

14 - THE BOOK OF WITR

١٤ - كتاب الوتر

(١) باب ما جاء في الوتر

(1) CHAPTER. What is said regarding the *Witr* prayer⁽¹⁾.

990. Narrated Ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا: Once a man asked Allāh's Messenger ﷺ about the *Ṣalāt-ul-Lail* (night prayer). Allāh's Messenger ﷺ replied, "The *Ṣalāt-ul-Lail* (night *Tahajjud* prayer) is offered as two *Rak'ā* followed by two *Rak'ā* (and so on) and if anyone is afraid of the approaching dawn *Fajr* prayer he should offer one *Rak'ā* and this will be a *Witr* for all the *Rak'ā* which he has offered before."

[See the Book of *Ṣalāt-ul-Tahajjud*, No.19]

991. Nāfi' told that 'Abdullāh bin 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا used to say *Taslim* between (the first) two *Rak'ā* and (the third) odd one in the *Witr* prayer, and he used to attend to some of his needs.

992. Narrated Ibn 'Abbās رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا: Once I passed the night in the house of Maimūna (his aunt). I lay on the cushion transversally in its breadth-wise direction while Allāh's Messenger ﷺ and his wife lay in its length-wise direction. The Prophet ﷺ slept till midnight or nearly so and woke up rubbing his face and recited ten Verses from *Sūrah Āl-Imrān*. Allāh's Messenger ﷺ went towards a leather-skin and performed *Wudu* (ablution) in the most perfect way and then stood for the *Ṣalāt* (prayer). I did the same and stood beside him (on his left side). The Prophet ﷺ put his right hand on my head, twisted my ear (pulled me, and made me to stand by his right side), and then offered two

٩٩٠ - حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ يُوسُفَ قَالَ: أَخْبَرَنَا مَالِكٌ، عَنْ نَافِعٍ وَعَبْدِ اللَّهِ ابْنِ دِينَارٍ عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ: أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنْ صَلَاةِ اللَّيْلِ: فَقَالَ ﷺ: «صَلَاةُ اللَّيْلِ مَثْنَى مَثْنَى، فَإِذَا خَشِيَ أَحَدُكُمْ الصُّبْحَ صَلَّى رَكْعَةً وَاحِدَةً، تُوتِرُ لَهُ مَا قَدْ صَلَّى».

[راجع: ٤٧٢]

٩٩١ - وَعَنْ نَافِعٍ: أَنَّ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ بْنَ عُمَرَ كَانَ يَسْلِمُ بَيْنَ الرَّكْعَةِ وَالرَّكْعَتَيْنِ فِي الْوَيْتْرِ حَتَّى يَأْمُرَ بِيَعْضِ حَاجَتِهِ.

٩٩٢ - حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ مَسْلَمَةَ، عَنْ مَالِكٍ، عَنْ مَحْرَمَةَ بِنِ سَلِيمَانَ، عَنْ كُرَيْبِ بْنِ أَبِي عَبَّاسٍ أَخْبَرَهُ: أَنَّهُ بَاتَ عِنْدَ مَيْمُونَةَ - وَهِيَ خَالَتُهُ - فَاضْطَجَعْتُ فِي عَرْضِ وَسَادَةِ، وَاضْطَجَعَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَأَهْلُهُ فِي طُولِهَا، فَنَامَ حَتَّى انْتَصَفَ اللَّيْلُ أَوْ قَرِيبًا مِنْهُ فَاسْتَيْقَظَ يَمْسُحُ النَّوْمَ عَنْ وَجْهِهِ، ثُمَّ قَرَأَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ آلِ عِمْرَانَ، ثُمَّ قَامَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ إِلَى شَنٍّْ مُعَلَّقَةٍ فَتَوَضَّأَ فَأَحْسَنَ

(1) (Chap.1): *Witr* prayer: A prayer of an odd number of *Rak'ā* offered after *'Ishā* prayer or after the *Tahajjud* (night) prayer, and it is to be offered before the *Fajr* prayer.

Rak'ā five times and then ended his *Ṣalāt* with *Witr*. He laid down till the *Mu'adh-dhin* (call-maker) came then he stood up and offered two *Rak'ā* (*Sunna* of *Fajr* prayer) and then went out and offered the *Fajr* prayer. (See *Hadūth* No. 183, Vol. I).

993. Narrated 'Abdullāh bin 'Umar رضي الله عنهما: The Prophet ﷺ said, "Night prayer is offered as two *Rak'a* followed by two *Rak'a* and so on, and if you want to finish it, offer only one *Rak'āt* which will be *Witr* for all the previous *Rak'a*." Al-Qāsim said, "Since we attained the age of puberty we have seen some people offering a three *Rak'a* prayer as *Witr* and all that is permissible. I hope there will be no harm in it."

994. Narrated 'Āishah رضي الله عنها: Allāh's Messenger ﷺ used to offer eleven *Rak'a* at night and that was his night prayer and each of his prostrations lasted for a period enough for one of you to recite fifty Verses before Allāh's Messenger ﷺ raised his head. He also used to offer two *Rak'a* (*Sunna*) prayer before the (compulsory) *Ṣalāt-ul-Fajr* (*Fajr* prayer) and then lie down on his right side till the *Mu'adh-dhin* (call-maker) came to him for the *Ṣalāt* (prayer).

الْوُضوءَ ثُمَّ قَامَ يُصَلِّي، فَصَنَعْتُ
مِثْلَهُ. فَقُمْتُ إِلَى جَنْبِهِ فَوَضَعَ يَدَهُ
الْيُمْنَى عَلَى رَأْسِي وَأَخَذَ بِأُذُنِي
يَقْتُلُهَا. ثُمَّ صَلَّى رَكَعَتَيْنِ ثُمَّ رَكَعَتَيْنِ،
ثُمَّ رَكَعَتَيْنِ، ثُمَّ رَكَعَتَيْنِ، ثُمَّ رَكَعَتَيْنِ،
ثُمَّ رَكَعَتَيْنِ، ثُمَّ أَوْتَرَ. ثُمَّ اضْطَجَعَ
حَتَّى جَاءَهُ الْمُؤَدُّنُ فَقَامَ فَصَلَّى رَكَعَتَيْنِ
ثُمَّ خَرَجَ فَصَلَّى الصُّبْحَ.

٩٩٣ - حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ سُلَيْمَانَ
قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي ابْنُ وَهْبٍ قَالَ: أَخْبَرَنِي
عَمْرُو أَنَّ عَبْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنَ الْقَاسِمِ
حَدَّثَهُ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍ
قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: «صَلَاةُ اللَّيْلِ
مَثْنِي مَثْنِي، فَإِذَا أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَنْصَرِفَ
فَارْكَعْ رَكَعَةً تُؤْتِرُ لَكَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ».
قَالَ الْقَاسِمُ: وَرَأَيْنَا أَنَا سَاءً مُنْذُ أَدْرَكْنَا
يُوتِرُونَ بِثَلَاثٍ وَإِنَّ كَثَلًا لَوَاسِعٌ،
وَأَرْجُو أَنْ لَا يَكُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْهُ بَأْسٌ.
[راجع: ٤٧٢]

٩٩٤ - حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْيَمَانِ قَالَ:
أَخْبَرَنَا شُعَيْبٌ، عَنِ الرَّهْرِيِّ، عَنْ
عُرْوَةَ أَنَّ عَائِشَةَ أَخْبَرَتْهُ: أَنَّ رَسُولَ
اللَّهِ ﷺ كَانَ يُصَلِّي إِحْدَى عَشْرَةَ رَكَعَةً
كَانَتْ تِلْكَ صَلَاتِهِ - تَعْنِي بِاللَّيْلِ -
فَيَسْجُدُ السَّجْدَةَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ قَدْرَ مَا يَقْرَأُ
أَحَدُكُمْ خَمْسِينَ آيَةً قَبْلَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ رَأْسَهُ
وَيَرْكَعُ رَكَعَتَيْنِ قَبْلَ صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ، ثُمَّ
يَضْطَجِعُ عَلَى شِقِّهِ الْأَيْمَنِ حَتَّى

(2) CHAPTER. The timing of the *Ṣalāt-ul-Witr* (*Witr* prayer).

Abū Hurairah said, "The Prophet ﷺ told me to offer *Witr* prayer before sleeping."

995. Narrated Anas bin Sīrīn: I asked Ibn 'Umar رضي الله عنهما: "What is your opinion about the two *Rak'a* before the *Fajr* prayer, as to prolonging the recitation in them?" He said, "The Prophet ﷺ used to offer at night two *Rak'a* followed by two and so on, and end the *Ṣalāt* (prayer) by one *Rak'a Witr*. He used to offer two *Rak'a* before the *Fajr* prayer immediately after the *Adhān*." (Ḥammād, the subnarrator said, "That meant (that he offered *Ṣalāt*) quickly."

996. Narrated 'Āishah رضي الله عنها: Allāh's Messenger ﷺ offered *Witr* prayer at different nights at various hours extending (from the '*Ishā*' prayer up to the last hour of the night).

(3) CHAPTER. The Prophet ﷺ used to wake his family up for the *Witr* prayer.

997. Narrated 'Āishah رضي الله عنها: The Prophet ﷺ used to offer his night prayer while I was sleeping across in his bed. Whenever he intended to offer the *Witr* prayer, he used to wake me up and I would offer the *Witr* prayer too.

(4) CHAPTER. One should make *Witr* as the last *Ṣalāt* (prayer) (at night).

يَأْتِيهِ الْمُؤَذِّنُ لِلصَّلَاةِ. [راجع: ٦٢٦]

(٢) بَابُ سَاعَاتِ الْوَيْتْرِ،

قَالَ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ: أوصاني رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ بِالْوَيْتْرِ قَبْلَ النَّوْمِ.

٩٩٥ - حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو النُّعْمَانِ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا حَمَّادُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا أَنَسُ بْنُ سِيرِينَ قَالَ: قُلْتُ لِابْنِ عُمَرَ: أَرَأَيْتَ الرَّكْعَتَيْنِ قَبْلَ صَلَاةِ الْغَدَاةِ نَطِيلٌ فِيهِمَا الْقِرَاءَةُ؟ فَقَالَ: كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يُصَلِّي مِنَ اللَّيْلِ مَثْنِي مَثْنِي وَيُوتِرُ بِرَكْعَةٍ، وَيُصَلِّي رَكْعَتَيْنِ قَبْلَ صَلَاةِ الْغَدَاةِ وَكَأَنَّ الْأَذَانَ بِأَذْنِيهِ. قَالَ حَمَّادٌ: أَيِ بِسُرْعَةٍ. [راجع: ٤٧٢]

٩٩٦ - حَدَّثَنَا عُمَرُ بْنُ حَفْصٍ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا أَبِي قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا الْأَعْمَشُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي مُسْلِمٌ، عَنْ مَسْرُوقٍ عَنْ عَائِشَةَ قَالَتْ: كُلَّ اللَّيْلِ أَوْتَرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَأَنْتَهَى وَتَرَهُ إِلَى السَّحْرِ.

(٣) بَابُ إِيقَاظِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ أَهْلَهُ بِالْوَيْتْرِ

٩٩٧ - حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا هِشَامٌ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي أَبِي، عَنْ عَائِشَةَ قَالَتْ: كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يُصَلِّي وَأَنَا رَاقِدَةٌ، مُعْتَرِضَةً عَلَيَّ فِرَاشِهِ. فَإِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يُوتِرَ أَيقظني فَأَوْتَرْتُ. [راجع: ٣٨٢]

(٤) بَابُ: لِيَجْعَلَ آخِرَ صَلَاتِهِ وَتِرًا

998. Narrated 'Abdullāh (bin 'Umar) رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا: The Prophet ﷺ said, "Make *Witr* as your last *Ṣalāt* (prayer) at night."

(5) CHAPTER. To offer the *Witr* prayer while riding on an animal.

999. Narrated Sa'īd bin Yasār: I was going to Makkah in the company of 'Abdullāh bin 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا and when I apprehended the approaching dawn, I dismounted and offered the *Witr* prayer and then joined him. 'Abdullāh bin 'Umar said, "Where have you been?" I replied, "I apprehended the approaching dawn so I dismounted and offered *Witr* prayer." 'Abdullāh said, "Isn't there in the Messenger ﷺ of Allāh a good example for you to follow?" I replied, "Yes, by Allāh." He said, "Allāh's Messenger ﷺ used to offer *Ṣalāt* of *Witr* on the back of the camel (while on a journey)."

(6) CHAPTER. Offering prayers of *Witr* while on a journey.

1000. Narrated Ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا: The Prophet ﷺ used to offer *Ṣalāt* (*Nawāfil* prayers) on his *Rāhila* (mount) facing its direction by signals, but not the compulsory *Ṣalāt* (prayer). He also used to offer the *Witr* prayer on his *Rāhila* (mount).

٩٩٨ - حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ سَعِيدٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي نَافِعٌ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ: عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: «اجْعَلُوا آخِرَ صَلَاتِكُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَتِرًا».

(٥) بَابُ الْوَيْتْرِ عَلَى الدَّابَّةِ

٩٩٩ - حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي مَالِكٌ، عَنْ أَبِي بَكْرٍ بْنِ عُمَرَ بْنِ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ، عَنْ سَعِيدِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ أَنَّهُ قَالَ: كُنْتُ أَسِيرُ مَعَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ بِطَرِيقِ مَكَّةَ. فَقَالَ سَعِيدٌ: فَلَمَّا خَشِيتُ الصُّبْحَ نَزَلْتُ فَأَوْتَرْتُ ثُمَّ لِحِقْتُهُ. فَقَالَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ ابْنُ عُمَرَ: أَيْنَ كُنْتَ؟ فَقُلْتُ: خَشِيتُ الصُّبْحَ فَنَزَلْتُ فَأَوْتَرْتُ، فَقَالَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ: مَا لَكَ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَسْوَأَ حَسَنَةٍ؟ فَقُلْتُ: بَلَى وَاللَّهِ. قَالَ: فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ كَانَ يُوتِرُ عَلَى الْبَعِيرِ. [انظر: ١٠٠٠،

١٠٩٦، ١٠٩٨، ١١٠٥]

(٦) بَابُ الْوَيْتْرِ فِي السَّفَرِ

١٠٠٠ - حَدَّثَنَا مُوسَى بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا جُوَيْرِيَةُ بْنُ أَسْمَاءَ، عَنْ نَافِعٍ، عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ قَالَ: كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يُصَلِّي فِي السَّفَرِ عَلَى رَاحِلَتِهِ حَيْثُ تَوَجَّهَتْ بِهِ يَوْمِيٌّ

إيماء صلاة الليل إلا الفرائض ويوتر

على راحلته. [راجع: ٩٩٩]

(7) CHAPTER. To recite *Qunūt* (invocation) before and after bowing.

(٧) بَابُ الْقُنُوتِ قَبْلَ الرَّكُوعِ وَبَعْدَهُ

1001. Narrated Muḥammad bin Sīrīn: Anas was asked, “Did the Prophet ﷺ recite *Qunūt* in the *Fajr* prayer?” Anas replied in the affirmative. He was further asked, “Did he recite *Qunūt* before bowing?” Anas replied, “He recited *Qunūt* after bowing for some time (for one month).”

١٠٠١ - حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا

حَمَادُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ أَبِي ثَيْبٍ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ

ابن سِيرِينَ قَالَ: سُئِلَ أَنَسُ بْنُ مَالِكٍ:

أَقَنَتَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ فِي الصُّبْحِ؟ قَالَ:

نَعَمْ. فَقِيلَ: أَوْقَنَتَ قَبْلَ الرَّكُوعِ؟

قَالَ: قَنَتَ بَعْدَ الرَّكُوعِ يَسِيرًا. [انظر:

١٠٠٢، ١٠٠٣، ١٣٠٠، ٢٨٠١، ٢٨١٤،

٣٠٦٤، ٣١٧٠، ٤٠٨٨، ٤٠٨٩، ٤٠٩٠،

٤٠٩٢، ٤٠٩٤، ٤٠٩٦، ٦٣٩٤، ٧٣٤١]

1002. Narrated ‘Āsim: I asked Anas bin Mālik about the *Qunūt*. Anas replied, “Definitely it was (recited)”. I asked, “Before bowing or after it?” Anas replied, “Before bowing.” I added, “So-and-so has told me that you had informed him that it had been after bowing.” Anas said, “He told an untruth (i.e. “was mistaken”, according to the Hījāzī dialect).” Allāh’s Messenger ﷺ recited *Qunūt* after bowing for a period of one month.” Anas added, “The Prophet ﷺ sent about seventy men (who knew the Qur’ān by heart) towards the *Mushrikūn*⁽¹⁾ (of Najd) who were less than they in number and there was a peace treaty between them and Allāh’s Messenger ﷺ (but the *Mushrikūn* broke the treaty and killed the seventy men). So Allāh’s Messenger ﷺ recited *Qunūt* for a period of one month invoking Allāh to punish them.”

١٠٠٢ - حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ قَالَ:

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْوَاحِدِ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا

عاصِمٌ قَالَ: سَأَلْتُ أَنَسَ بْنَ مَالِكٍ

عَنِ الْقُنُوتِ فَقَالَ: قَدْ كَانَ الْقُنُوتُ.

قُلْتُ: قَبْلَ الرَّكُوعِ أَوْ بَعْدَهُ؟ قَالَ:

قَبْلَهُ. قَالَ: فَإِنَّ فُلَانًا أَخْبَرَنِي عَنْكَ

أَنَّكَ قُلْتَ: بَعْدَ الرَّكُوعِ، فَقَالَ:

كَذَبَ، إِنَّمَا قَنَتَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ بَعْدَ

الرُّكُوعِ شَهْرًا، أَرَاهُ كَانَ بَعَثَ قَوْمًا

يُقَالُ لَهُمْ: الْفُرَاءُ، زُهَاءٌ سَبْعِينَ رَجُلًا

إِلَى قَوْمٍ مُشْرِكِينَ دُونَ أَوْلِيكَ وَكَانَ

بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَهْدٌ فَقَنَتَ

رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ شَهْرًا يَدْعُو عَلَيْهِمْ.

[راجع: ١٠٠١]

(1) *Mushrikūn*: Polytheists, pagans, idolaters and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah and in His Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ).

1003. Narrated Anas bin Mālik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ: The Prophet ﷺ recited *Qunūt* for one month (in the *Fajr* prayer) invoking Allāh to punish the tribes of Ri'l and Dhakwān.

١٠٠٣ - أَخْبَرَنَا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ يُونُسَ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا زَائِدَةُ، عَنِ التَّمِيمِيِّ، عَنْ أَبِي مِجَلَزٍ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ قَالَ: قَنَتَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ شَهْرًا يَدْعُو عَلَى رِغْلٍ وَذَكْوَانَ. [راجع: ١٠٠١]

1004. Narrated Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ: The *Qunūt* used to be recited in *Maghrib* and the *Fajr* prayers.

١٠٠٤ - حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا خَالِدٌ، عَنْ أَبِي قِلَابَةَ، عَنْ أَنَسٍ قَالَ: كَانَ الْقُنُوتُ فِي الْمَغْرِبِ وَالْفَجْرِ.