Developing Khushu' in Salah Part IV

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Objectives

- Understand khushu, its importance and discuss a number of ways to develop khushu in salah
- Step towards making the salah from a mere ritual to a *spiritual*, *enjoyable* and *beneficial* experience
 - Focus is on spiritual aspects and NOT Figh
- Strive for achieving the level of excellence (Ihsaan)
- Increase our *love*, *humility* and *attention* towards
 Allah SwT overall

Week 1 – Recap

Week 1: Introduction

- Salah and its importance
- Ritualism in Salah and its consequences
- Characteristics of Salah in Quran
- What is khushu' and its position according to Sharia
- The ways to attain Khushu' in Salah
- A motivational point I missed: Benefits in this world

Week 2 – Recap

- Week 2: To dos and do nots before Salah
 - Ponder over greatness of this gift and our dependence on Salah
 - Making Intention (Niyyah)
 - Supplication (Dua)
 - Decorate the obligatory with desirable/voluntary
 - Removal of distractions
 - Improve Understanding
 - Others?
- Ponder-Intend-Supplicate-Remove-Improve-Decorate

Week 3 – Recap

- Week 3: During Salah
- Bring Focus and Feelings to bring khushu' in:
 - Takbeer
 - Qiyaam
 - Ruku
 - Qauma
 - Sujood
 - Jalsa
 - Tashhud

Outline

- Week 1: Introduction
- Week 2: Before Salah
- Week 3: During Salah
- Week 4: After Salah

Salaam

- When saying the salaam at the end of the prayer, the worshipper intends three things:
 - To exit the prayer
 - To send salaams upon the recording angels
 - To send salaams upon his fellow-worshippers.
- If he is praying alone, then he intends when saying the salaam to exit the prayer and send salaams upon the recording angels.

Some after prayer duas

اللهُ أَكْبَر

أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله . (ثَلاثاً)

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلامُ ، وَمِنْكَ السَّلام ، تَبارَكْتَ يا ذا الجَلالِ وَالإِكْرام

اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِنِّيْ عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ، وَشُكْرِكَ، وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ للهِ، وَاللهُ أَكْبَرُ (ثَلَاثاً وَثَلَاثِينَ 33 times) لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ".

سور الإخلاص الفلق الناس

Ayat ul kursi

Lastly

- Live one salah to next
- Remember khushu is obligatory
- Keep trying do not give up
- Kindly make dua for me!