

Woman's Aameen, Adhaan and Iqaamah

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Question:

Does the woman raise her voice with saying the aameen, and does she also give the adhaan and the iqaamah (for prayer)?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹:

“As for, is it correct for the woman to raise her voice with aameen, then there is a detailed explanation with regard to the question. If she is praying with women, then yes. As for if she is praying with men who are strangers (i.e., non-mahram), then no. Because **I do not say that the voice of a woman is ‘awrah**,² as many say, because the mothers of the believers and the wives of the early Companions (رضي الله عنهم)³ used to speak with men and used to communicate with men, and oftentimes the woman used to come to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)⁴ and ask him (a question) in front of the men, and he (عليه الصلاة والسلام)⁵ would answer her question.

But (here), it is not part of the good manners of a woman that she raises her voice with the recitation of the Qur’aan. We are often asked – is it permissible for the woman, when she is learning the recitation from the Shaykh who is a reciter, to repeat the recitation to him in order for him to correct her – the answer is no. Although she learns, her learning is restricted to listening only, as learned the women of all the Companions from the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) by listening to his recitation during prayer or outside of prayer.

If the woman prays with women while she is an Imaam, she raises her voice and the women behind her also raise their voices. That is due to (the Prophet’s) saying, (عليه الصلاة والسلام): **‘Women are nothing but the twin halves of men,’⁶ i.e., every ruling that came in which the men are being addressed, then the women are also included in this address, except what is made an exception.** For example, and I ask for (your) attention, it is more excellent for a woman, in other than the taraaweeth prayer, to pray in her house; but on the other hand, it is obligatory upon the man to pray the five prayers in the masjid with the congregation. So

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² something private that should be covered

³ (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu 'anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them

⁴ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁵ (عليه الصلاة والسلام) (Alayhi 'I-salat wa'l-Salam) Upon him prayer and peace

⁶ Silsilat ul-Ahaadeeth is-Saheeha no.2863

