

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	Para	Surah Name	Surah Number	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.

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





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will recite *Subhana Rabbiyal A'laa* (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى) at least 3 times, then say '*Allah u Akbar*' (اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ), stand up again and continue with his Salaah.

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

Similarly, 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.

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

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<p>Close the Qur'an at the first possible opportunity.</p>	<p>Stand up and face the Qiblah.</p>	<p><u>Without raising both hands</u> 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.
- 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).

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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.

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 the 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 it allowed for a person 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.