

سُجُود **Sujood (prostration)**

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Today's topic is “سُجُود **Sujood (prostration)**” mentioned in the Holy Quran.

There are 14/15 verses in the Quran, when recited or listened, we must make sujood/prostration. Today's discussion is on verse 7:206. Sura Al-Araf verse 206.

Bow to Allah only

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Bow down to your Creator, Allah only wherever you are Who is closest to you than your Jugular vein.

وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ
And We are **nearer** to him than his jugular vein (by Our Knowledge).
(Qaf 50:16)

Mt. Everest	Pacific Ocean	Mars
		
5.49 miles high	6.84 miles deep	246,000,000 miles away

Whether you are at the **top** of Mount Everest or **bottom** of Pacific Ocean or even go to **Mars**...
Bow to Allah only!

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It is revealed in the Holy Quran: Sura Al-Araf 7:204

**إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ وَيُسَبِّحُونَهُ وَلَهُ
يَسْجُدُونَ**

Surely those who are close to your Rabb do not feel too proud to worship Him; they declare His glory and prostrate themselves before Him. (Sura Al-Araf 7:204)

After Allah mentioned that this Quran is a clear evidence, guidance and mercy for mankind, He commanded that one listen to the Quran when it is recited in respect of honor of the Quran. This is to the contrary of the practice of the Pagans, who said,

لَا تَسْمَعُوا لِهَذَا الْقُرْءَانِ وَالْغَوْا فِيهِ (٤ : ١٢٦)

“Listen not to this Quran and make noise in the midst of its (recitation)” (4:126)

Ibn Jarir reported that Ibn Masud said, “we would give Salam to each other during Salah.” So, the ayat of Quran was revealed.

**وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْءَانُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ
وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ**

When Quran is recited, then listen to it. And pay attention that you may receive mercy. (7:204)

وَأَذْكُرْ رَبَّكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ
بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ

And do thou (O reader!) bring thy Lord to remembrance in thy (very) soul with humility and in reverence without loudness in words in the mornings and evenings; and be not thou of those who are unheedful. (7:205)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ وَيُسَبِّحُونَهُ وَلَهُ
يَسْجُدُونَ

Those who are near to thy Lord disdain not to do Him worship:
They celebrate His praises and bow down before Him. (7:206)

Remembering Allah in the Morning and Afternoons

Allah ordains that He be remembered more often in the morning and afternoons. Just He ordered that He be worshipped during these two times.

وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ

And glorify the praises of your lord, before the rising of the sun and before (its) setting (50:39)

Before the night of Isra, when the five daily prayers were ordained, this Ayah was revealed on Makkah ordering that Allah be worshipped at these times.

Allah said next

تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً

(Humbly and with fear) meaning remember your Lord in secret, not loudly, with eagerness and fear.

This is why Allah said next

وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ

(Without loudness in words) Therefore, it is recommended that remembering Allah in Dhikir is not performed in a loud voice.

When the Companions asked the Messenger of Allah, “Is our Lord close, so that we call Him in secret, or far, so that we raise our voice.” Allah sent Down the verse

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

And when my Servants ask you concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor). (2:186)

In the two Sahihs, it is recorded that Abu Musa Al-Ash’ari said, “the people raised their voice with Dua (invoking Allah), while travelling the Prophet said to them.”

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ارْزُقُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ فَإِنَّكُم لَأ تَدْعُونَ أَصَمًّا وَلَا غَائِبًا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَهُ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيَّ أَحَدِكُمْ مِنْ عُنُقِ رَاحِلَتِهِ

(“O People! Take it easy on yourselves, for He whom you are calling is not deaf or absent. Verily, He whom you are calling is the All-Hearer, close (by His knowledge), closer to one of you than the neck of his animal”)

These texts encourage the servants to invoke Allah in Dhikir often, especially in the mornings and afternoons; so that they are not among those who neglect remembering Him.

Allah praised the angels who praise Him night and day without tiring

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ

(Surely, those who are with your Lord (i.e., angels) are never too proud to perform acts of worship to Him)

Allah reminded the servants of this fact so that they imitate the angels in their tireless worship and obedience of Allah.

Prostration, here, upon the mention that the angel's prostrate to Allah is legitimate.

A Hadith reads

أَلَا تَصُفُّونَ كَمَا تَصُفُّ الْمَلَائِكَةُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهَا يُتِمُّونَ الصُّفُوفَ
الأولَ وَيَتَرَا صُوفًا فِي الصَّفِّ

Why not you stand in line (for the Prayer) like the angels stand in line before their Lord. They continue the first then the next lines and they stand closer to each other in line.

This is the first place in the Quran where it has been legitimized- according to the agreement of the scholars- for the readers of the Quran and those listening to its recitation to perform Prostration.

So, brothers let us perform our salat with humble Sujood (prostration) and also make many many sujood besides salat.

Ameen

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