

12311 - When du'a-e-Qunoot is to be recited, and how the hands should be raised during it

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Du'aa-e-Qunoot should be recited after soorah fatiha and another soorah OR after Ruku. Should Du'aa-e-Qunoot be recited by raising hands wide or keeping them on the belly?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

With regard to the question of whether al-qunoot should be recited before or after rukoo'

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen said: According to most of the ahaadeeth and according to the opinion of most of the scholars, al-qunoot should come after the rukoo', but if a person recites it before the rukoo' that is o.k. He has the choice of bowing when he has finished reciting from Qur'aan, and when he stands up from bowing and says "Rabbana wa laka'l hamd," then he may recite al-qunoot, as described in most of the reports from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and as stated by most of the scholars; or he may recite al-qunoot when he has finished reciting Qur'aan, then say Allaahu akbar and bow. Both ways were narrated in the Sunnah.

Al-Sharh al-Mumti' by Ibn 'Uthaymeen, 4/65.

The way in which the hands are to be raised: the scholars said that he should raise his hands to chest level and not raise them very much, and he should spread his palms and hold them facing up towards the sky. The apparent meaning of the scholars' words indicates that the hands should be put together, like a beggar when he asks someone to give him something. As for holding them far apart, I know of no basis for that in the Sunnah or in the words of the scholars.

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See al-Sharh al-Mumti' by Ibn 'Uthaymeen, 4/25.