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ABSTRACT

In this paper we are required to complete an assignment regarding about comparative analysis of salah (prayer) in the Hanafi and Shafi'i school. First and foremost, Salah (prayer) is the worship that occupies the highest place and if a Muslim is obedient in performing obligatory prayers as many as five times a day, it means that he seems to uphold his religion. This study aims to describe the differences of opinion between the Hanafi and Shafi'i schools of thought regarding prayer. Next, the objective of this study is to focus on the prayer procedures of the Hanafi school and the Shafi'i school. The results of this study are analyzed by using field methods to achieve the objectives of the study. The researcher also refers to scientific materials such as books, articles, journals, and writings related to the topic under study. In conclusion, the researcher hope that this study could be helpful for other people to understand comparative analysis of salah (prayer) in the Hanafi and Shafi'i school.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

What is meant by prayer? As a Muslim, we must know about the pillars of Islam which consist of five things, especially the 5-time prayer. This prayer is a pillar of religion, if the people do not pray then it is like tearing down the pillar of religion itself. Prayer plays a very important role in the happiness of this world and the hereafter. In other words, it is a great act of worship that brings the servants closer to Allah SWT and as strong as the relationship that connects humans with their Creator (alJaza'iri, 1976). Thus, prayer is a form of obligation that must be performed by every Muslim repeatedly every morning, afternoon, evening and night, continuing until the end of life (Junoh, 2018).

The word of Allah SWT which means: Indeed, the prayer is a decree that is obligatory on the believers in a specified time. (al-Nisa', 4: 103) Read what has been revealed to you, namely the Book (al-Quran) and establish prayer. Indeed, prayer prevents from (deeds) vile and evil and indeed remembering Allah (prayer) is greater (its priority than other acts of worship) and Allah knows what you do. (al-Ankabut, 29: 45)

In this verse, it is clearly stated that prayer has many benefits, especially preventing from doing evil. In addition, in order to guide Muslims in forming noble morals and the right path, the Al-Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad SAW to convey to his people (Junoh, 2018).

The Prophet SAW also said, according to his understanding: Five prayers are prescribed by Allah S.W.T. on His servants. Whoever does it, not leaving a single one because he considers it trivial, will surely get the promise of Allah S.W.T. to enter him into heaven. And whoever does not do it, then there is no promise obtained from Allah S.W.T. If Allah S.W.T. wants, he will be punished (because of his negligence), but when Allah S.W.T. wanting something else, he will also be admitted to heaven. (al-Nasa'i, 2015, Kitab al-Salah, Chapter al-Muhafazah 'Ala al-Salat al-Khams, Hadith no. 462).

In this prayer, there is a lot of understanding between scholars and sects that are used according to certain circumstances. It is divided into 4 sects including Maliki, Syafi'i, Hanbali and Hanafi. In this paper, it is clearly stated about the prayers between the Shafii and Hanafi schools and the differences between the two schools.