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A New Search in finding the Meaning of Salāt Wustā

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Abstract

Ayah 238 of Chapter 2 (Baqarah) is one of the most challenging and controversial Ayahs of the Holy Qura'n for interpreters, and finding the meaning of "Salāt Wustā", which is a part the mentioned Ayah, has arose many challenges and different interpretations. Whatever interpreters have presented, with all their positive intentions, has added fuel to the flames of disagreements; therefore, apart from their interpretations, it requests a new solution. this article initially points out eight discrete jurisprudential, literary, tradition-based, historical, geographical and interpretational instances and through analyzing them makes an effort to conclude that the meaning of "Salāt al-Wustā" is the noontime prayer in six days of the week and the Friday prayer on Fridays.

Keywords "Salāt Wustā", noontime prayer, afternoon prayer, Friday prayer.

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