



Sohibats by
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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

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Our religion, the religion of Islam, is the religion of salvation. For that, Allah ﷻ has given worships and things to do. There are the Fard, the Wajib and the Sunnah. The highest of worship is the Fard, it is obligatory to do it. What is the obligatory? It is prayer, fasting, Zakat, and going to Hajj. Praying and Fasting is for everybody; everybody but the sick can do them. The Zakat and Hajj are also obligatory for those who have money, they have to do it. What does Fard mean? It is the worships that are given the most rewards. The Fard is the highest form of worship. If you were to worship your whole life with Nafilah and Sunnah, it will not replace the Fard. It has such a high reward. What if you don't do it? If you do not accept this blessing, are lazy and do not perform the Fard, you will be punished. Those who do not do the Fard would be committing sin. And whatever Allah ﷻ wills in the matter of that sin is left to the mercy of Allah ﷻ. We cannot interfere with His business. But as we said, if you miss a Fard, you can never get its reward or virtue even if you do it your whole life.

Allah ﷻ gave such a beauty and such a gift to people. When one doesn't accept it, there won't be any blessing or light in their worldly affairs. Yet for those who do, Allah ﷻ gives them their rewards. Some people say: "I don't pray but I make Dua and read Quran all the time." Are you going to make a religion from your own mind? Allah ﷻ has ordered it, so you will do it. If you want, read Quran from morning to evening, it has no value next to prayer. If you spend not only twenty-four hours but your whole life worshipping, it does not replace these two minutes of prayer.

The Fard is important, and the same goes for Fasting. Some say: "I cannot fast but I'm giving Sadaqah instead. I don't give out Zakat but I give Sadaqah"; that doesn't work either. The Zakat is different. The Zakat is Fard, but the Sadaqah is Sunnah and Nafilah. What we call Nafilah (supererogatory) is considered a Sunnah, it is these worships that are done after the Fard. The Hajj issue is also different. Even those who have money cannot go these days. Also in the past years, they couldn't go either; they were preventing people.



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What is important is to pray and fast, everybody can do those Fard. Therefore, it is necessary to pay attention to them. According to the greatness of its rewards, its punishment is also great. It is both big and not compensable. Because when you don't pray, if Allah ﷻ did not forgive you, you will pray them in hell. The penalty for each prayer in hell is eighty years. One does not even live in this world for eight years. Most people pass away before eighty years. If you consider a person's childhood to be ten or fifteen years, a person prays for about fifty or sixty years in this world. So is eighty years worth it for one prayer? The wise person prays immediately and makes up the Qadā (missed) prayers one by one. If he can make them up, he does. If not, Allah ﷻ will forgive him according to his intention insha'Allah. May Allah ﷻ grant us to live these beauties insha'Allah.

One of our old brothers came yesterday, he said: "May prayer love me." May it love you insha'Allah, may it love us all. Those who know the beauty of prayer can't leave it, even in the most difficult time. They get worried saying, "How can I pray without ever missing?" Otherwise, some just let it go and say, "I'll pray later, I'm tired now." Then life just passes by and in the end they'll regret that they lost so much. There is also a punishment after that. May Allah ﷻ forgive us all. May Allah ﷻ accept our prayers.

Don't give way to Waswasa, "I wonder if it was accepted or not?". Just pray, Allah ﷻ doesn't look at such small things. "Oh was my Wuḍū' accepted?" Do not give way to Waswasa thinking whether your Wuḍū' (ablution) was accepted or not. Do not give way to the shaytan's Waswasa while making Wuḍū'. The shaytan starts from the beginning, for us not to pray. We already have laziness, and on top of that he makes Waswasa. They say, "I'm not sure if my Wuḍū' is proper or not, I give up, let me not pray." That's how shaytan makes people stay away from prayer. Those who have Waswasa, let them know that Waswasa is from shaytan. Allah ﷻ does not order things that people can't carry. Do your Wuḍū' one time and that's it; it's done. Stand in prayer and then go down and up, and Allah ﷻ will accept it. May Allah ﷻ protect us from the evil and Waswasa of shaytan insha'Allah. May Allah ﷻ give strength to our Iman.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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