103435 - Ruling on saying al-hamdu Lillah after sneezing when praying

the question

If a person is praying and he sneezes, should he say al-hamdu Lillah, whether it is an obligatory or naafil prayer?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Yes, it is prescribed for him to say al-hamdu Lillah, because it is proven in the saheeh hadeeth that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) heard someone say al-hamdu Lillah after sneezing and he did not rebuke him, rather he said: “I saw such and such a number of angels, all of whom were hastening to write it down.” And because praising Allah is akin to the phrases of prayer, and is not contrary to it."(*Majmoo’ Fatawa al-Shaykh Ibn Baz* 29/348).