

## Sajdah Tilaawah

### 1. What does Sajdah Tilaawah mean?

Sajdah Tilaawah means 'Prostration of Recitation'.

### 2. What is Sajdah Tilaawah?

There are *certain places* in the Qur'an where the word 'Sajdah' (سجدة) appears on the margin of the Qur'an. If a person *reads or hears* these specific portions of the Qur'an, it becomes Waajib (necessary) on that person to make Sajdah. This Sajdah is known as Sajdah Tilaawah.

### 3. How many places of Sajdah Tilaawah are there in the Qur'an?

There are **14** such places in the Qur'an. These are as follows:

Number	Which Sipara	Name of Surah	Surah Number	Which Ayah (Verse)
1	9	Al Aa'raaf	7	206
2	13	Ar Ra'd	13	15
3	14	An Nahl	16	49 & 50
4	15	Bani Israeel	17	107 to 109
5	16	Maryam	19	58
6	17	Al Hajj	22	18
7	19	Al Furqan	25	60
8	19	An Naml	27	25 & 26
9	21	As Sajdah	32	15
10	23	Saad	38	24 & 25
11	24	Haa Meem, As Sajdah	41	37 & 38
12	27	An Najm	53	62
13	30	Al Inshiqaaq	84	21
14	30	Al A'laq	96	19

### 4. What is the method of performing Sajdah Tilaawah?

This depends on whether a person is in Salaah or outside Salaah.

## *Madrasa Tajweedul Quran*

### a) In Salaah:

1. If a person recites an Ayah of Sajdah Tilaawah *whilst performing Salaah on his own*, then he will immediately say 'Allah u Akbar' (الله أكبر) and go into Sajdah. He will recite *Subhana Rabbiyal A'laa* (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى) at least 3 times, then say 'Allah u Akbar' (الله أكبر), stand up again and continue with his Salaah.





If the Sajdah Ayah is in the *middle* of a Surah, then after standing up you will continue with the Surah **without** reciting Bismillah again.

If the Sajdah Ayah is at the *end* of a Surah, then after standing up you will start another Surah, or pray any few verses of the Quran **after** reciting Bismillah.

2. When praying behind the Imam, if the Imam recites an Ayah of Sajdah Tilaawah in Salaah, the Imam will immediately go into Sajdah and the people behind him will also follow.

### b) Outside Salaah:

3. If a person *recites or hears* an Ayah of Sajdah Tilaawah *outside Salaah* (for example when reciting the Quran), then the method of performing Sajdah Tilaawah is as follows:

Step a	Step b	Step c	Step d
			
<p>Close the Qur'an at the first possible opportunity.</p>	<p>Stand up and face the Qiblah.</p>	<p><i>Without</i> raising both hands, say <i>Allah u Akbar</i> and go into Sajdah. Say <i>Subhana rabbi Yal A'laa</i> at least 3 times, then say <i>Allah u Akbar</i> and stand up again.</p>	<p><i>The Sajdah Tilaawah is now complete.</i> Salaam does not need to be done.</p>

Important Notes:

- It is also permissible to go into Sajdah and come up from it *while in a sitting position*, as in the case when many Sajdahs need to be performed. In other words, it is not necessary to perform Sajdah Tilaawah from a standing position.
- It is *better* to perform the Sajdah *immediately after reciting the Ayah*. Doing it later is also allowed. However, too much delay is Makrooh (undesirable).

**5. What if a person just hears the recitation of an Ayah of Sajdah Tilaawah?**

If a person hears another person reciting an Ayah of Sajdah Tilaawah, then Sajdah will become Waajib on both the reciter and the listener.

However, if a person hears the recitation of a Sajdah Tilaawah from a CD player, Mobile phone, IPod, computer etc, then Sajdah Tilaawah will **not** be necessary.

**6. What are the conditions for Sajdah Tilaawah?**

The conditions for performing Sajdah Tilaawah are the same as the conditions for Salaah: Cleanliness of the body, clothes and place, covering of the private parts (Satr), facing the Qiblah and making an intention.

**7. What if the same Ayah of Sajdah is recited and heard many times when learning Qur'an Sabaq during a Qur'an lesson in a classroom or at home?**

Only one Sajdah will need to be performed in both cases.

**8. Whilst reciting the Quraan is a person allowed to skip or miss out the Sajdah verses, to avoid doing the Sajdah Tilaawah?**

It is Makrooh (undesirable) to skip the Sajdah verses completely. However if there are other people around, then it is better to recite the Sajdah verses quietly, so that Sajdah Tilaawah does not become Waajib on anyone else.

Shaitan's dismay and weeping...

٢٠٧ - عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِذَا قرَأَ ابْنُ آدَمَ السَّجْدَةَ فَسَجَدَ، اغْتَرَلَ الشَّيْطَانُ يَبْكِي، يَقُولُ: يَا وَيْلِي! أَمَرَ ابْنُ آدَمَ بِالسُّجُودِ فَسَجَدَ فَلَهُ الْجَنَّةُ، وَأَمَرْتُ بِالسُّجُودِ فَأَبَيْتُ فَلِيَ النَّارُ. رواه مسلم، باب بيان إطلاق اسم الكفر، رقم: ٢٤٤

207. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: When the son of Ādam recites the verses in which there is Sajdah (prostration), and then falls down in Sajdah; Shaiṭān withdraws into seclusion, and weeping he says: Woe unto me! The son of Ādam was commanded to make Sajdah; and he (obeyed and) made Sajdah, so for him is (eternal) Paradise. And I (too) was commanded to make Sajdah but I refused and so for me is the (eternal) doom of Hell Fire. (Muslim)

**Note:** This relates to verses of the Qur‘an wherein prostration is mentioned; upon reading such an *Āyah* (verse), one should perform Sajdah.

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