

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 5451 - Reciting another soorah before al-Faatihah in the prayer

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### the question

is the salah valid if a person recites another surah before the fatiha dduring salah.if so please elaborate.

Salaam

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If a person recites another soorah before al-Faatihah, his prayer is valid so long as he recites al-Faatihah afterwards. But this is not what is prescribed in Islam and the one who does this is mistaken. One has to recite al-Faatihah first, then recite whatever one can of Qur'aan afterwards, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Pray as you have seen me praying." When he prayed, he recited al-Faatihah first, and did not change this sequence in any of the many prayers he prayed during his lifetime. It is obligatory to follow the Sunnah. And Allaah knows best.