

Clapping is for the women

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Noble Shaykh, may Allaah give you success. The questioner says: I work as a doctor and when I attend medical lectures, the attending men stand up to clap for the lecturer. When I said to them, "Clapping is only for women," they said, "That ruling is only for the Salaat." Is this statement true?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: No, it is not true. Men shouldn't clap, neither in the Salaat, nor other than it. Clapping is for women, and not for the men, neither in the Salaat, nor other than it. This is one angle.

The second angle is that there is imitation of the kuffaar in this. This is one of the customs of the kuffaar. We didn't know of it, nor did the Muslims ever know men to clap, except after there came to us customs from the kuffaar and after blind-following them in their parties and assemblies. Clapping is also from the affairs of Jaahiliyyah. ["**Their Salaat at the House was nothing but whistling and clapping of hands.**"]² Whistling, singing, clapping, and applause are from the actions of the kuffaar. And today, Subhaanallaah, they still clap and whistle. They take your guard down in the gatherings and clap and whistle like acts of Jaahiliyyah. Na'am.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² سورة الأنفال – Soorah al Anfaal [8:35]