

### Raising the Hands to Make Du'aa Between the Two Khutbahs

Q: Salaah-539: When the Khateeb pauses to sit between the two Khutbahs, people raise their hands to make du'aa. Is this correct?

Answer: The Ahadeeth do to report any du'aa from Rasulullaah SAW. during this pause between the Khutbahs. The issue is dealt with in detail in Ghaayatul Awtaar, which states: "it has become a custom nowadays for people to raise their hands and make du'aa when the Khateeb sits between the two Khutbahs. It is therefore relevant to deal with this issue here. Abu Dawood reports from Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. that it was Rasulullaah SAW.'s practice to deliver two Khutbahs. Rasulullaah SAW. would mount the Mimbar and sit until the Mu'adhin had called out the Adhaan. He would then stand up, deliver one Khutbah and then sit down in silence. He then stood up again to deliver the second Khutbah. Imaam Tahtaawi RAH. has mentioned that no du'aa has been reported from Rasulullaah SAW. during this pause.

Shamsul A'immah Sarakhsi RAH. has written that the pause between the khutbahs should be only as long as it takes for all the limbs of a person to be at ease. He also states that it is an act of Bid'ah to make du'aa during this time. Imaam San'aani RAH. has stated that the Shari'ah has not permitted the raising of the hands to make du'aa between the two khutbahs and Jaami'ul Khateeb goes as far as stating that doing so is Haraam. In his commentary of this Hadith in Mishkaat, Sheikh Abdul Haqq RAH. has stated that sitting in silence refers to not making du'aa and not saying anything else either. Commenting on the Hadith stating that the time for du'aas to be accepted on Fridays is between the time that the Imaam mounts the Mimbar to the time that he completes the salaah, Mulla Ali Qaari RAH. states that this is a time during which it is Haraam for people to speak. The du'aa that is accepted is therefore the du'aas that the Imaam Makes for all the Muslims during the Khutbah and salaah because only he is permitted to speak during this time. It has therefore not been established that the Imaam or the Musallis should raise their hands to make Du'aa in the time between the Khutbahs ...

And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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