

## A summary of placing the hands back on the chest after the Rukoo'

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**A summary of the opinion of Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله)<sup>1</sup> regarding the issue of placing the hands back on the chest after the Rukoo'.**

- a) Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله) said: 'I do not doubt that placing the hands on the chest in this standing is an innovation and misguidance. Since it has not been mentioned at all in any of the Ahadeeth of prayer – and there are so many of them! If this issue had a foundation, then it would have been transmitted/conveyed to us even if there was one chain for this action. What strengthens this opinion, is that not one of the Salaf did this and it was not mentioned by any one of the Imaams of hadeeth, as far as I know.'
- b) Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله) said: 'As for the statement of Imaam Ahmad, which indicates placing of the hands after the Rukoo' as has been mentioned, is not established in the Sunnah according to Imaam Ahmad himself, because indeed he himself chose (optional) between doing it and leaving it!'
- c) Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله) said: 'I used to declare in a lot of my lectures and lessons the causes and reasoning regarding this clasping of the hands after Rukoo'; that a person is about to introduce a new Bida' due to relying upon a general hadeeth not knowing that it is specific, and this Bida' is none other than pointing with the finger in other than the sitting of Tashahhud!'
- d) Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله) said: 'The readers should reflect upon how well Wa'il<sup>2</sup> narrates the description of how the Messenger ﷺ raised his hands in the opening Takbeer, then how he summarised his words regarding it when he performed the Rukoo' and standing up from it by saying: 'he raised his hands likewise'; so if, what some of the respected people ascribe to him, about placing the hands after rising from Rukoo' was Saheeh then he would have said the likes of: 'and he placed his right hand over his left hand likewise.' Or something similar, since this is a time where that explanation would be given as is apparent, so reflect upon this justly.'
- e) Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله) said: '...and that is why the Salaf did not act upon this.'

<sup>1</sup> (رحمه الله) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (rad iyallaahu `anhu) (رضي الله عنه) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

<sup>3</sup> (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him