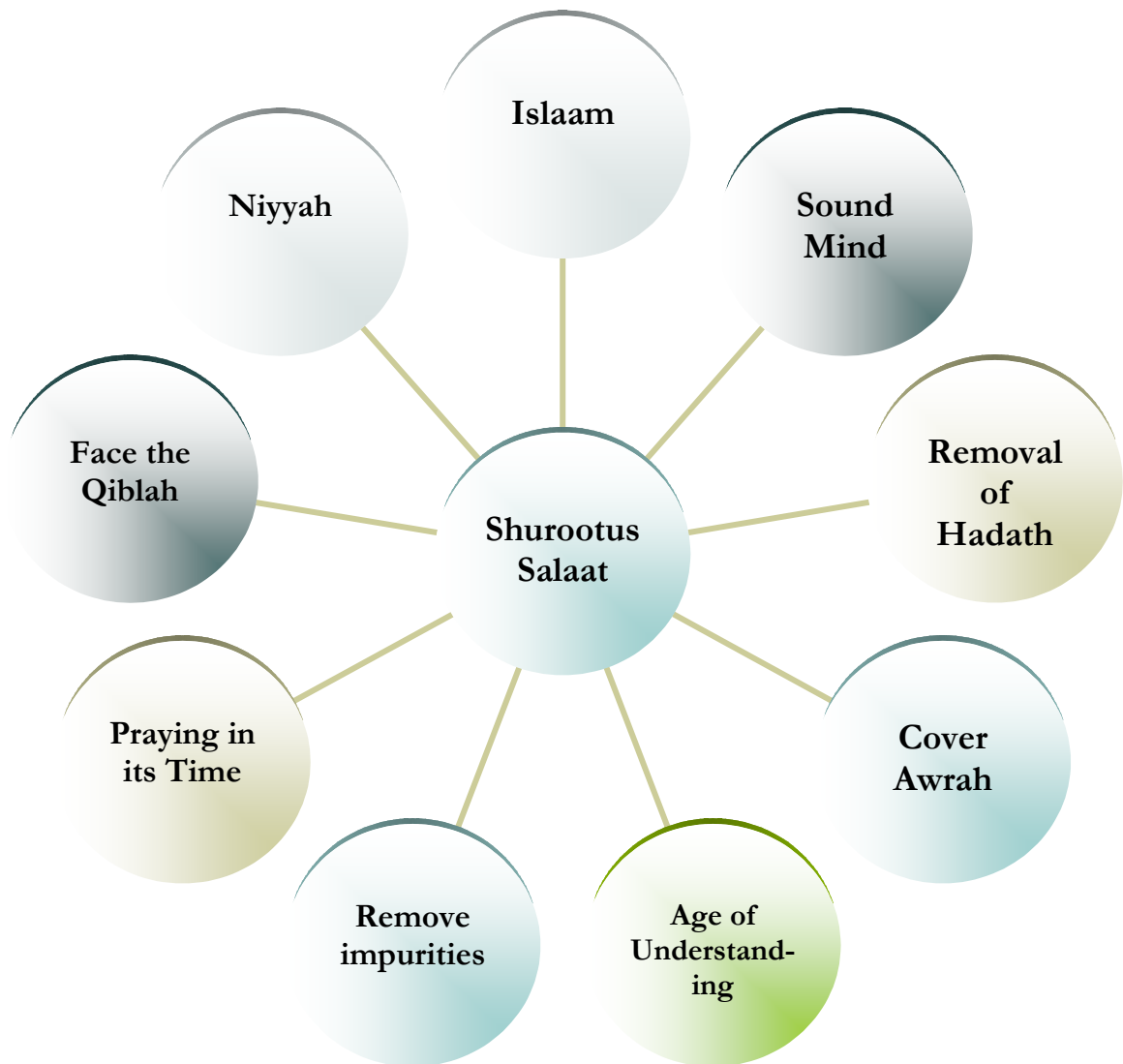
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There are five obligatory prayers that every Muslim must pray. Each prayer has a name, a set unit of rakaahs, and a designated time that they are to be prayed. Fajr is the pre dawn prayer, it consists of two rakaahs. Dhuhr is the mid-day prayer, it consists of four rakaahs. Asr is the afternoon prayer, it consists of four rakaahs. Maghrib is the next prayer; there are three rakaah in this prayer. The last prayer is Isha it consists of four rakaahs.



The Shuroot (Conditions) for the Prayer

The prayers have prerequisites that must be met in order for the prayer to be accepted. The conditions for the prayer are nine. All of these conditions must be present in the Muslim who is praying.



- **Islaam**- The only prayer that is accepted is the prayer of a Muslim. Allah only accepts the Muslims prayer.

The proof can be found in the statements of Allah,

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“And whoever seeks a Religion other than Islaam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the hereafter he will be one of the Losers.”
[Surah Aali ‘Imraan: 85]

and,

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

“Verily, the Religion with Allah is Islaam.” [Surah Aali ‘Imraan: 19]

We can see from this ayah that the only Religion with Allah is Islaam. Every other Religion is false and those who adhere to it are upon falsehood.

- **Sound Mind**- The Muslim who is praying must be of sound mind. He/She must have the ability to differentiate between right and wrong.

The Prophet (SallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) said,

رُفِعَ الْقَلَمُ عَنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ: النَّائِمِ حَتَّى يَسْتَيْقِظَ، وَالْمَجْنُونِ حَتَّى يَفِيْقَ، وَالصَّغِيْرُ حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ

“The Pen has been lifted from three; the one who is sleeping until he awakes, the one who is insane until he gains his sanity, and the small child until he reaches puberty.”

Collected by Abu Dawud, an Nisaa’i, and Ibn Majaah

This means that the deeds of the one sleeping, the insane, and the small child are not recorded.

- **Removal of Hadath-** Hadath is of two types. The greater hadath requires the Muslim to make a ghusl while the lesser hadath only necessitates that he make wudu.

Allah says,

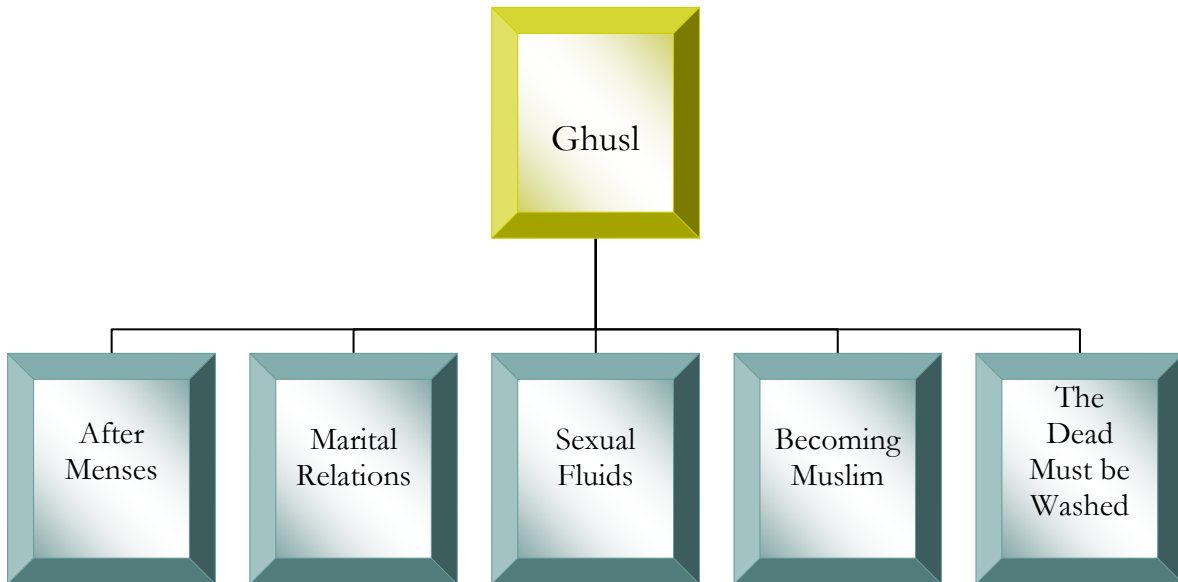
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ وَامْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ جُنُبًا فَاطَّهَّرُوا وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَى أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِّنْكُم مِّنَ الْغَائِطِ أَوْ لَامَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا فَامْسَحُوا بِوُجُوهِكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ إِنَّهُ مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ وَلَكِنْ يُرِيدُ لِيُطَهِّرَكُمْ وَلِيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

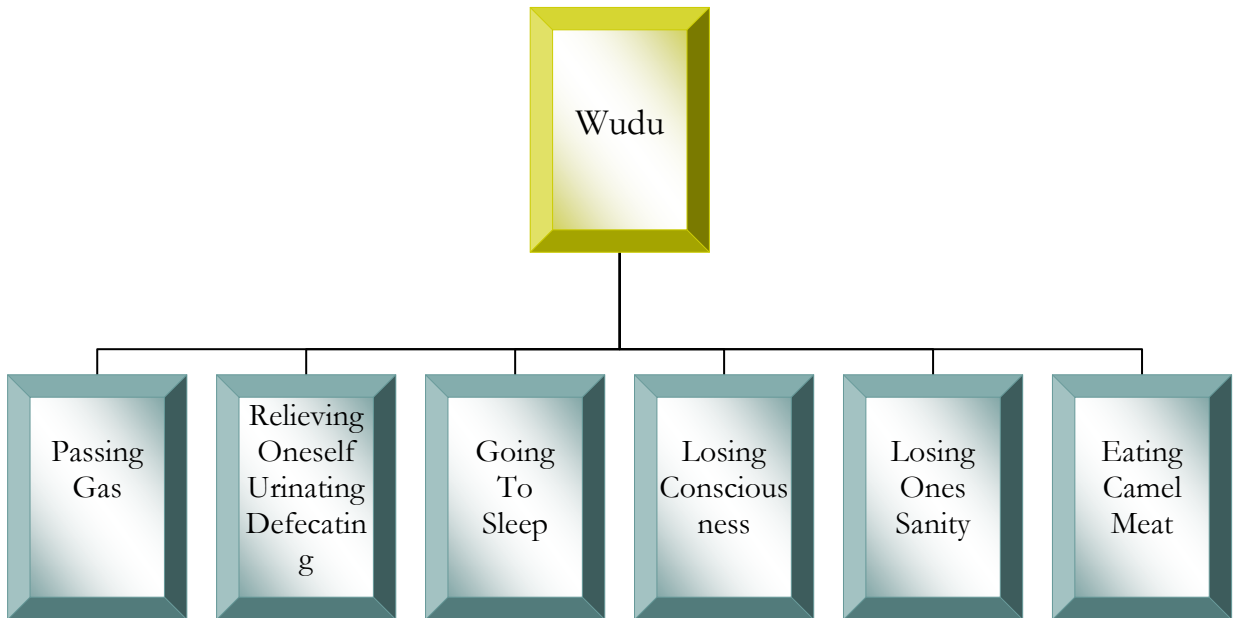
“O you who believe! When you intend to offer the prayer, wash your faces and your hands (forearms) up to the elbows, rub (by passing wet hands over) your heads, and (wash) your feet up to ankles. If you are in a state of Janâba (i.e. had a sexual discharge), purify yourself (bathe your whole body). But if you are ill or on a journey or any of you comes from answering the call of nature, or you have been in contact with women (i.e. sexual intercourse) and you find no water, then perform Tayammum with clean earth and rub therewith your faces and hands. Allâh does not want to place you in difficulty, but He wants to purify you, and to complete His Favour on you that you may be thankful.”

[Surah Maa'idah: 6]

1) That which necessitates a ghusl is: the woman who has finished menstruating, the one who has had marital relations, the release of sexual fluids, a person becoming Muslim and the dead (Muslim) must be washed.

2) From that which requires the person to make wudu is: the person that passes gas, relieving oneself (urinating or defecating), going to sleep, losing consciousness, losing ones sanity, eating camel meat.





- **Covering Ones Awrah-** The awrah of the Muslim must be covered while he/she is praying. The awrah for the male worshipper is from his navel to his knees. The awrah for the female worshipper is her whole body excluding her face and hands.

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ

“O Children of Adam! Take your adornment (by wearing your clean clothes), while praying and going round (the Tawâf of) the Ka'bah.”
[Surah Al A'raaf: 31]

- **Age of Understanding**- When the Muslim child reaches the age of understanding then it is obligatory upon them that they pray.

The Messenger of Allah (*Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam*) said,

مُرُوا أَبْنَاءَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ لِسَبْعٍ، وَاضْرِبُوهُمْ عَلَيْهَا لِعَشْرٍ
وَفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَهُمْ فِي الْمَضَاجِعِ

“Order your children to pray when they reach the age of seven and beat them at the age of ten (if they refuse), and separate the beds”

Collected by Ahmad, Abu Dawud, and Al Hakim

We understand from this that when a child reaches the age of seven they must pray but when they are ten years old if they refuse to pray then it is permissible to beat them.

- **Remove Impurities**- Impurities must be removed from three places: your body, clothes and the place in which you will pray.

وَتِيَابَكَ فَطَهِّرْ

“And your garments purify!” [Surah Al Muddaththir 74:4]

- **Praying in its time**- The prayer must be prayed at its fixed time.

Allah says,

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا

“Verily, the prayer is enjoined on the believers at fixed times.”
[Suratun Nisa: 103]

The salaat has to be prayed in its correct time. That means that when the time for Fajr has arrived one has to pray Fajr not anything else.

- **Face the Qiblah**- The worshipper must pray facing the Qiblah. The Qiblah is the direction of the Ka’bah Masjid Al Haram in Mekka.

Allah ta’ala says,

قَدْ نَرَى تَقَلُّبَ وَجْهِكَ فِي السَّمَاءِ فَلَنُوَلِّيَنَّكَ قِبْلَةً تَرْضَاهَا فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ
شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ

“Verily We have seen the turning of your face towards the Heaven. Surely, We shall turn you to a Qiblah that shall please you, so turn your face in the direction of Al Masjid Al Haram. And wherever you people are, turn your faces in that direction” [Suratul Baqarah: 144]

- **Niyyah** (Intention) - The worshipper must have the intention to pray. This intention is not audible it resides in the heart. The audible expression of the intention is a bidah.

The Messenger of Allah (*Salallahu alaihi wa sallam*) said,

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ، وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَى

“Verily, actions are rewarded according to their intentions, and everyone will have what they intend.”

Collected by Al Bukhaaree and Muslim



4. Explain what hadath is and use a diagram showing its types.

Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is in the heart, you are not to say it out loud, and to do so is an innovation.
2. The prayer has to be prayed in its correct _____.
3. Impurities must be _____ from three places:
_____, _____, _____.
4. Your _____ must be covered.
5. You have to face the _____ while praying.
6. The Muslim has to be _____.
7. Only the prayer of a _____ is accepted.
8. The age that one should begin learning how to pray is _____ years old.
9. It is allowed to beat the children at the age of _____ if he/she does not pray.
10. The Qiblah is the direction of _____.
11. The awrah for the male worshipper is _____.
12. The awrah for the female worshipper is _____
_____.
13. _____ is of two types.

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