

When can a Sick Person Sit and Perform salaah?

Q: Salaah-268: A man is ill and walks to the Masjid for salaah. He however sits and performs salaah. Is this correct?

Answer: It is Fardh (obligatory) to stand and perform the Fardh and Waajib Salaahs. if a person cannot stand and perform the entire salaah, he must at least stand and call out the Takbeer Tahreemah. If he cannot stand by himself, he may lean against a wall or stick or take support from a servant. In short, if he is able to at least call out the Takbeer Tahreemah and recite a verse of the Qur'aan in a standing position, he must do so. If however he cannot even do this or there is fear that this may make the illness worse, he may sit and perform the salaah.

The same applies to sitting. A person should therefore sit with the support of a cushion or something else and may lie down and perform salaah only when it is impossible to sit. The above applies to all Fardh and Waajib salaahs as well as the Sunnah of Fajr. However, Nafil salaahs may be performed sitting down without any excuse, but the rewards for such a salaah will be halved. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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