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## Saying Aameen aloud after reciting Faatihah

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An explanation by Muhammad bin Umar Bazmool (حفظه الله)<sup>1</sup> of the book 'Sifat as-Salah'<sup>2</sup>

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Shaykh Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) Wrote:

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When the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>4</sup> had completed his recitation of Soorah Faatihah he would say: 'Ameen' raising his voice and he would elongate it.

He would command those praying behind him to say Ameen loudly just after the Imaam said it.

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) would say: 'if the Imaam recites: [not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.] Then say: 'Ameen, for verily the Angels say Ameen and verily the Imaam says Ameen,'

And in other wording: 'If the Imaam says Ameen then say Ameen, whoever says it and it coincides with the Ameen of the Angels, (and in other wording if one of you says Ameen in his prayer and it coincides with the other) all his previous sins will be forgiven.'

In another hadeeth: 'Say Ameen and Allaah will love you.'

And the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) also said: 'The Jews do not envy you about anything more than they envy you of saying Salaamu alaykum (salutations) to each other and saying Ameen behind the Imaam'

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Muhammad bin Umar Bazmool (حفظه الله) explained:

This chapter of saying Ameen has a few issues, which will be discussed below.

### Firstly

The linguistic meaning of 'Ameen' is 'O Allaah respond / answer.'

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<sup>1</sup> (حفظه الله) (hafidhahullaah) may Allaah preserve him

<sup>2</sup> Taken from: 'Sharh Kitab Sifat Salat an-Nabi' by Muhammad bin Umar Bazmool p.187-188

<sup>3</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>4</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

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It has also been said it means 'Subhanaka Ya Allaah' (How far you are from imperfection) and it has been said it means 'O Allaah'.

So when one who prays behind the Imaam hears the Imaam recite Soorah Faatihah and reaches the part that says: **[not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.]** Then it is the Sunnah for him to say Ameen after this, as the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) would say. This is due to the general statement of the saying of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم): **'Pray as you have seen me praying.'**

### Secondly

The saying of Ameen is Sunnah for the Imaam and those following him. It is the Sunnah for the Imaam in those prayers that are audible and he says Ameen audibly/ with a raised voice after he recites Soorah Faatihah. It is also the Sunnah for those praying behind him to say Ameen after he finishes reciting **[not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.]**

The scholars -may Allaah have mercy upon them- have mentioned that this is the point at which the saying of the word 'Ameen' of both the Imaam and those following him coincide.

I asked Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) - during his visit to the Kingdom in the year 1410 A.H. regarding the matter of the Imaam saying Ameen and those who follow him, and the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) - said that it is upon those who are following the prayer to say Ameen just after the Imaam, to the count of one or two letters, as the saying of Ameen will then be after the Imaam and they will join in saying some of the letters of the word. Therefore, if the Imaam says Ameen then those following say it in order for some of the letters of the word to coincide with one another, and at the same time the Imaam will precede in one or two letters of the word. Thus in this manner the Imaam saying Ameen and the followers will coincide in some of the letters and the end result will be that the saying of Ameen by the follower will be just after the Ameen of the Imaam.

### Thirdly

The virtue of saying 'Ameen'. The author (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) - mentions from the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) , that if the Imaam says Ameen and the Angels say Ameen and those following say Ameen, and they coincide with one another Allaah will forgive them all their previous sins.

Another virtue is that Allaah (سبحانه وتعالى)<sup>5</sup> - answers your saying of the word 'Ameen' because it means 'O Allaah answer \ respond.'

The third virtue is what the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) mentioned in his saying: 'The Jews do not envy you about anything more than they envy you of saying Salaamu alaykum (salutations) to each other and saying Ameen behind the Imaam.'

This is why it is incumbent upon us, to ensure we say Ameen.

<sup>5</sup> (سبحانه وتعالى) Subhanahu wa-ta'ala May He be glorified and exalted

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### Fourthly

Due to what is mentioned with regard to the coinciding of saying Ameen of the Imaam and those following him in prayer necessitates that those following are attentive in their prayer whilst following the Imaam and the Imaam's recitation to ensure that he does not miss saying Ameen in the correct place. If he misses saying Ameen he loses great reward and recompense, which is mentioned in this hadeeth.

And this summons the presence of the heart and humility of the soul and the body whilst in prayer behind the Imaam, and Allah knows best.

### Fifthly

I would like to bring to attention that which is relevant to this discussion of saying 'Ameen', which is, once one is aware of the meaning of the word 'Ameen', (O Allaah answer or O Allaah). Some people, whilst the Imaam reads Qunoot and Exalts Allaah, Praises Him (سبحانه وتعالى) - and glorifies Him, stop saying 'Ameen', replacing it by saying 'Subhanak' (Glory be to You) or similar words. This clearly opposes the Sunnah as the word 'Ameen' is sufficient for all supplication regardless of whether it is Dua' praising Allaah (تعالى)<sup>6</sup> or Dua' of asking from Him or declaring Allaah's Majesty and Greatness.

**All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.**

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<sup>6</sup> (تعالى) Ta'aala (He, The Most High)