

The Wisdom and Purpose of Prayer as a Ruler of Human Life

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ABSTRACT

Abstract: Worship is one of the obligations that must be carried out by everyone. Even though everyone has different beliefs in choosing each religion and carrying out all their worship. In carrying out the prayer also has demands and also obligations and conditions so that prayer becomes valid and can also be accepted by Allah SWT. As for the things that must be done during prayer and when things that cancel the prayer are done, the prayer is considered invalid. This writing method was compiled using data and information collection methods by tracing relevant literature review sources by searching for reliable reference sources through electronic media and also the internet.(Sari, 2019). As for the arguments that will govern prayer services and also the wisdom of praying, one of them is to purify oneself from sin. So that prayer must always be carried out because it is mandatory and will be the first practice that will be reckoned on on the last day.

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INTRODUCTION

Worship is one of the obligations that must be carried out by everyone. Even though everyone has different beliefs in choosing each religion and carrying out all their worship. In Islam, which is the majority religion in Indonesia, Islam also has recommendations and teachings that must be carried out by every Muslim, one of which is prayer. Prayer is a worship that must and must be carried out because prayer is the pillar of religion and becomes the most reckoning at the end(Suriani et al., 2021).

In carrying out the prayer also has demands and also obligations and conditions so that prayer becomes valid and can also be accepted by Allah SWT. In carrying out the prayer that must be carried out has several things that are mandatory and as for things that can cancel the prayer. As for the things that must be done during prayer and when things that cancel the prayer are done, the prayer is considered invalid. The goal of education in Islam is in line with national education, where the goal is to form a complete human being, both physically and spiritually, intellectually and spiritually. With the complexity of these educational goals, what students need is not only additional intellectual knowledge, but also moral values that are very much needed in life.(Son, 2017).

As someone who is religious and has faith, we should also carry out what is obligatory. Prayer is an obligation that must be carried out because prayer is the pillar of religion and becomes the strongest faith to be able to make someone who has strong faith. Knowing that there are conditions and also things that can cancel the prayer will make the prayer valid and acceptable. Education in the family by parents is the first and foremost education, so that parenting has a very important meaning, especially in this case, is to develop children's religious potential from an early age.(Sari, 2019).

Prayer worship is the pillar of religion for Muslims and prayer makes the reckoning the most abundant and strongest when tomorrow is the end of time. By knowing all forms of provisions and also the law of performing prayers properly, it will make it easier and will make doing prayer services acceptable to Allah SWT(Mawardi, 2019). Prayer services must be carried out in accordance with the criteria and also the provisions because if it is carried out carelessly and does not adhere to the teachings that have been given it will violate and the prayer will become invalid. There are arguments that explain the prayer service and the importance of learning about the prayer service itself. The purpose of this writing is to find out about the concept of prayer in general that everyone should know. The benefit of this writing is as one of the references that can be used to perform prayers.

METHOD

This writing method was compiled using data and information collection methods by tracing relevant literature review sources by searching for reliable reference sources through electronic media and also the internet. By finding and collecting relevant literature review sources, this paper will also be an accurate source of writing because it has been proven accurate. Not only based on existing conceptual sources. Finding and considering reliable research sources to obtain relevant data and information used to compile this paper. This paper is also compiled by collecting the results of research or research that has been carried out related to the theme or topics discussed in this paper.

DISCUSSION

Definition of Prayer Worship

The meaning of prayer is based on etymology, namely prayer and according to terminology, namely a series of sayings and actions carried out based on certain or special terms and conditions that have been carried out with several conditions that begin with takbir and end with greetings.(Sari, 2019).

Prayer is one part of the second pillar of Islam and is a pillar that is highly emphasized or prioritized after the pillars of the creed. Prayer is also the best complement of worship. Prayer is the main subject of all types of bodily worship. Allah has made prayer an obligation for every Muslim. There are also several hadiths which state the virtues and obligations of prayer for all Muslims(Lia Nurazmi, 2015).

The Proof of Prayer Worship

Prayer is an obligation for believing Muslims. The time for prayer is obligatory, namely five times a day or often referred to as the five daily prayers as His word in the letter An Nisa verse 103, which means: "Furthermore, when you have finished your prayer, remember Allah when you stand, when you sit and when lying down. Then, when you feel safe, then carry out the prayer (as usual). Indeed, prayer is an obligation at a set time for those who believe." (QS. An Nisa: 103) and also in surah Al Baqarah verse 43 It means: "And carry out the prayers, pay zakat, and bow with those who bow." (QS. Al Baqarah: 43)(Kristina, 2021).

Prayer Worship Law

Prayer is an obligation and carrying out prayer has a law that has been regulated by Allah in His word in the Qur'an, which means: "So when you have finished (your) prayer, remember Allah while standing, while sitting and when lying down. Then when you feel safe, then establish the prayer (as usual). Verily, prayer is a fardhu whose time is determined for those who believe. (QS. an-Nisa': 103).

In addition, there are also some of His frimans who have regulated the legal obligation to pray, which means: "Maintain all (your) prayers, and (maintain) the wusthaa prayer. Stand for Allah (in your prayers) with humility'. (QS. al-Baqarah: 238). As for the hadith of Rasulullah SAW which states the legal obligation to pray, namely: "From Abdullah bin Umar ra, said: Rasulullah SAW, said: "the basis (principles) of Islam is founded on five things, namely testifying that there is no God but Allah SWT and Muhammad is Messenger of Allah, establishing prayers, giving zakat, pilgrimage and fasting in Ramadan. (Narrated by Bukhari)

Criteria for the Validity of Prayer Worship

Carrying out prayer services also has several conditions that must be carried out because of the provisions of prayer that have been regulated and the obligation to pray for every Muslim. Prayer requirements are things that must be carried out to get the validity of prayer. Prayers that are carried out do not use the legal conditions, then the prayer will not be accepted by Allah SWT. Therefore, the conditions for prayer must be carried out in order to obtain the validity of the prayer service in accordance with existing provisions(Lia Nurazmi, 2015).

The conditions for obligatory prayer consist of several things, namely: Muslim, intelligent, mature, and clean from menstrual and puerperal blood. In addition to the obligatory conditions for prayer, there are also legal conditions that must be carried out, which include: immediately pray when the time has come which is marked by the call to prayer, being clean from large or small hadas, wearing clean clothes, covering the genitals and facing the Qibla. The obligatory requirements as well as the legal terms of prayer must be carried out to maintain its validity and so that the prayers that have been performed are valid and accepted by Allah SWT. In addition to the requirements for prayer, namely: reading the intention in the heart, standing

up for those who can afford it, if unable, it is recommended to sit iftirasy, pronounce takbiratul ikhram, read the obligatory surah al-Fatihah, bowing, i'tidal, prostrate 2x, sit down siantara two prostrations, sitting at the end, reading tasyahud,

Purpose and Function of Prayer Worship

Prayer is a worship that will be accounted for in the hereafter and is one of the practices that will be considered at the end of the day. Prayer also aims to be able to regulate all behavior to lead to good behavior. Behaviors related to Allah as God the creator is called habluminallah and also activities or behaviors related to humans are called habluminannas(Sakina, 2018).

Allah created humans to worship by using good deeds and worshipping Him. Worship here is worship with one of them is prayer. Human life in this world is only temporary and the next life is the life in the hereafter which is eternal life forever. The practices that will determine human beings will go to heaven or hell which will be the goal of humans in the end(Definition of Prayer, Proof, Purpose and Legal Basis, 2020).

Prayer also has several functions, namely as a pillar of religion and prayer is one of the first practices that will be brought to account at the end of the day. Prayer also serves to prevent acts of heinous and evil. Prayer is also a key to religion and as a means to test someone's faith and obedience to Allah. With prayer, humans will also be able to get peace and tranquility. With that, peace and life in the world can be obtained through prayer, which will be obtained when humans enter heaven, and vice versa, if you don't pray, peace and tranquility will not be possible. found in the world(Samosir, 2019).

Wisdom and Meaning of Prayer Worship

The wisdom of prayer worship is that it can be a means of cleansing the soul, purifying the soul, conditioning a human being to always worship Allah SWT. In addition, prayer can also be a means of getting closer to Allah and preventing or forbidding to commit acts that are heinous and forbidden. Allah SWT said, "and establish prayer, in fact prayer prevents from (deeds) abominable and unjust." (al-Ankabut: 45). One of the lessons contained in prayer is to make prayer as a melting pot of sins (Nasution, 2019).

The wisdom of prayer will also be able to strengthen faith and faith in Allah because in fact the temptations of worldly pleasures and the temptations of Satan always disturb human faith. By performing human prayers, it also strengthens human beliefs and faith as dry plants that are always fresh again after being washed down with rain water. (Hafifah & Machfud, 2021).

The meaning of prayer worship is contained within QS At-Tauba (9:103)

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

"And pray for them. Truly your prayers (become) peace of mind for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing."

As for terms, Sheikh Muhammad bin Qasim al-Gharabali (d. 918H) in the book Fathul Qarib (Surabaya: Harisma, 2005), p. 11 mentions:

وشرعا - كما قال الراجعي: أقوالٌ وأفعالٌ مُفْتَتِحَةٌ بالتكبير، مختتمَةٌ بالتسليم بشرائطٍ مخصوصةٍ

"And according to (terms) syara'-as said by Imam Ar-Rofi'i, (prayer is) a series of sayings and actions that begin with takbir, end with greetings, along with predetermined conditions"(Nasution, 2019).

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prayer worship is the second pillar of Islam and it is the pillar that is emphasized (main) after the two sentences of the creed. Based on some of the words of Allah SWT, in the Qur'an it is stated that every Muslim who is a mulatto is obliged to pray five times a day and night. The obligatory conditions for carrying out the prayer are Muslim, intelligent, mature, clean and pure from hadas and childbirth. As for the conditions for the validity of prayer, namely that the time has come, it is clean from large and small hadas, facing the Qiblah, and covering the genitals. Among the wisdom of obligatory prayer is that prayer cleanses the soul, purifies it, conditions a servant to pray to Allah SWT in the world and be close to Him in the hereafter, and forbids the perpetrator from doing heinous and evil deeds.

As a good Muslim, we should carry out prayer services in accordance with predetermined teachings and in accordance with God's commands in the Qur'an.

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