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**Q: What is the ruling on a person who leads people in Salah (Prayer) and after finishing the Salah, they depart from the left side? I found something in myself regarding this because I think departing from the right side is better.**

**A:** It is permissible for the Imam after finishing Salah to depart from the right or the left side. It is authentically reported on the authority of [Ibn Mas 'ud](#) that he said: (None of you should give Satan any of his prayer by thinking that it is mandatory for him to depart (after finishing the prayer) from his right side only; I have seen the Prophet (peace be upon him) often leaving from his left side. ) These are the wordings of Al-Bukhari.

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

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