

# Remaining Seated At The Beginning Of Tarawih Salah And Joining The Salah When The Imam Performs The Ruku

## Darulifta Ahlesunnat

(Dawateislami)

### Question

What do the blessed Muftis state about the following matter?

It is usually observed in Masajid that some people keep sitting without any reason in the back rows when the Hafiz Sahib starts Tarawih Salah uttering Takbeer-e-Tahrimah; they immediately stand up and join the Salah when the Hafiz Sahib performs the Ruku. How is this act of theirs as per Shariah?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

During the Tarawih Salah or during the Qiyam of any Salah, some people keep sitting out of laziness in the back rows; they do not join the Salah when the Imam is in Qiyam, but when the Imam performs the Ruku, they immediately join the Salah. This act of these people is similar to the act of hypocrites and it is Makruh-e-Tahrimi, impermissible and a sin. However, if it is not out of laziness, but rather due to any reason such as the old age or weakness, it is not Makruh.

In the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty has stated:

إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ يُخَدِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَهُوَ خَادِعُهُمْ ۖ وَإِذَا قَامُوا إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ قَامُوا كَسَالَى  
يُرَاءُونَ النَّاسَ وَلَا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿١٣٢﴾

*Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:* Undoubtedly, the hypocrites, in their assumption, desire to deceive Allah, and only He will destroy them by making them neglectful; and when they stand up for Salah, they therefore unwillingly do it for show, and they do not remember Allah but slightly.<sup>1</sup>

According to the above-mentioned blessed Qura'nic verse, Shaykh-ul-Quran Abu Al-Saleh Mufti Muhammad Qasim Qadiri مدظله العالی has written: 'This is the sign of these hypocrites that when they stand to offer a Salah with believers, they stand unwillingly and lazily because they have no faith in their hearts by virtue of which they can enjoy the worship; they offer Salah merely to show off for people.'<sup>2</sup>

It is stated in Fatawa Qazi Khan:

يكرهه للمبتدئ ان يقعد في التراويح فاذا اراد الامام ان يركع يقوم لانه فيه اظهار التكاسل والتشبه بالبنافقين قال الله تعالى واذا قاموا

الصلوة قاموا كسالى<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 5, Surah Al-Nisaa', verse 142)

<sup>2</sup> Tafseer Sirat-ul-Jinaan, vol. 2, p. 335

<sup>3</sup> Fatawa Qazi Khan, vol. 1, p. 243

Allamah Ala-ud-Deen Haskafi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has written:

يكره (ظاهرة أنها تحريمية، شامى) تأخير القيام الى ركوع الامام للتشبه بالبنافقين<sup>4</sup>

About 'It is not Makruh because of the old age and a disability', Allamah Ibn-e-Abideen Shaami رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has written:

اذالم يكن لكسل بل لكبر ونحوه لا يكره<sup>5</sup>

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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<sup>4</sup> Radd-ul-Muhtar, vol. 2, p. 603

<sup>5</sup> Radd-ul-Muhtar, vol. 2, p. 603