

## Lesson 6

## The Word

## تَرَاوِيحُ

The special prayer offered at night during the month of *Ramaḍān* is called صَلَاةُ التَّرَاوِيحِ.

Let's see the meaning of this word ...

The verb رَوَّحَ عَنْهُ (ii) means:

to provide rest (رَاحَةً), repose, relaxation.

Its مَصْدَرٌ is تَرْوِيحٌ.

And its مَصْدَرُ مَرَّةٍ is تَرْوِيحَةٌ which means:

one instance of providing relaxation.

: تَرْوِيحَةٌ

This word was applied to the short break the *imām* takes between two units of the twenty-three *raka'āt* of this special prayer.

The plural of تَرْوِيحَةٌ is تَرَائِيحٌ.

No *tanwiin*!

: تَرَائِيحٌ

This word was applied to the entire prayer sequence as there are ten short breaks during its performance.



## سؤال وجواب

Q & A

السؤال:

فضيلة الشيخ،

Please explain why you mentioned 23 *raka'āt*.

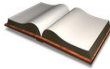
I understand it was the Prophet's practice to pray 11.

## الجواب:

Dear Brother,

وعليكم السلام

It was a language lesson, and I mentioned what is usually practiced. I did not give any ruling.

The Prophet ﷺ says: 

«صلاة الليل مثنى مثنى، فإذا خشي أحدكم الصبح صَلَّى ركعةً واحدةً توتر له ما قد صَلَّى» (متفق عليه)

The night prayer is to be offered in two *rak'ahs*, and if anyone of you is afraid that the morning is near, he should offer one *rak'ah* which will convert whatever he has offered into odd.

On the basis of this *hadith*, Imām ibn Bāz says that the Prophet ﷺ has not set any limit to the number of *rak'ahs* of the night prayer. One may offer as many *rak'ahs* as he wants.

والسلام

Abdur rahim