

Place where Prayer should be performed

Issue No.1- There are several conditions for the place where one should offer prayers:

The first condition:

Issue No.2-The place where the prayers are offered should be Mubah. If a person prays on a usurped property, then his prayers are void, even if he prays on a carpet, or a couch, or similarly objects.

Issue No.3- Prayers offered in a property whose use and benefit belongs to someone else, will be void, unless permission is taken from the entitled person. For example, if a house has been rented out, and anyone offers prayers in that house without permission of the tenant, then his prayers are void.

Issue No.4- If a person sitting in a Mosque, is made to quit his place by someone who then occupies his place, the prayers offered there will be void.

Issue No.5- If a person purchases a property with the sum of money from which Khums and Zakat have not been paid by him, his use of that property is haraam, and the prayers which he offers in it are void.

Issue No.6- To pray in someone else's property is permissible only when the owner has given an explicit consent, or has made a hint implying permission. For example, if he permits a person to stay and sleep in his property, it will be implied that he has given him permission for offering prayers as well.

The second condition:

Issue No.7- The place for prayers should not have such a vigorous movement which would make normal standing, Ruku or Sajdah impossible.

But if one is forced to pray at such places, due to shortage of time, or any other reason, like in an airplane, on a ship or on train, then one should try to remain still, and to maintain the direction of Qibla, as much as possible. And if the vehicles move away from the direction, he should return to Qibla.

The third condition:

Issue No.8- If the place where one wishes to pray is najis, it should not be so wet that its moisture would reach the body or the dress of the person praying.

Issue No.9- If the place where one places one's forehead while performing Sajdah, is najis, the prayers will be void, even if that place is dry.
