



## An Imam who forgetfully misses the first Tashahhud

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**Q2: A man was leading us as the Iman for a four-Rak`ah Salah (Prayer consisting of four units) and he forgot to sit for the first Tashahhud (a recitation in the sitting position in the second/ last unit of Prayer). Instead, he stood up and a Ma'mum (a person being led by an Imam in Prayer) said "Subhan Allah (Glorified be Allah)", so he returned to the sitting position for the first Tashahhud. Some of the Ma'mum left the Imam then and completed their Salah alone. What is the ruling on the Salah (Prayer) of the Imam and those who followed him in sitting again, and the ruling on those who remained standing**

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**and left the Imam?**

**A:** The Salah of all of them is correct, because each of them based it on what they thought was most probably correct. It would have been better for those who separated from the Imam not to have done so and to have stayed with their Imam, because his return to the sitting position is permissible, as he had stood up but had not started to recite (Surah Al-Fatihah). Even if that he had returned to the sitting position after starting the recitation, due to ignorance of the legal ruling, the Salah would still have been valid.

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

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