

The prostration of thankfulness

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Question: “How does one perform sujood ash-shukr (the prostration of thankfulness)?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹:

“It comprises of one prostration, and none of the preconditions needed for prayer are stipulated for it. So it is like sujood at-tilaawah, they both have the same ruling. Neither of them have a precondition such as being in a state of purification, facing the Qiblah, making the takbeer, making the tasleem, and so on. Rather, if he is surprised by some blessing, he prostrates immediately the way he is and praises Allaah with whatever (words) he can for that blessing that He gave him, out of thanks to Him. Likewise if he recites a verse of prostration from the Book of Allaah (عز وجل)², he prostrates immediately, whether he has wudhoo or not, whether he is facing the Qiblah or not, without making takbeer al-ihraam and without making any tashahhud or salaam.”

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He