

# **Loud Recitation of Bismillah, Chapters 97 and 112:**

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ, وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ, وَسَلَّم تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Lord<sup>azwj</sup> of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad<sup>saww</sup> and his<sup>saww</sup> Purified Progeny<sup>asws</sup>, and greetings with abundant greetings.

## Do Not Say 'Amen' in Congregational Salat at the End of Al-Hamd

'Abu 'Abd Allah<sup>asws</sup> has said, 'If you are behind an Imam when he completes reading Al-Hamd you say, 'all praise belongs to Allah, Cherisher of the worlds,' and do not say 'Amen.'

## Reciting Bismillah Loudly in Salat when Sura is Recited Quietly

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ قَالَ رُوي عَنْ أَبِي مُحَمَّدٍ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ الْعَشَقَرِيِّ ع أَنَّهُ قَالَ: عَلَامَاتُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَمْسٌ صَلَاةُ الْخُمْسِينَ وَ زِيَارَةُ الْأَرْبَعِينَ وَ التَّحَنُّمُ فِي الْيَمِينِ وَ تَغْفِيرُ الْجَبِينِ وَ الْجَهْرُ بِبِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ.

Mohammed Ibn Al-Hassan says he heard from:

Abi Mohammed Al-Hassan<sup>asws</sup> Ibn Ali Al-Askari that a momin is recognized by the five signs: The signs of a Momin (believer) are five: praying fifty-one *Rakaat* [including mandatory and optional prayers], *Ziyarat Al-Arba'een*, wearing a ring in the right hand, prostration on dirt, and saying '*Bismillah hir Rahman nir Raheem*' in a raised voice. (at the beginning of every Sura).<sup>1</sup>

Also in another Hadith:

A person performed Salat for many days in congregation led by Imam Abu 'Abd Allah<sup>asws</sup> and in Salat which is not recited loudly, he would read Bismillah, (in the name of Allah, most Beneficent, most Merciful) aloud in both Surah (chapters).<sup>2</sup>

They once asked the Imam<sup>asws</sup> about one who does not read al-Fatihah in his Salat. The Imam<sup>asws</sup> replied, 'His Salat is not valid.'<sup>3</sup>

## How to recite Qul ho Wal ho Ahad?

حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ بْنِ عِمْرَانَ الدَّقَاقُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْكُوفِيُّ قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ الْبَرْمَكِيُّ قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ الْحَسَنِ قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي بَكْرُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ عَنْ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ بْنِ الْمُهْتَدِيِّ قَالَ: سَأَلْتُ الرَّضَا ع عَنِ

<sup>1</sup> H 19643, وسائل الشيعة، ج14، ص: 478

<sup>2</sup> Al-Kafi, Vol. 3, Chapt. On Salat, H. 20

<sup>3</sup> Al-Kafi, Vol. 3, Chapt. On Salat, H. 28

التَّوْحِيدَ فَقَالَ كُلُّ مَنْ قَرَأَ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ وَ آمَنَ بِهَا فَقَدْ عَرَفَ التَّوْحِيدَ قُلْتُ كَيْفَ يَقْرَئُهَا قَالَ كَمَا يَقْرَئُهَا النَّاسُ وَ زَادَ فِيهِ كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي ثَلَاثًا.

It has been narrated from Ali Ibn Ahmed Ibn Mohammed Ibn Imran who from Muhammad Bin Abu Abdullah, raising it from Abdul Al-Kufi, who said,

‘I asked Al-Reza<sup>asws</sup> about the *Tawheed* (Oneness). So he<sup>asws</sup> said: ‘The one who recites [112:1] **Say: He Allah is One** and believes in it, so he has recognised the *Tawheed* (Oneness)’. I said, ‘How should one recite it?’ He<sup>asws</sup> said: ‘Just as the people are reciting it, and increase in it,

كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي

‘Like that is Allah<sup>azwj</sup> my Lord<sup>azwj</sup>, like that is Allah<sup>azwj</sup> my Lord<sup>azwj</sup>, like that is Allah<sup>azwj</sup> my Lord<sup>azwj</sup>’ (three times).<sup>4</sup>

### It is recommend to recite Chapter 97 in Salat:

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ عَبْدِوَسٍّ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ زَاوِيَةَ عَنْ أَبِي عَلِيٍّ بْنِ رَاشِدٍ قَالَ قُلْتُ لِأَبِي الْحَسَنِ ( عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ) جُعِلْتُ فِدَاكَ إِنَّكَ كَتَبْتَ إِلَى مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْفَرَجِ تُعَلِّمُهُ أَنَّ أَفْضَلَ مَا تَقْرَأُ فِي الْفَرَائِضِ بِ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ وَ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ وَ إِنَّ صَدْرِي لَيَضِيقُ بَقِرَاءَتَهُمَا فِي الْفَجْرِ فَقَالَ ( عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ) لَا يَضِيقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا فَإِنَّ الْفَضْلَ وَ اللَّهُ فِيهِمَا .

Ali Bin Muhammad, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ahmad Bin Abdous, from Muhammad Bin Zawiya, from Abu Ali Bin Rashid who said,

‘I said to Abu Al-Hassan<sup>asws</sup>, ‘May I be sacrificed for you<sup>asws</sup>! You<sup>asws</sup> wrote to Muhammad Bin Al-Faraj teaching him that the most superior of what one can recite during the Obligatory (*Salāt*) is with ‘We<sup>azwj</sup> Revealed it’ (Chapter 97), and ‘Say He<sup>azwj</sup> Allah<sup>azwj</sup> is One’ (Chapter 112), and my chest is constricted by reciting these two during Al-Fajr (*Salāt*)’. So he<sup>asws</sup> said: ‘Do not constrict your chest by these two, for the merit, by Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, is in these two’.<sup>5</sup>

For more Ahadith see, Al-Kafi, Vol. 3,

<https://www.hubeali.com/alkafivol3/>

<sup>4</sup> عيون أخبار الرضا عليه السلام، ج 1، ص: 134

<sup>5</sup> Al Kafi V 3 – The Book of Salāt CH 21 H 19