

English translation:

- During the day, in our life, we do every day, we intend to do, every day our prayers -- five times a day, after cleaning oneself nicely, after making ablution, I mean, umm... the required parts should be washed and cleaned, and then one does the *namaz*. You see, five times a day, at dawn, noon, in the afternoon, at sunset and also nightfall. I mean Allah the Almighty has divided this for people, from sunrise on and after sunset until the time of sleep, in total a person should worship five times. This is required.

- What is *namaz*? [The question is asked in Russian.]

- *Namaz* is to worship God. I mean to pay, umm... our debt to God. Allah the Almighty has created us; he brought us to this world, and he umm... made us human -- our eyes are in place, our ears are in place. I mean he did not create us disabled. Umm... and then Allah the Almighty did not make us a stone ... did not make us an animal: he made us human. This, I mean, requires us to worship God. We are grateful to God that he made us human; this requires appreciation through worship; this is how we serve. This is how we serve God; this is how we surrender to God; this is how we prostrate as *Ya Rabb*,¹ thanks to you that you have given us these great blessings. This is how we serve God.

- What kind of prayers do you read? [The question is asked in Russian.]

- Umm... *Namaz* includes *sura Al-Fatiha*, for instance; *Al hamdu lillāhi rabbi l-'ālamīn*² is read. Umm... and then, umm... *namaz* includes various *suras*, short ones, any of them umm... after *Al-Fatiha*, there is no *namaz* without *Al-Fatiha*, without *Al-Hamd*,³ anyway. After *Fatiha*, as a secondary *sura* we read the well known *Al-Kawthar*.⁴ [and then he reads the first sentence of *sura Al-Kawthar*]

¹ *Ya Rabb* is an Arabic phrase meaning "Oh Lord."

² *Al hamdu lillāhi rabbi l-'ālamīn* is the first sentence in *sura Al-Fatiha* and it means "All Praises to Allah, Lord of the Universe."

³ *Al-Hamd* is another way to refer to *sura Al-Fatiha* which is the 1st *sura* in Qur'an.

⁴ *Al-Kawthar* is the 108th *sura* in Qur'an.

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