

38400 - Can he pray Witr twice in one night if he prays after the imam?

the question

I want to ask whether at the end of Taraaweeh prayer we should pray al-Shaf' [two rak'ahs of naafil prayer] and Witr? I heard that the last prayer you pray should be Witr. Does that mean that if I get up to pray qiyaam al-layl I should pray al-Shaf' and Witr again, or should I delay them until I pray qiyaam and then pray it?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

If the Muslim prays Witr then he wants to pray qiyaam al-layl after that, he should pray them two by two, and he does not have to repeat Witr.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) commanded that the last prayer offered at night should be Witr, but this command is in the sense that is it mustahabb, not obligatory. See Question no. [37729](#) .

Shaykh Ibn Baaz was asked:

If I have prayed Witr at the beginning of the night, then I get up to pray qiyaam at the end of the night, how should I pray?

He replied:

If you have prayed Witr at the beginning of the night then Allaah enables you to get up at the end of the night, then pray whatever you can two by two - without Witr, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There cannot be no two Witr in one night."

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And it was narrated from 'Aa'ishah (may Allaah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to pray two rak'ahs after Witr sitting down. The reason for that - and Allaah knows best - was to show the people that it is permissible to pray after Witr.

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And Allaah knows best.