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Eighth question from Fatwa No. 6914

Q 8: I read three things on Salah by Shaykh Abdul-`Aziz ibn `Abdullah ibn Baz (May Allah protect him) which states that the person who offers Salah (Prayer) should constrict the fingers of his right hand except the index finger which he raises as a sign for the Oneness of Allah while sitting for saying Tashahhud (a recitation in the sitting position in the second/ last unit of Prayer). He may constrict the pinkie and ring fingers, making a circle with his thumb and the middle fingers and raise the index finger.

Should a person raise his index finger throughout Tashahud until salutation (End of Salah)? Should he move his finger in this case? Should a person constrict his fingers during Tashahud only then release them just as the other hand or constrict them until Salutation?

A: Raising the index finger during Tashahud, moving it during supplication and constricting the rest of the fingers should continue until salutation.

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

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