

## Q &amp; A

## «صَلَاةٌ» وَ «صَلَّةٌ»

## Question

السلام عليكم

Dear Shaikh

Lately I have heard a lot of people say that the word صلاة comes from the word صلة meaning connection. I find this very strange because from what I have learned in the *Madinah Books* the word صلة would be masdar of وصل where as the word صلاة it's root would be صلا or صلوا. I also find it like this in the *Hans wehr* dictionary and the *Lisānu l-ʿarab* dictionary

I sincerely hope the Shaikh can clarify for us the root of this important word, and if what they say is correct, how is the word صلاة connected to the word صلة?

بارك الله فيكم

## Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim, حفظه الله replied (quote):

Dear Br Abdullah

وعليكم السلام

You are right.

The word صَلَاة has nothing to do with the word صَلَّة which – as you have rightly said – is derived from وَصَلَ .

صَلَاة is derived from the root صَلَو, and صَلَاة originally means «دُعَاء».

Hope this has helped you.

والسلام

abdur rahim