

38400 - Can You Pray Witr Twice?

the question

I want to ask whether at the end of Tarawih prayer we should pray Ash-Shaf' [two Rak'ahs of Nafl prayer] and Witr.

I heard that the last prayer you pray should be Witr. Does that mean that if I get up to pray Qiyam Al-layl I should pray Ash-Shaf' and Witr again, or should I delay them until I pray Qiyam and then pray it?

Summary of answer

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

Detailed answer

If the Muslim prays [Witr](#) then he wants to pray Qiyam 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 Allah be upon him) commanded that the [last prayer offered at night should be Witr](#), but this command is in the sense that it is recommended, not obligatory

Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked:

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

He replied:

“If you have prayed Witr at the beginning of the night then Allah 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 Allah be upon him) said: “[There cannot be no two Witr in one night](#).”

And it was narrated from `Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to pray two Rak`ahs after Witr sitting down. The reason for that – and Allah knows best – was to show the people that [it is permissible to pray after Witr](#) .”
(Majmu` Fatawa Ash-Shaykh Ibn Baz, 11/311)

And Allah knows best.