

## *Sonan that follow duties*

Because the beloved prophet (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) cares so much for duties, he made Sonan (optional prayers) follow them, they are the pre and post Sonan. We think they are Sonan but our master Imam Abul-Aza'em when he explained this Hadeeth, he said: *"What completes something is part of it."*

That means:

If there is a cut in my clothes and I give it to the tailor to mend it by another piece of cloth, after he mends it the second piece of cloth becomes part of the clothes, before it was put in it, it was not part of it but after it was put in it, it became part of it.

No one among us can perform the prayer in which he is truthful with his Lord from the beginning to the end; there must be heedlessness and inattentiveness, so the prophet (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) taught his companions to repent to Allah after the prayers and everyone says: Astaghfer Allah Al-Azeem Allathy la Ilaha Illa Howa Al-Hayy Al-Kayyoom Wa-Atoobo Ilayh, (I seek the forgiveness of Allah The Almighty that there is no God except Him, He is The Oft Living and The Self-Subsisting and I seek his forgiveness) three times.

From what do they repent? They were just worshipping Allah!

They used to repent from omission, remissness and reduction in prayers so that Allah might forgive this and accept from them, then what can compensate the reduction?

The prophet (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said in the long Hadeeth:

***"The first thing a servant is asked about at the Day of Judgment is his prayers, if it is complete, he is winner and successful and if it is not accepted, he is looser, and if his duty is not complete, Allah says (to the angels): Look does he have Optional prayers to complete what is missing from his duty, and so all his deeds."***<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> It was narrated in At'targheeb Wat'tarheeb after Abi-Horayrah narrated by At'termethy.

In the narration of Tameem Ad'darey in Jame'a Al-Ahadeeth Wal-Maraseel:

***"If it is completed, it's ok, if not, it is said: Look does he have optional prayers? The duty is completed from his optional deeds, if the duty is not completed and he has no optional deeds, he will be taken and thrown in the Hell."***

Then Nawafel (optional deeds) complete Fara'ed (the duties), so are they Nawafel or Fara'ed?

They are Fara'ed. For whom they are Nawafel?

For the matchless people about whom the prophet said:

***"The prayer in Jama'ah is better than the prayer of the unique by twenty seven degrees."***<sup>2</sup>

The unique is that who not matched in his worship, good deeds, piety and fearing his Lord. The unique is not that who performs prayer alone.

All Nawafel for us are like Fara'ed, until Allah grants man and occupies his mind away from all matters of this life and makes him perform prayer as righteous people, here only his Nawafel are really Nawafel for him that get him nearer to Allah the Lord of all creatures.

So Fara'ed are the first thing man should care for, and if he reduce or not perform them completely, it is reduction in his degree according to Allah. After he completes his Fara'ed, he starts to make lots of Nawafel.

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<sup>2</sup> It was narrated in Saheeh Al-Bukhary after Ibn-Omar.