



## How to start and connect Surah At Tawbah

### Reasons for not reading Basmallah before Surah At Tawbah

- Most authentic opinions for not reading is neither Allah Swt sent it nor Nabi SAW read it.

Scholars give various opinions

- Surah Tawbah contains tough ahkamaat (Commandments) regarding Jihad, war, war booty
- It was revealed under the shade of swords
- All Surahs have unique topics while Surah At Tawbah is a continuation of Surah Anfal which deals with Jihad, war, war booty etc and the main theme is again Jihad...(Tatimma / Ikhtetamiya of Surah Anfaal). Since its a continuation of the previous topic hence no Basmallah
- Imam Shatabi said ...It descended with swords hence no Basmallah
  - If one opens Musaf for recitation and has to start from Surah Tawbah them will read only Istiadha .
  - If one opens musaf and recitation starts from the middle of Surah At Tawbah then there is choice of reading or not reading Basmallah.

## 2 ways of beginning Recitation with Surah At Tawbah

Types	Istiadha / Beginning of Surah Tawaba	Name
Separating	1 / 2	وقف
Connecting	1 , 2	وصل

## Ways of Connecting between Surah Al Anfal and At Tawbah

Types	End Al Anfal / Beginning of Surah At Tawbah	Name
Separating	1 / 2	وقف
Connecting	1 , 2	وصل بالإقلاب
Connecting	Silence ( Sakht)	وصل بالسكرت

**Iqlaab** - If after Tanween (Harkat + Noon Sakin) is harf ب, the noon sakin will change into meem and will be read hidden. The lips will join without pressure or there will be a paper gap between the lips.

**Sakht** - Breathless pause, cutting of sound without breaking breath. Its duration is less than original waqf.