

Making du ' aa ' after the obligatory prayers is bid ' ah

After fard salat (i.e. after saying salam), some people make Dua while others say only Tasbih Fatmi. Some people are adamant that making Dua after salat is Bidat. This is causing some restraint in the community speacially those who follow Imam Abu Hanifa or Shafai.

Can we make dua'a after salat.

Can we make dua'a with the imama after salat alltogether.

Praise be to Allaah.

It says in Fatawa al-Lajnah al-Daa ' imah:

Making du ' aa ' after the obligatory prayers is not Sunnah if it is done by raising the hands, whether that is done by the imam alone or a member of the congregation alone, or it is done by them both together. Rather that is bid ' ah, because it was not narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) or any of his companions (may Allaah be pleased with them) did that. With regard to making du ' aa ' without doing that (raising the hands etc.), there is nothing wrong with it, because there are some ahaadeeth concerning that.

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The Committee was asked about raising the hands for du ' aa ' after the five daily prayers – is it proven that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) raised his hands or not? If it is not proven, is it permissible to raise the hands after the five daily prayers or not?

They replied: It is not proven that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) raised his hands in

du 'aa ' after the obligatory prayers as far as we know, so raising them after the salaam of an obligatory prayer is contrary to the Sunnah.

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The Committee also stated that saying du 'aa ' out loud after the five daily prayers or regular Sunnah prayers, or reciting du 'aa ' in unison as a regular practice is a reprehensible innovation (bid 'ah), because it was not proven that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) or his companions (may Allaah be pleased with them) did anything like that.

Whoever

makes du 'aa ' after the obligatory or regular Sunnah prayers in unison is going against the way of Ahl al-Sunnah wa 'l-Jamaa 'ah, and for those people to accuse those who disagree with them of being kaafirs and not belonging to Ahl al-Sunnah wa 'l-Jamaa 'ah, is misguidance, ignorance and a

distortion of the facts.

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And Allaah knows best.