

Lesson 2: Standing in Prayer: The Prayer of a Sick Person Sitting



1. Introduction:

'Imraan ibn Husayn also said: "I asked him (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) about the prayer of a man while sitting, so he said:

"He who prays standing, that is better; he who prays sitting, his reward is half that of the former. He who prays lying down (and in another narration: reclining), has half the reward of the one who sits."

2. Overview:

You should be able to answer the following questions after this lesson:

Is it permissible to offer prayer while sitting? What is the proof for your answer?

Is it permissible to offer the prayer while lying down? What is the proof for your answer?

3. Reading:

Read "Prophet's Prayer Described," sections Standing in Prayer (Intro, Prayer of a Sick Person, Prayer on a ship, Sitting and Standing in the Night Prayer, pages 3-6)



4. Terms to Know:

Try to find the Arabic text of the hadith mentioned in the section "Prayer of a Sick Person..." and write the following words/phrases in Arabic:

***pray standing
sitting down
lying down
if you are not able***

5. Explore!

'Imran ibn Husayn (radiiallaahu 'anhu) said: "I was suffering from haemorrhoids (piles), so I asked the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) and he said:

«Pray standing; if you are not able, then sitting down; if you are not able to do so, then pray lying down.

What is haemorrhoids (hemorrhoids)? What are some of the causes of hemorrhoids? And what are some cures?

6. Think about It!

Answer the questions from the Overview section. Be sure to include any hadith or ayaat as proof where necessary.

7. Hifz (Memorize)

Memorize one or more of the following (as assigned by teacher)

Hadith (in Arabic, if possible)

Pray standing; if you are not able, then sitting down; if you are not able to do so, then pray lying down. (Bukharee)

Be sure to include the narrator of the hadith.

Add the Hifz Card below to your Hifz Box and review it regularly.

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**Q: Is it permissible to sit or lie down and pray? If so, under what condition?
What is the proof for your answer?**

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A: Yes, it is permissible to pray sitting or lying down if we are unable to pray standing due to illness, but we are encouraged to try to pray standing.

Pray standing; if you are not able, then sitting down; if you are not able to do so, then pray lying down. (Bukharee)