



4- Killing a serpent

The sixth question of Fatwa No. (3785)

Q 6: While offering one of the five obligatory Salahs (Prayers) a person sees a snake or scorpion in front of him; should he stop his Salah to kill them or should he complete his Salah?

A: Yes, in such a case he should stop the Salah to kill the snake or scorpion. In this regard, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [﴿ Kill the two black things during Salah; the snake and scorpion. ﴾](#) Recorded by the compilers of Sunan (Hadith compilations classified by jurisprudential themes) and it is judged to be authentic by [Ibn Hibban](#). It is unobjectionable and does not affect the validity of the Salah if he kills them while performing Salah if he does as few actions as possible.

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

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