

Question:

A person performed ṣalāt-ul-witr on their own. They forgot to recite the du'ā of qunūt in the third rak'ah and performed rukū'. They then remembered that they had missed the du'ā of qunūt, so they stood back up and recited the du'ā of qunūt. They performed rukū' again a second time and completed ṣalāh, performing sujūd-us-sahw at the end. Is their ṣalāh valid?

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If one forgets to recite the du'ā of qunūt in the third rak'ah of ṣalāt-ul-witr and performs rukū', then one should not return to the standing position to recite the du'ā of qunūt.

As one has lost the correct placement of the du'ā of qunūt, a wājib act, one should make sujūd-us-sahw to compensate at the end and thereafter complete the ṣalāh.

However, if one returns to the qiyam position from rukū' and recites the du'ā of qunūt, and thereafter makes another rukū', then one's ṣalāh is still valid. One would need to perform the sujūd-us-sahw nonetheless.

Another detail to keep in mind in this situation is that if one mistakenly returns from the first rukū' and recite the du'ā of qunūt, then at this junture one should go directly to sajdah without performing another rukū'. Any additional rukū' is laghw (nullified) as the previous rukū' has already fulfilled the farḍ.

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