

Conditions for an action to be correct – condition four

With regards to the conditions for an action to be correct, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* states:

Fourthly – that the action conform with the Sharee’ah in *kayfiyyah* (how it is done). So if a person were to perform an action by which he seeks to worship Allaah and (yet) he acts in opposition to the Sharee’ah in its *kayfiyyah*, it will not be accepted from him and his action is rejected upon him.

And an example of this: if a man were to pray, and prostrate before he made *rukoo’* (bowing), then his prayer is futile and rejected because he has not conformed with the Sharee’ah in the *kayfiyyah*.

And likewise if he were to perform *wudhoo* in a back to front manner, in that he began with the foot then the head then the hand then the face – then his *wudhoo* is invalid because he has acted in opposition to the Sharee’ah in the *kayfiyyah*.

(*Sharh al Arba’een an Nawawee* (p99) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*)