



Fourth question from Fatwa No. 3716

Q 4: What is the ruling on reciting Basmalah (saying, "Bismillah Al-Rahman, Al-Rahim [In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful]") during Salah (Prayer)? Some students say that Imam Malik prohibits reciting it in Salah.

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A: There is a difference of opinion among Fuqaha' (jurists) over whether a person should recite Basmalah in Salah or not. The matter is even disputed among the [Malikis \(followers of Imam Malik\)](#). The most appropriate view, however, is that it should be recited in a low voice during Jahri Salah (Prayer recited out loud).

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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