

Ruling Regarding Offering Salah While Wearing Gloves

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Question

What do the noble scholars and jurists of Islamic law say about the following: Ruling regarding the Salah offered while wearing gloves due to the cold?

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الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

Offering Salah while wearing pure gloves is undoubtedly permissible, as it's not required to offer Salah barehanded. The Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم also offered Salah while covering his hands with a cloth due to the cold or other reasons. If there is no valid reason, men should offer Salah barehanded while women, in most cases, should cover their hands in their shawls as there is more veiling in this.

Hazrat Waail bin Hujr رضي الله عنه saw the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم offering Salah and explained it:

رفع يديه حين دخل في الصلاة كبر "وصف همما حيال اذنيه" ثم التحف بثوبه، ثم وضع يده اليمنى على اليسرى، فلما اراد ان يركع اخرج يده من الثوب

Translation: When he صلى الله عليه وسلم began the Salah, he raised his hands and said Takbir e Tahrimah (Humam states that he raised his hands to the ears) then covering his hands in his clothes, he placed his right hand on his left hand. After that, when he intended to perform Ruku, he took his hands out of his clothes. (Sahih al-Muslim, Vol. 1, p. 173, Publ. Karachi)

Mulla 'Ali Qari رحمه الله عليه states regarding "التحف بثوبه" (He covered with his clothes):

"اي: تستر به، يعني: اخرج يده من الكم حين كبر للاحرام ولما فرغ من التكبير ادخل يده في كميته، قال ابن الملك: ولعل التحاف يده بكميته لبرد شديد اولبيان ان كشف اليدين في غير التكبير غير واجب، قلت: فيه انه عند التكبير ايضاً غير واجب، بل مستحب"

Translation: The Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم took out his blessed hands from his sleeves to perform Takbir-e-Tahrimah, and

when he got done with Takbir, he inserted his hands in his sleeves. Ibn Malik states: "It's likely that inserting the hands in the sleeves was due to the severe cold or to explain that revealing the hands is not Wajib other than Takbir-e-Tahrimah. I say that revealing hands in Takbir-e-Tahrimah is also not Wajib but Mustahab. (Mirqat al-Mafatih Sharah Mishkat al-Masabih, Vol. 2, p. 657, Publ. Dar al-Fikr, Beirut)

It is stated in *Multaqa al-Abhur* and its *Sharah, Majma' al-Anhur*, in the chapter regarding the Mustahabbat of Salah:

"(واخراج كفيه من كفيه عند التكبير) لانه اقرب الى التواضع وابعده من التشبه بالجبايرة وامكن من نشر الاصابع، الالضرورة البرد ونحوه، قيد بدر الدين العيني بالاول، فقال: عند التكبير الاول، لكن المصنف اطلقه وفيه اشعار بانه يجوز ادخالهما في الكمين في غير حال التكبير لكن الاولى اخراجهما في جميع الاحوال، هذا في الرجال واما النساء فتجعل يديها في كميها"

(Majma' al-Anhur Sharah Multaqa al-Abhur, Vol. 1, p. 91, Publ. Dar Ihya al-Turas, Beirut)

وَاللّٰهُ اَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُوْلُهُ اَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ knows best.)

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