

Combining 2 Units Of Sunnah And Nafl After The Fard Of Zuhr, Maghrib And Isha

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Question

What do the scholars of Islam say regarding the following:

Whilst performing 2 units of sunnah after the 4 fard units of Z̤uhr prayer, someone forgets to perform salām in the final sitting and instead stands to continue prayer. Then, upon remembering his mistake, he offers a further 2 units of prayer and finishes after performing the prostration of forgetfulness.

In this scenario, will the 4 units of prayer offered be considered as the sunnah and nafl together?

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If someone offers 4 units of prayer with one salām after performing the *fard* units of Z̤uhr, Maghrib or 'Ishā', the sunnah and nafl will be fulfilled according to the soundest opinion. In the situation described by the questioner, *Muakkadah sunnahs* and *nafl* prayers will be fulfilled.

It is mentioned in *al-Durr al-Mukhtār*:

هل تحسب المؤكدة من المستحب ويؤدي الكل بتسليمة واحدة؟ اختار الكمال: نعم

In *Radd al-Muhtār*¹ regarding: اختار الكمال, it is stated:

ذكر الكمال في فتح القدير أنه وقع اختلاف بين أهل عصره في أن الأربع المستحبة هل هي أربع مستقلة غير ركعتي الراتبة أو أربع بهما؟ وعلى الثاني هل تؤدي معها بتسليمة واحدة أو لا، فقال جماعة: لا، واختار هو أنه إذا صلى أربعاً بتسليمة أو تسليمتين وقع عن السنة والبندوب، وحقق ذلك بما لا مزيد عليه،

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In *Bahār-i-Sharī'at* it is stated:

Muakkadah sunnahs is included alongside the *Mustahabb* that follow the fard units of Z̤uhr, Maghrib and 'Ishā'. For example, if someone offers four units of prayer after the *fard* units of Z̤uhr, the *Sunnah* and *Mustahabb* prayers will both be fulfilled, even if one performs them together with one salām, i.e., finishes with salām at the end of 4 units of prayer.²

Muftī Amjad 'Alī al-A'zamī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was asked:

Zayd made the intention of performing two sunnah after the *fard* units of 'Ishā'. Instead of performing salam to end the prayer, he stood up thinking that he had 2 units of nafl left to pray and they would be included in this. Will his sunnah and nafl prayers be valid?

¹ *Radd al-Muhtār ma'a al-Durr al-Mukhtār, Kitāb al-Ṣalāh, vol. 2, p. 547, published in Quetta*

² *Bahār-i-Sharī'at, vol. 1, p. 667, Maktabat al-Madinah, Karachi*

He replied, “It is better to perform salām after two units, but if he did not perform salām and added an extra 2 units, the prayer is still valid. *Muakkadah sunnah* and *nafl* will be fulfilled.”³

وَاللّٰهُ اَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُوْلُهُ اَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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³ *Fatāwā Amjadiyyah*, vol. 1, p. 234, Maktaba Razawiyya, Karachi