36610 - Omitted second tashahhud by mistake

the question

A woman prayed Jumu’ah in al-Masjid al-Haraam, and she thought that Jumu’ah was four rak’ahs, so when she was sitting for the final tashahhud she recited the first tashahhud, then was silent, waiting for the imam to stand up (for the third rak’ah), then the imam said the tasleem and she said the tasleem with him. Should she repeat her prayer?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The scholars differed concerning the ruling on sending blessings upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) in the tashahhud. The Hanbalis are of the view that sending blessings upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) is an essential part of the prayer. The Shaafa’is are of the view that it is obligatory – and this was also narrated in one report from Ahmad. The Hanafis and Maalikis are of the view that it is Sunnah.

There is no sound, clear evidence to indicate that sending blessings upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) in the tashahhud is an essential part of the prayer. The hadeeth of Abu Mas’ood al-Ansaari, in which he says: “Allaah has commanded us to send blessings upon you, O Messenger of Allaah; how should we send blessings upon you?” (narrated by Muslim, 405) does not prove that it is obligatory to send blessings upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) in the tashahhud, because they were asking him how; they were no asking him how to do that in the prayer.

Hence evidence that it is Sunnah to send blessings upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) in the tashahhud is derived from the marfoo’ hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah: “When any one of you finishes the last tashahhud, let him seek refuge in Allaah from four things: from the torment of Hell, from the torment of the grave, from the trials of life and death, and from

the evil of the Dajjaal.” Narrated by Muslim, 588.

Based on the above, the most that can be said about what this woman omitted from her prayer is that it is obligatory, although the view that it is Sunnah is a strong view. But because she caught up with the whole prayer with the imam, the imam bears responsibility for her shortcoming. And Allaah knows best.