



Madrasah Baytul Ilm

QADHĀ SALĀH

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Allāh ﷻ has ordained many commands through which one can gain eternal success. One of the most important of them is salāh. All Muslims are commanded by Allāh ﷻ to perform salāh, wherein they turn to Him five times a day.

Allāh ﷻ mentions, “Take due care of all the prayers...” (Al-Baqarah: 238) Likewise, whilst mentioning the qualities of a true believer, Allāh ﷻ mentions, “They are those who believe in the unseen and are steadfast in their salāh...” (Al-Baqarah: 3)

Salāh is the most important pillar of Islām after Imān. ‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar ؓ narrates that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, “Islām has been built on five (pillars); testifying that there is none worthy of worship besides Allāh ﷻ and that Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Allāh, establishing salāh, giving zakāh, performing hajj and fasting in Ramadhān.” (Bukhāri & Muslim)

Salāh is of such importance that it shall be the very first thing to be reckoned on the Day of Judgement. The Prophet ﷺ said, “Indeed the very first deed that a servant will have to account for will be his salāh. If it is correct then he will have succeeded, and if it is incorrect then he will have failed.” (Tirmidhi)

Similarly, in the Ahādeeth, many warnings have been given for the one who does not perform his salāh. The Prophet ﷺ said, “Between a man and disbelief & shirk is the abandoning of salāh.”(Muslim)

Therefore, a true believer will never miss any salāh intentionally. And if the salāh is missed due to any reason, he will not waste any time in making up for it.

The importance of completing one's qadhā salāh must be clearly understood. Even if a person does tawbah sincerely, he will not be absolved of this command until he makes up for his missed salāh. Hence, it is compulsory upon every Muslim to perform the missed number of fardh and wājib salāh from the time he had become bāligh (reached puberty).

Helpful Tips For Performing Qadhā Salāh

- 1) Calculate the number of salāh you have missed. If one has any difficulty in doing so, consult an ālim.
- 2) Qadhā salāh can be read at all times except at the time of sunrise, midday i.e. approximately ten minutes before zawāl time and at the time of sunset.
- 3) Niyyah (intention) must be made for the exact salāh that was missed. However, if one has many qadhā salāh,

the intention should be to do qadhā for either the first or last salāh missed e.g. I am performing four raka'āt qadhā of 'Ishā for the first (or the last) 'Ishā salāh that I missed.

4) One may read the same short surahs (e.g. Surah Al-Kawthar in the first rak'ah and Surah Al-Ikhlās in the second rak'ah) in every qadhā salāh.

5) In the third and fourth raka'āt, one may read any tasbih e.g. Subhānallāh or Alhamdulillah or Allāhu Akbar three times instead of reciting Surah al-Fātihah.

6) However, in the qadhā of witr salāh, one must read Surah al-Fātihah and another surah in all three raka'āt.

7) One may end the qadhā salāh by reading a short form of durood after tashahhud (at-Tahiyyāt).

8) Make a target and allocate a specific amount of time everyday for qadhā salāh.

May Allāh ﷻ grant us the ability to understand the importance of salāh. Āmeen.