



The first question of Fatwa No. 2709

Q1: What is the ruling on saying ameen after the Imam's saying: (nor of those who went astray.) ?

A: Saying ameen after the Imam's saying: (nor of those who went astray.) is a Sunnah for the Imam, Ma'mum (a person being led by an Imam in Prayer) and the one who is performing Salah alone. This was reported from [Ibn 'Umar](#) and [Ibn Al-Zubayr](#). This opinion was also held by [Al-Thawry](#), ['Ata'](#), [Al-Shafi'i](#), [Yahya ibn Yahya](#), Is-haq,

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Abu Khaythamah, [Ibn Abu Shaybah](#), Sulayman ibn Dawud and As-hab-ul-Ra'y (scholars, especially the Hanafis, who exercised personal reasoning to make judgments in the absence of clear texts). The evidence for this saying is what was reported by [Abu Hurayrah](#) (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ("Say: Ameen, when the Imam says: Ameen, for if anyone's utterance of Ameen coincides with that of the angels, his past sins will be forgiven.") This Hadith is reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

Wa'il Ibn Hujr reported that (If the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (nor of those who went astray)he used to say ameen in a loud voice.) This Hadith was reported by [Abu Dawud](#) and [Al-Tirmidhy](#). [Al-Tirmidhy](#) reported it as: ("He said it in a loud voice.") He also said that this Hadith is Hasan (a Hadith whose chain of narration contains a narrator with weak exactitude, but is free from eccentricity or blemish.)

Imam Ahmad reported on the authority of [Abu Hurayrah](#) (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ("Say 'Ameen' when the Imam says "Wala-ddallin" (nor of those who go astray); all the past sins of the person whose saying (of Ameen) coincides with that of the angels, will be forgiven.")

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