

Last time we talked about how to pray.

Sometimes people make mistakes in their prayer.

We don't want to do that.

Let us talk about some of the things which people get wrong in the prayer.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Refer to al Mulakh-khas al fiqhee of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan *hafidhahullaah* page 140

When we pray, we face our whole body towards the Ka`bah in Makkah.

We should not turn around with our face to look in other directions<sup>2</sup> – unless we really really need to.



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<sup>2</sup> As per the hadeeth “***It is a theft which Shaytaan steals from the prayer of the servant.***”  
Reported by al Bukhaaree (3291 ) from the hadeeth of ‘Aishah radiy Allaahu ‘anhaa.

We don't look up at the sky.<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>3</sup> As per the hadeeth about the people who do this, "***What is the matter with the people who raise their sight to the sky during their prayer?***" and he spoke severely about them such that he said, "***They should certainly cease doing this or else their vision will be snatched away.***"

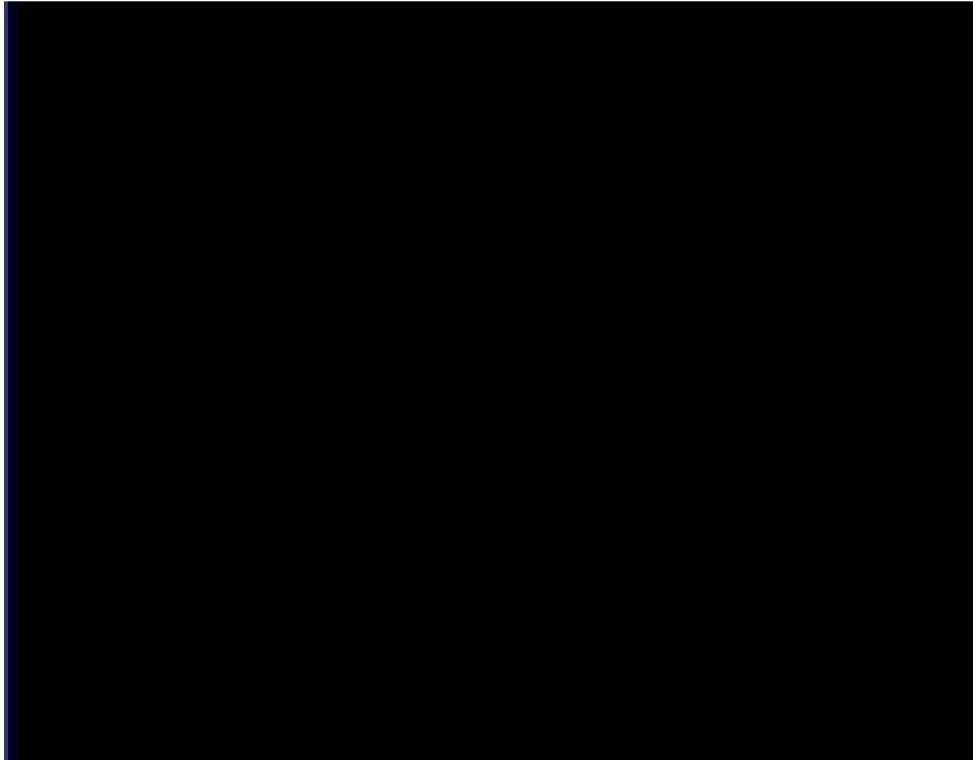
Reported by al Bukhaaree (750) from the hadeeth of Anas *radi Allaahu 'anhu*

We don't look at different things on the wall or at toys in our room.



We look in one place and we don't look around.

We don't pray our whole prayer with our eyes shut.



We are allowed to shut our eyes if we need to.<sup>4</sup>

And we are allowed to blink!

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<sup>4</sup> Refer to Zaad ul Ma'aad of ibn ul Qayyim (1/75 to 76).

We don't lean on the wall, or on anything else during the prayer.



If we cannot stand up when we pray – maybe because we are poorly - then we are allowed to sit down.

When we make *sujood* we do not put our arms flat on the floor.

**NO!**

We don't want to be like dogs who put their legs on the ground like that.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Reported by al Bukhaaree (532) and Muslim (1102) from the hadeeth of Anas *radi Allaahu 'anhu*

When we pray, we move anything in front of us that might disturb our prayer – like a poster with lots of interesting things on it that we might end up looking at and reading.

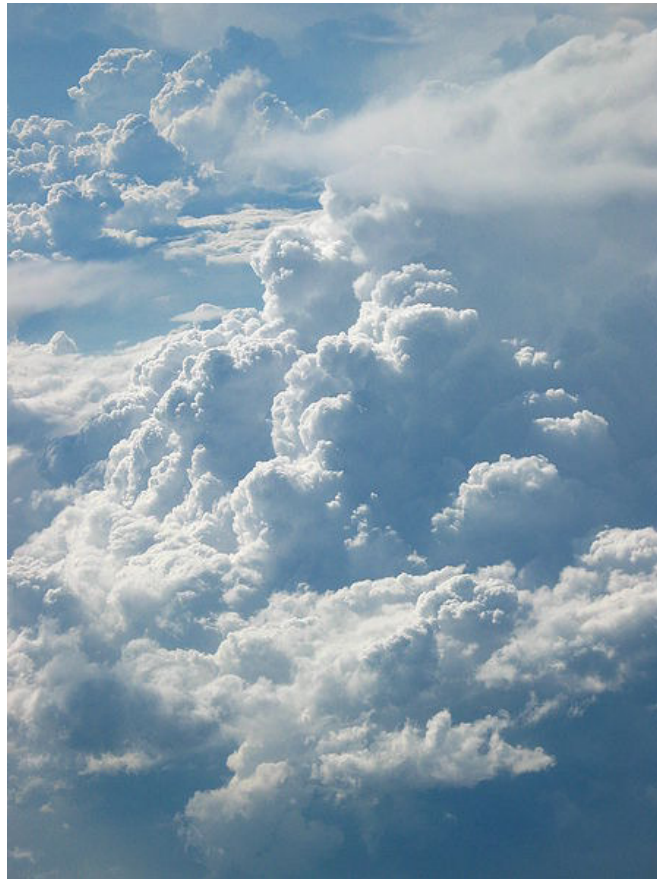


We want to be thinking about Allah when we pray, and not about a drawing.



We definitely do not have pictures of people or animals in front of us when we pray.

Other things on the wall in front of us are OK so long as they do not disturb us during our prayer.



We should not pray when we need to go to the toilet. We should go to the toilet first, then make our *wudhoo*, then pray.



Otherwise we might not be able to concentrate properly during the prayer.

We also don't pray our prayer when we are hungry and our Mum or Dad has served the food for us to eat.



We also don't play around with our clothes or our hair or things in our pocket whilst we are praying.



We have good manners when we pray because we are speaking to Allah.

And Allah listens to us.

So when we pray, we have to remember that we are standing in front of Allah.



We don't want to do anything that might make us forget that.

May Allah make us able to pray our prayers in the right way and only for Him – *aameen*.

