

Saying Ameen In Salah (Loudly or Quietly?)

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On completing Surah al-Fatihah you should say Ameen silently, regardless of whether you are alone or praying behind the Imam.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah radiallahu anhu narrates that Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam said, **'When the Imam says "Ghairil Maghdhoobi Alaihim WaladhaAlleen", say Ameen. For one whose Ameen coincides with that of the angels, he will have all his past sins forgiven.'**[61]

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Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah relates that Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam would teach us saying, **'Do not try to outdo the Imam. When he pronounces the takbeer, you say it also; when he recites "Waladhaalleen" then say Ameen; when he performs the ruku' you do it also; and when he says 'Sami Allahu li man Hamidah' say 'Allahumma Rabbana wa lakal Hamd.'**[63]

As can be deduced from the above hadeeth the Ameen should be said silently just as 'Allahumma Rabbana lakal Hamd' is said silently. Sayyiduna Wail bin Hujr radiallahu anhu says, **'Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam led us in salah. When he recited "Ghairil Maqhdhoobi Alaihim Waladhaalleen" he said Ameen silently. (Literally, 'He kept his voice silent.')** He also placed his right hand on his left hand, and said the salam to his right and left.'[64]

Ibrahim al Nakhai says, **'There are five things which the Imam says silently: "Subhanaka Allahumma...", ta'awwudh, basmalah, Ameen, and "Allahumma Rabbana wa lakal Hamd".'**[65]

Abu Wail reports that Sayyiduna Ali and Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas'ud radiallahu anhu, **would not say the basmalah, ta'awwudh or Ameen loudly.**[66]

Abu Wail says that Sayyiduna Umar and Sayyiduna Ali radiallahu anhu **would not say the basmalah, ta'awwudh or Ameen loudly.**[67]

Ibn Jareer al Tabari says as quoted by Ibn al Turkurnam[68] that **this was the practice of most of the Sahabah radiallahu anhum and Tabi'een.**

Notes:

[61] Malik 196, Bukhari 749 and Muslim 410.

[62] Ahmad 7174, Darimi 1246, Nasai 927 and Ibn Hibban 1801. Imam Nimawi says that its isnad is saheeh (376).

[63] Muslim 415

[64] Abu Dawood Tayalisi 1024, Ahmad 18363, Tirmidhi 248; Tabarani in al Mu'jam al Kabeer 22/43

no 109, 22/9 no 3, & 22/45 no 112; Daruqutni 1256, Hakim 2913 and Baihaqi 2447. Hakim declared it saheeh and Dhahabi agreed.

[65] Imam Muhammad in his Kitab al Aathaar 83 (mentioning four instead of five); Abdul Razzaq 2597, and Ibn Abi Shaibah 8849. Imam Nimawi says that its isnad is saheeh (386). Muhaddith Dhafar Ahmad Uthmani says that its narrators are authentic (724).

[66] Tabarani in al Mu'jam al Kabeer as quoted by Hafidh Haithami 2/108. Hafidh Haithami says that the sanad contains Abu Sa'd al Baqqal who is authentic and a mudallis. Muhaddith Dhafar Ahmad Uthmani classifies it as saheeh 2/250.

[67] Ibn Jareer al Tabari in Tahdheeb al Aathaar as quoted by Ibn al Turkumani 2/70. Also reported by Tahawi 1/204. Muhaddith Dhafar Ahmad Uthmani says that its narrators are those of the six books of hadeeth except for Abu Sa'd al Baqqal who is authentic and a mudallis.

[68] Ibn al Turkumani 2/85.