

اللغة العربية

«صَلَاة، صَلَاة»



Question

Dear Shaykh

Lately a lot of people are saying 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 the *maṣḍar* of **وصل** whereas the word **صلاة** it's root would be **صلا** or **صلو**. I also find it like this in the Hans Wehr and Lisānu l-ʿArab dictionaries.

I sincerely hope the Shaikh can clarify the root of this important word and if what they say, is correct.

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



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