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OFFER PRAYERS ON TIME

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Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem,
Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Anwalin wal Akhirin,
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Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Auzu Billahi Minash-shaitanir Rajim. Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا

“Innassalata kaanat alal muminina kitaban mawqoota.” (Sura Nisa:103) Allah Azza wa Jalla states: “Indeed, prayer has been decreed upon Muslims, the believers, a decree of specified times.” The first obligation from the pillars [of Islam] is namaz.

Those who offer prayers are saved and those who do not are resurrected very heavily on the Day of Judgment. But other than that, today’s issue is a little different. Now, new ideas are coming out. They are not offering prayer five times but three times, combining it. Allah Azza wa Jalla says in the Koran, “Prayer has its times.” “Is it written?” they say! The Koran shows its times, it came out of the sacred mouth of our Holy Prophet (SAW), and he prayed five daily prayers.

If you are to offer prayers before its time when travelling, you only pray it like that at hajj in the Hanafi [school of thought]. However, in the Shafii [school of thought] if you are travelling you can pray Zuhr and Asr together lump sum. You can also pray Maghreb and Isha together. If you like you can pray it early or if you like you can delay it a little and pray them both as *jami takbir*¹. What is meant by *jami taqdim* is when offering Zuhr also offering Asr. If you could not pray it and it is late, then you pray Zuhr and Asr at the time of Asr.

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This is the case when travelling. However, abruptly saying, “There is no five times. Three times is alright!” would be contrary to and opposing our Holy Prophet (SAW). It would not fit his orders. Actually, it would not be accepted because it does not work when it is not time.

There is time. Allah Azza wa Jalla created time. It is also a creature, a created creature. There is a wisdom behind it too. You will pray on time. You gain the rewards when you pray on time. If you pass the time, our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, “You can pray 1000 rakats or 100,000 rakats if you like, but still you cannot gain the virtue² of the prayer offered on time.”

Be careful! There are newly emerging fools pretending to be clever. They are pretending to be scholars. They are saying prayers are three times a day. Do not be fooled by them! Your good deeds would be lost for nothing and your efforts would be for nothing. Of course on Judgment Day they will look at offered sunna prayers for not offered [obligatory] prayers. They will be added on and if it is complete with them then Allah will forgive. They would be applied as much less in virtue, but when they are not enough, 80 years of offering prayers is required for each prayer. Over here a human lives 80 years, call it 100 years. In the hereafter, they will make you pray one lifetime for one prayer.

Therefore, pay attention here. Pay attention to prayer times as well. Do not be deprived of its virtues and do not be committing sin. Much care should be given to this matter of namaz.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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2. Fazila