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### Reciting Ayat-ul-Kursy and the Mu`awwidhatayn

Third and fourth questions from Fatwa No. 4209

**Q 3: I heard your Eminence saying that it is recommended to recite Ayat-ul-Kursy (the Qur'anic Verse of the Throne, Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:255), Surah Al-Ikhlas and the Mu`awwidhatayn (Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas) three times after performing Salah (Prayer). When should we recite them; after leaving the Masjid (mosque) or inside the Masjid or before or after supererogatory Salah?**

**A:** It is an act of Sunnah (a commendable act) to recite Ayat-ul-Kursy, Surah Al-Ikhlas, and the Mu`awwidhatayn (Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas). They should be recited in a subvocal voice after reciting the invocation to be said immediately after performing Salah. This is based on the Hadith narrated by Al-Nasa`iy which is considered a Sahih Hadith by Ibn Hibban on the authority of Abu Umamah Iyas ibn Tha`labah Al-Harithy Al-Ansary Al-Khazrajiy who said that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: (Whoever recites Ayat al-Kursi (verse no. 255 in Surat Al-Baqarah) after every obligatory prayer, then there is nothing between him and his entrance into Paradise except his death.) Imam Ahmad and others also narrated on the authority of Abu Umamah and others that: Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) used to recite Ayat al-Kursi in a subvocal voice after every Salah. The compiler of Al-Ahadiyah Al-Mukhtarah book classified it as a Sahih Hadith. Al-Tabarany narrated it with the following addition: (Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "He is Allâh, (the) One. ) Ibn Al-Qayyim said: Other narrations indicate that this Hadith has an origin (to support it). Also Abu Dawud, Al-Tirmidhi, Al-Nasa`iy and others narrated on the authority of 'Uqbah ibn 'Amir (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said: (The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) ordered me to recite the Mu`awwidhatayn (Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas) immediately after performing every Salah.) According to the narration of Abu Dawud: ...the Muawwidhat i.e. (Surahs Al-Falaq, Al-Nas and Al-Ikhlas).

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