

Lesson 4: The Sutrah



1. Introduction:

“He used to say:

‘Do not pray except towards a sutrah, and do not let anyone pass in front of you, but if someone continues (to try to pass) then fight him, for he has a companion (i.e. a shaytaan) with him. (PPD)

2. Overview:

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

- What is a sutrah?
- It is obligatory to pray towards a sutrah, what is the proof?
- Why should we want to have a sutrah? (i.e. what does it try to prevent?)
- About how much space should there be between a person and his sutrah?
- What should we do if someone tries to pass in front of us during prayer?
- Give some examples of sutrahs that the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) used.

3. Reading:

Read “Prophet’s Prayer Described,” section:

The Sutrah, and the Obligation to have one
(Pages 7-9)



4. Terms to Know:

Find and write the following terms/phrases in Arabic (as used in the reading) in your notebook.

You may have to consult the Arabic text of any ahadith or a dictionary.

sutrah
wall
space
towards
pass in front of you
tree, bed, saddle, stick/spear

5. Explore!

Find 5 things around your house that you could use for a sutrah.

6. Think about It!

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

There is a fatwa online regarding young children passing in front of someone while praying. See if you can find it. (Do you already know the ruling on this?)

7. Hifz (Memorize)

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

Do not pray except towards a sutrah, and do not let anyone pass in front of you, but if someone continues (to try to pass) then fight him, for he has a companion (i.e. a shaytaan) with him.

When one of you places in front of him something such as the stick on the end of a saddle, he should pray and not mind anyone who passes beyond it.

If possible, learn in Arabic.

Add the Hifz Cards below to your Hifz Box for any proofs you are assigned to remember and review them regularly.

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