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Prayer

الصلاة

SALAH

- The definition of Salah
- The importance of Salah
- The rulings of the one who ignores their prayers



Definiton of the word Salah

Linguistic Definition of Salah

- Du'aa or supplication

Technical Definition of Salah

- Type of worship consisting of specific statements and actions. It begins by pronouncing the greatness of Allah (***Takbir***) and ends with salutations of peace (***Tasleem***)

Importance of Salah

- Salah is the first pillar of Islam after the testimony of faith
- Islam cannot stand without the existence of prayer
 - The Prophet said, “The head of the matter is Islam, its pillar is the prayer, and the top of its hump is Jihad in the way of Allah.” [Muslim]
- Prayer was the first act of worship made obligatory by Allah. Its obligation was revealed directly to the Prophet during his ascension to heaven.
 - Anas said, “The prayers were made obligatory on the Prophet the night of his ascension to heaven. At first they were fifty in number, but were reduced several times until they were five. Then it was proclaimed, ‘O Mohammed, the order is not changed. These five are (equivalent to) the fifty.’ [Ahmad, Nasaee, Tirmidhi]
- Prayer is the first act that we will be accountable for
 - Abdullah ibn Qart related that the Messenger of Allah said, “The first act that the slave will be accountable for on the Day of Judgment will be prayer. If it is good, then the rest of his acts will be good. And if it is evil, then the rest of his acts will be evil.” [Tabarani]

- **Salah was the last thing the Prophet (sallAllahu alayhi wasallam) recommended to his nation before he died**
 - “Prayer, prayer, and what your right hand possesses.” [Ahmad]
- **It will be the last thing taken away from the religion**
 - The Messenger of Allah (sallAllahu alayhi wasallam) said, “If Islam were stripped away, piece by piece, people would hold tight to the next one. The first thing taken would be ruling and governance, and the last thing would be prayer.” [Ibn Hibban]
- **The importance of Salah is so great that we are ordered to observe it while travelling or not, while one is safe or in fear**

حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ الَّذِينَ يُتَوَقَّونَ مِنْكُمْ وَيَذَرُونَ أَزْوَاجًا وَصِيَّةً لِأَزْوَاجِهِمْ مَتَاعًا إِلَى الْحَوْلِ غَيْرَ إِخْرَاجٍ فَإِنْ خَرَجْنَا فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي مَا فَعَلْنَا فِي أَنْفُسِنَا مِنْ مَعْرُوفٍ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

“Guard strictly your prayers, especially the middle prayer, and stand up with devotion to Allah. And if you go in fear, then pray standing or riding. When you are safe, remember Allah, in the manner He has taught you, which you knew not before.

[Surah al-Baqara 2:238-239]

Some Ayat regarding Salah

اِنَّ مَا اُوْحِيَ اِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَاَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ اِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ

“Recite what has been revealed to you of the Book (the Quran), and perform As-Salat. Verily, As-Salat prevents from Al-Fahsha (great sins of every kind) and Al-Munkar (disbelief, polytheism, and every kind of evil wicked deed) and the remembering of Allah is greater indeed. And Allah knows what you do.”

[Surah al-Ankaboot 29:45]

الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ خَاشِعُونَ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

“Successful indeed are the believers who are humble in their prayer”

[Surah al-Muminoon 23:1-2]

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“And those who strictly guard their prayers. These are indeed the inheritors, who shall inherit Paradise. They shall dwell therein forever.”

[Surah al-Muminoon 23:9-11]

One who ignores the prayer

Not praying and denying its obligation is seen as disbelief and places the person outside the fold of Islam.

- Jabir reports that the Prophet said, “Between a person and disbelief is discarding prayer.” [Muslim, Ahmad, Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah]
- Buraidah reported that the Prophet said, “The pact between us and them is prayer. Whoever abandons it is a disbeliever.” [Ahmad, Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi, Nasaee, Ibn Majah]
- Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-Aas reported that the Prophet one day mentioned the prayer and said, “Whoever guards and observes his prayer, they will be a light and a proof and a savior for him on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever does not guard and observe them, they will not be a light or a proof or a savior for him. On the Day of Resurrection, he will be with Qarun, Firaun, Haman and Ubayy ibn Khalf.” [Ahmad, Tabarani, Ibn Hibban]



One who ignores the prayer

Opinion of the Four Imams regarding the one who ignores their prayers

- Opinion of Imam Malik
- Opinion of Imam Shafi'ee
- Opinion of Imam Ahmad
- Opinion of Imam Abu Hanifah

One who ignores the prayer

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ
وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

Verily! Allah forgives not setting up partners in worship with Him, but He forgives whom he pleases sins other than that, and whoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, has indeed strayed far away. [Surah an-Nisa 4:116]

- Abu Hurairah related that the Prophet said, “Every prophet has a special supplication that is answered. Every prophet hastened to make his supplication, but I concealed mine and will use it for my nation of the Day of Resurrection. It will be granted Insha’Allah to whoever dies without associating any partners with Allah. [Muslim, Ahmad]
- Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet said, “The person who will be the happiest due to my intercession is the one who said, ‘There is no god but Allah sincerely from his heart.’ [Bukhari]

QUESTIONS

Jazakum Allah Khayran

May Allah SWT increase our knowledge!
AMEEN