

Praying after Witr

Alsalam Alikum brothers and sisters,

A brother asks if Witr must be the last prayer of the night or whether you can pray after. In short it is best to make it the last prayer but it is not mandatory. Here I will explain:

The case for Witr being the last

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in a Hadith narrated by both Bukhari and Muslim said: "Make your last prayer at night Witr".

The case for it any time but prefer last

In a Hadith narrated by both Bukhari and Muslim, Ayesha (RAA) said that prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to pray Witr the beginning of the night, the middle and last and he ended his life as it being last".

In a Hadith narrated by Muslim prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said "Whoever feared that he will not get up late at night, let him do Witr from the beginning of the night. And whoever hoped to get up late then do Witr at the end because the prayer of the night is witnessed and that is better".

What to do if you prayed Witr

You do not have to do anything different. In a Hadith narrated by Abo Dawood, Turmithi and Nisaai prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said "No two Witr in one night".

In a Hadith narrated by Ahmad, Abo Dawood and Turmith, Umm Salam (RAA) said that prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to pray two Rakaa' sitting down after Witr. A similar Hadith was narrated by Muslim.

Jazakum Allah Khairan