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A Thoughtful View of the Tasbeeh Prayer

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Abstract:

The Tasbeeh Prayer has not been supported by all Islamic scholars. Nor have scholars agreed whether its status should be accepted or not (i. e. if it should be performed or not). The present paper aims at reaching a well-founded position concerning Tasbeeh prayer. For this purpose, the researcher studied Prophet Muhammed's sayings reported by Abu Dawoud in his book Sunan of Abu Dawoud (The Traditions reported by Abu Dawoud), since those are the most circulated narrations of this Prophet's sayings (Hadith).

The researcher has reached the following findings. (1) The Tasbeeh prayer is mentioned in a Prophet saying reported by Ibn Abbas with a weak but possible, reference. (2) It is also mentioned by Ibn Amru (not referred to the Prophet). This narration can be "elevated" to an acceptable Hadith, since it constitutes a form of worship a matter well beyond personal views. (3) the Tasbeeh prayer is also mentioned in Alansari's well supported Prophet saying.

The three above methods in which this Hadith is reported are argued to amount collectively to a strong support for it. The rejection of the narration, the text, and the practice in accordance with this saying all came in later times, i. e. not in or near to the Prophet's life. The above argument is taken by the researcher to be enough to support the correctness of the Tasbeeh prayer as it applies to the above mentioned Hadith. The Muslim who performs it, therefore, stands to gain the forgiveness of past and recent, big and small sins. Finally, all praise should be devoted to Allah.