

Acts which do not invalidate the Salah

Salah is not broken due to the following acts:

1. He unknowingly performs Salam to come out of the Salah.
2. A person passes by him through his place of Prostration.
3. He eats something that had stuck to his teeth and its size was less than that of a gram-grain.
4. He looks at a transcript and understands its meaning.

Detestable acts of Salah

The following acts are detestable in Salah. A Salah-performer should avoid them else his Salah will get marred with defect.

1. Intentionally leaving out a Tradition of Salah
2. Playing with the garment or a part of one's body
3. Performing Salah in shabby garments
4. Reclining upon something during Salah
5. Turning one's neck right and left without need
6. Performing Salah facing a person
7. Performing Salah when suppressing with difficulty urine, excrement or flatus
8. Performing Salah on someone else's land without his)explicit or implicit(permission
9. Performing Salah facing fire or stove in which fire is present
10. Performing Salah in a lowly place like bathroom, toilet

11. Performing Salah on a road
12. Performing Salah in a graveyard
13. Performing Salah close to Filth
14. Performing Salah with Filth in small quantity with which Salah is permissible
15. Performing Salah in a garment with picture of an animate being
16. Performing Salah at a place with picture, no matter whether the picture is above his head, in front of him or behind him. (However, if the picture is so small that if placed at the place of Prostration, the person standing in Salah is unable to recognize it, or if the picture is headless or of an inanimate thing, then Salah is not detestable in that place)
17. Crackling one's fingers
18. Interlocking one's fingers
19. Sitting cross-legged without an excusable difficulty
20. Squatting (Here, squatting means sitting like a dog with posteriors on the ground.)
21. Laying down one's arms during Prostrations
22. Placing one's hands upon waists
23. Rolling up one's sleeves from the arms
24. Performing Salah only in lower garment like lungi or trousers despite being capable of wearing kurta (shirt)
25. Performing Salah with bare head without any excusable difficulty or expediency (If he keeps his head bare due to some excusable difficulty or to show humility to Allah, then his Salah will not be detestable)
26. Performing Salah behind a Salah-row in which there is enough gap for one person

27. Counting Qur'anic verses or remembrance formulas on fingers
28. Wiping off dust which was not hurting him from one's forehead during Salah
29. Restricting oneself to prostration upon forehead only without any excusable difficulty
30. Performing Salah in the presence of meal while his heart is inclined towards it
31. Fixing a Qur'anic chapter such that he does not recite any other chapter
32. Repeated recitation of the same chapter in the two Salah-units of an obligatory Salah in the case when he remembers other chapters too
33. Intentionally reciting the chapters against their order in obligatory Salahs
34. Making the recitation in the second Salah-unit longer than in the first to an excessive degree
35. Turning one's fingers or toes away from Salah-direction during Prostration, etc.
36. Prostration upon one's turban or upon an animate being's picture
37. Reciting two Qur'anic chapters in an obligatory Salah which are separated by a small chapter, e.g. reciting Takathur (chapter 102) in the first Salah-unit and Humazah (chapter 104) in the second and leaving out the chapter of Asr (chapter 103) lying between them
38. Not placing the palms upon the knees while Bowing
39. Not placing the palms upon the thighs during Tashahhud-sittings and while sitting between two Prostrations

40. Yawning , If yawn overcomes him during Salah, he should cover his mouth by placing the back of his right palm over his mouth.
41. Responding to a Salam-greeting by gesture
42. Catching hold of a louse and killing it
43. Performing Salah when he has tied his head with a kerchief keeping the centre of his head bare
44. Performing Salah with braided hair
45. Raising the front or back of his garments during Bowing or Prostration fearing it might get sullied by dust
46. Letting a cloth hang down freely, i.e. putting it over his head or shoulder and leaving its sides free by not tying it together
47. Letting his lungi or trousers hang lower than his ankles
48. Bowing before finishing recitation and completing it while Bowing
49. Standing of an Imam completely inside the Imam-niche in a mosque without any excusable difficulty
50. Standing of Imam alone without any excusable difficulty on a raised platform higher by a cubit or more than the normal ground, or in a depressed place lower by a cubit or more than the normal ground. But if one more person from amongst the Imam-followers stands with him in that place, the Salah will not be detestable.
51. Shutting one's eyes without any expediency
52. Raising one's sight towards the sky

Non-detestable acts of Salah

The following acts if done in Salah are not detestable:

1. Looking here and there with eyes without turning one's face
2. Performing Salah facing a copy of the holy Qur'an
3. Performing Salah facing a person who is sitting and engaged in conversation
4. Performing Salah facing a candle or lamp
5. Repeating the same Qur'anic chapter in two Salah-units of a supererogatory Salah
6. Wiping off dust or weeds from one's forehead after completing the Salah Same will be the ruling if one wipes off dust or weeds during Salah if it was hurting him or distracting him from Salah.
7. Killing a snake or scorpion if he feared harm from it
8. Shaking off his garments while Bowing or Prostrating to prevent it from sticking to his body
9. Prostrating on a carpet containing pictures of animate beings provided he does not prostrate on them
10. Performing Salah facing a sword suspended from the ceiling