



Satan's insinuations during Salah

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Q3: During performance any of the Five Obligatory Salah (Prayers),

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after reciting the Takbirat-ul-Ihram (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]" upon starting Prayer) and Surah Al-Fatihah, I usually lose attention in Salah (Prayer) and my mind starts thinking about other things until I finish the Salah. I began to suffer from this two years ago. A Shaykh told us that if anyone loses their attention during Salah, their Salah will be useless. Please benefit me with your advice and guidance on this issue. May Allah grant you a long life!

A: Your Salah is valid as long as you perform the obligatory acts of the Salah. Our advice to you is to make every effort to protect yourself from Satan, as much as you can, until his insinuations stop and you spoil his tricks. What will help you in this is resorting to Allah and seeking refuge with Him from Satan at the beginning of the recitation and always in your mind. Contemplating the meanings of the Qur'an seriously will guide you to recognize the Magnificence of Allah, and reciting Takbir (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]"), Tahlil (saying: "La ilaha illa Allah [There is no god except Allah]"), Tasbih (saying: "Subhan Allah [Glory be to Allah]"), and Tahmid (saying: "Alhamdu lillah [All praise is due to Allah]") will help you to ward off Satan's insinuations. Remember that you are in front of Allah and that you are talking to Him during your Salah and that it is obligatory on you to be polite and pay attention when talking to and invoking Him. Also, have hope that Allah will ward off these insinuations from you and that He will save you from Satan's tricks. May Allah help you to devote your mind fully to Him and ignore Satan's insinuations!

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

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