

A series of questions answered by Shaykh Waṣī Allāh ‘Abbās [الله ﺩ ﻓﻈﻪ]

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Answer: This is a very good question. It is a relevant question. Some of our people raise their hands straight after Ṣalāh and if they don't make Du’ā’ then their Ṣalāh is not complete. I remember, some time ago I used to go to Makkah via Mumbai.

At that time I was studying in Madīnah. I was young then. I had a good beard and maybe I looked handsome. So at that time a lot of people pushed me forward to lead the Ṣalāh. Now, I lead the Ṣalāh and after Ṣalāh I started to make Tasbīḥ. So there was a common man whose clothes were dirty from the work he had been doing and he was looking at me and I didn't understand why. After a while he said "make Du'ā', we need to go. We have homes to go to." Thus, from this it is known that without making Du'ā' they do not believe their Ṣalāh to be correct. This is not correct. If we look, whenever our beloved Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم used to pray Ṣalāh. If you sit down and take a look at all of the aḥādīth for a particular reason he left quickly and there is a narration for that. In some narration it is mentioned that he would also do Tasbīḥ, 33 times Sub Ḥān Allāh, Al-ḥamd li Allāh 33 times. After Fajr he would do more, he would recite Ṣūrah Al-Nās and Ṣūrah Al-Falaq and would make other types of Dhikr. There is not a single narration anywhere where it can be said the he raised his hands and made Du'ā' after Farḍ Ṣalāh. That being said, if an individual wishes to he may raise his hands and make Du'ā' from time to time.

In a general narration the Nabī صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

خَائِبَتَيْنِ صِفْرًا يَرُدُّهُمَا أَنْ يَدِيهِ إِلَيْهِ الرَّجُلُ رَفَعَ إِذَا سَتَّحِييَ كَرِيمٌ حَيُّ اللَّهُ إِنَّ "

Verily, Allāh is shy and generous. He would be ashamed, when a man raises his hands to him, to turn them away empty and unfulfilled." This is a virtue of raising your hands but that same virtue is only valid when our beloved Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم raised his hands. Whenever he did not raise his hands one should refrain from raising them. So after Farḍ Ṣalāh there is no Ḥadīth anywhere. I am a scholar of Ḥadīth Al-ḥamd li Allāh, day and night this is my job. I never found a single Ḥadīth anywhere that the Nabī صلى الله عليه وسلم raised his hands to make Du'ā' after Farḍ Ṣalāh. That being said, he صلى الله عليه وسلم was standing on the Mimbar (delivering a sermon) and the Ṣaḥābah said " O our beloved Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم ! Our children are dying and our wreath is being lost. Make Du'ā' to Allāh that he sends down rain. So he

صلى الله عليه وسلم raised his hands in Istisqā'

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