

# Respecting the Houses of Allah: Status and Etiquette of the Masjid:

Prophet (S.A.W) said that the best places on earth are the Masjids and you are Allah's guest there, so act in the best way.

## Some Etiquettes of Masjid

- It is preferable to perform wudu before coming to masjid.
- Dress with nice and clean clothes.
- Do not enter Masjid after consuming anything which gives out offensive smell (Garlic, onions, tobacco etc)
- Enter the masjid with right foot and leave with the left foot. Read Dua for entering Masjid and leaving Masjid.
- Do not sit until you pray two Rak'ah Tahiyatul Masjid (If not Makrooh time)
- It is more virtuous to sit in the first row, However, if place is not available, one should sit wherever he finds place. It is not permissible to leap over the shoulders of people in order to advance forward. Do not squeeze yourself between two people who are already sitting. To aid people who come when Masjid is busy, those already sitting should try to make space for them.

- **Do not make noise or disturbance in the Masjid. Do not engage in worldly talk, buying and selling of any kind.**
- **It is not recommended to raise one's voice in such a way that it disturbs others, who are praying (While praying, one is in direct private conversation with Allah), even if it is done while reciting Quran. Engage in Zikr and Tilaawat silently, if people are performing Salat.**
- **When Jamaa'at begins, the first rows should be completed first, with both the right and left hand sides balanced equally. It is improper to stand in a back row, if space is vacant in front. The Jamaa'at row should be straight and no gaps in between two persons.**
- **Do not stretch your legs toward Qibla.**
- **Keep Allah's house clean, in good shape and smelling nice.**
- **Do not pass in front of praying person.**
- **When the Imam is delivering Friday Sermon, the audience must maintain complete silence; even if somebody has to be told to be silent, he should not be told by words of mouth.**
- **If the prayer started, then do not join it running, and join it walking and quiet, and pray whatever you caught up with, and make up for what you missed.**