

**Notes of Lectures on Fiqh**  
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**SOME MISTAKES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON SALATUL JAMAAT**

☀ If during Salatul Jamaat, the Imam becomes incapable of leading the salat due to any reason, and the followers become aware of this situation, then the followers can continue their own salat with the niyyat of furada (individual) salat for the rest of the salat. But if some follower behind the Imam is capable of leading the salat, he can move forward to lead the salat from that point onward, and the followers will change their niyyat that they are praying rest of the salat behind this new Imam.

☀ If salat of only one follower in the Jamaat becomes invalid due to any reason, then the salat of other followers is not affected.

☀ If you were in standing (Qiyam) position and then went into ruku by mistake while Imam was still in Qiyam, then you must return to Qiyam position provided you are sure that Imam will still be reciting in Qiyam position after your return and if you did not return to Qiyam, your own salat is batil (invalid).

☀ If you went into Sajdah by mistake and found that Imam was still in sitting position, then you must go back to join Imam in that position.

☀ If you rise from ruku position by mistake before the Imam, then you must return to ruku position provided the Imam is still in that position. But if you return to the ruku position with the impression that the Imam was still in ruku, but actually by that time the Imam has risen from ruku, then according to Ayatullah Khui, your own salat is batil (invalid) (and hence you have to repeat your salat), and according to Ayatullah Seestani, your own salat is batil (invalid) with Ihtiyate Wajib. (Note: If your own salat becomes batil, then, if some rakats of salatul jamaat are still to be completed by the Imam, then you can re-join the salat with fresh Niyyat and Takbeer in the Qiyam or ruku of the next rakat of the Imam).

☀ If you were in first sajdah position of a rakat, and raised your head by mistake before the Imam, then you must return to sajdah to join the Imam provided the Imam is still in sajdah position. But if, by the time you returned to sajdah, the Imam had raised his head from Sajdah, then your salat is OK (but you have to do Sajdah Sahaw after the salat due to that extra sajdah). But if you repeat the same mistake while performing the second sajdah of the same rakaat, then your own salat is batil (invalid).

☀ If an Imam can only offer salat in sitting position (due to illness or other reasons), then he can not lead salat for followers offering salat in normal positions.

**THINGS WHICH ARE MAKROOH IN SALATUL JAMAAT**

☀ The following things are makrooh (undesirable) during salatul jamaat, and will reduce the sawab of salatul jamaat:

- (1) Joining in the back row by a follower if there is still space available for him in the front row. (It is recommended that the size of the rows in jamaat should be properly balanced as much as possible).
- (2) Reciting of zikr of sajdah and ruku by a follower so loudly that Imam can hear it.
- (3) Leading the salat by an Imam, whose salat is Qasr (i.e. 2-rakat zohr, asr or isha, shortened due to him being a traveller), for the followers, whose salat are not qasr. But this rule is relaxed when there is no one else available to lead or when an alim of a higher status is leading the salat.

### **SALATUL JAMAAT FOR TRAVELLERS**

☀️ If your salat was Qasr (i.e. 2-rakat wajib salat shortened due to travelling), then you can join the normal salatul jamaat to offer your 2-rakat qasr salat, but you should better avoid standing in the first row of salatul jamaat (because your salat is shorter than the normal full salat of the jamaat). You may stand in other rows or at the end of any row.

☀️ If you are offering a 2-rakat qasr salat (such as zohr, asr or isha) with a 4-rakat full salatul jamaat, starting from the first rakaat of the Imam, then after 2<sup>nd</sup> rakat, you will finish your salat with salam. Then, in order to maintain continuity in the salat, it is better if you stand up and offer another 2-rakat wajib salat (e.g. with niyyat of your qaza or qaza of your dead relative) by joining the Imam in the next ruku, and following the usual rule of salatul jamaat.