

## 2375 - When should one pray two rak&#146;ahs with one&#146;s bride?

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### the question

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa  
barakatuh

My question is regarding praying nawafil between Asr and Maghrib. I am  
getting married this Wednesday, insha' Allah.

The marriage ceremony (i.e. writing the contract) will be right after Asr  
prayer. I wanted to know if it is permissible to pray the two Sunnah rakat that are to be  
prayed upon marriage. Does the specific order of praying these two rakat over ride the  
general ruling of no nawafil between Asr and Maghrib ? Also, is this the case in general  
(i.e. specific over rides general) ?

P.S. Please answer quickly, I have two days to find out !

### Detailed answer

What was reported in the hadeeth of Ibn Masood is that the groom should lead his bride in  
praying two rakahs when he goes in unto her, not immediately after the marriage contract.  
What you should do is pray two rakahs for istikhaarah and pray the duaa of istikhaarah before  
you do the marriage contract. According to the most correct opinion among the scholars,  
prayers for which there is a reason are allowed at times when other naafil prayers are  
prohibited. See question # ([854](#)).

And Allaah knows best.