

Narrated by Hazrat Mu'adh ibn Jabal ؓ "...do not deliberately neglect to observe a prescribed Prayer for he who neglects the prescribed Prayer deliberately will become out of the protection of Allah ﷻ..." (Tirmidhi)

﴿ وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دُخْرَيْنَ ﴾

And your Lord says: "Call on Me; I will answer your (Prayer): But those who are too arrogant to serve Me will surely find themselves in Hell in humiliation!" (Qur'an, 40: 60)

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Striving in the path of Allah ﷻ, (jihad) is incumbent on you along with every ruler, whether he is pious or impious, the Prayer is obligatory on you behind every believer pious or impious..." (Abu Dawud)

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "The heaviest Salah for the hypocrite is that of Isha and Fajr and if they knew what was in them they would have attended them even if it meant crawling, and I have a strong desire to order the Salah to be established, then order a man to lead the people in Salah then I would go with some men carrying bundles of wood to a people not attending the Salah and burn their houses on them." (Bukhari, Muslim)

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا أَوْ قُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ ﴾

"O believers! Save yourselves and your families from (Hell) fire, whose fuel is men and stones." (Qur'an, 66: 6)

After giving oath to the oneness of Allah ﷻ and that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is his messenger, the next duty of every Muslim is to Pray Five times a day at the fixed times without fail unless you have a valid excuse. There is absolutely no excuse for a Muslim not to Pray five times daily but the Prophet ﷺ did give three exceptions;

- 1- The sleeping person until he wakes.
- 2- The child until he reaches puberty (but it is recommended you encourage your children from an early age).
- 3- The insane until they become sane ('Aqil).

Say; perform Prayer before yours Prayers performed; (Namaz Parha Karo Is Se Pehlay Ke Tumhari Namaz Parhi Jaye)

The order for performing obligatory Prayers from a young age:

Hazrat Amr Bin Shuaib ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ Has taught us that children should begin to Pray at a young age as highlighted in this Hadith.

Hazrat Abu Thurayyah Sabrah ibn Ma'bad Al-Juhani ؓ narrates Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said; "Teach to children Pray Salah (five times daily Prayers) at the age of seven years and punish him for any failure to perform Salah at the age of ten years." (Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi)

This Hadith of the Messenger of Allah ﷻ has instructed us clearly that children should be taught to Pray when they are seven years old and when they are ten years old, if they disobey parents in performing the obligatory Prayers, then they should be punish him slightly. The Hadith further informs us of the seriousness of Prayer in Islam and that we should not neglect Prayers at all from childhood to adulthood.

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَاكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخٰسِرُونَ ﴾

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"O you who believe! let not your riches or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. If any act thus the loss is their own." (Qur'an, 63: 9)

We request you to make du'a for the Ummah as much as possible as we all need guidance. We Pray Allah ﷻ increases our patience, taqwa, truthfulness and pure intentions.

Perform Salah Regularly

﴿ الصَّلَاةُ ﴾

Neglecting Prayer (Salah)

In the sight of Allah ﷻ Salah has a very great distinction. No other act of Ibaadah is dearer to Allah ﷻ than Salah. Allah ﷻ has made five times Salah obligatory on His servants. There is a great reward in offering Salah and a great sin in omitting it. Salah is the first act that the person will be held accountable for.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Qart ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "The first act that the slave will be accountable for on the Day of Judgement 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)

It is the last thing that the Prophet ﷺ, recommended to his nation before he died, saying, "Prayer, Prayer and what your right hand possesses." It will be the last thing taken away from the religion. When it perishes, Islam will perish.

Hazrat Abu Umamah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ 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)

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Completing the five daily Prayers on time according to the Sunnah is an excellent way to increase our Iman. Not only are we performing an obligatory deed when Praying, but by doing so we have a standing audience with the creator of this world where we can ask for help and mercy. The effect of the Salah on the human soul is cooling as Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once said that it cooled his eyes. The Salah connects us with our Creator and along with obedience to Allah ﷻ, helps us to enjoy what is good and forbid what is evil.

Hazrat Jabir ibn Abdullah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "the similitude of five Prayers is like an overflowing river passing by the gate of one of you in which he washes five times daily. Hasan said; No filthiness can remain on him." (Muslim)

Many verses of the Qur'an, Allah ﷻ follows up Prayer with the remembrance of Allah ﷻ.

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَّتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿١﴾ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٢﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٣﴾﴾

"For believers are those who when Allah is mentioned feel a tremor in their hearts and when they hear His signs rehearsed find their faith strengthened and put (all) their trust in their Lord. Who establish regular Prayers (Salah) and spend (freely) out of the gifts We have given them for sustenance: Such in truth are the believers: they have grades of dignity with their Lord and forgiveness and generous sustenance."

(Qur'an, 8: 2, 3, 4)

﴿وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرُّ

كُعِينِ ﴿٣٣﴾﴾

"And be steadfast in Prayer; practice regular charity; and bow down your heads with those who bow down (in worship)." (Qur'an, 2: 43)

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٦﴾﴾

"O you who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance and Prayer: for Allah is with those who patiently persevere." (Qur'an, 2: 153)

﴿وَأَقِيمُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ عِندَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُو

مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾﴾

"And that ye set your whole selves (to him) at every time and place of Prayer and call upon him making your devotion sincere as in his sight." (Qur'an, 7: 29)

Rasulullah ﷺ has also said; "The first thing to be reckoned on the day of resurrection will be Salah. The hands, feet, and face of those who used to offer their Salah regularly will shine like the sun on the day of resurrection. As for those who did not offer their Salah, they will be deprived of this blessing."

﴿الصَّلَاةُ مِعْرَاجُ الْمُؤْمِنِ—﴾

"Prayer is called as Meraj-ul-Momin (journey to Heavens for highest evolution of a true believer)."

Prayer means of elevating man to a much higher place. In fact, the creation of lofty ideas raises man to heights of progress. It is for this reason that Prayer is considered to be the best means of man's salvation.

Hazrat Jabir ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "(Performing) the five daily Prayers is like bathing five times a day in a flowing river which runs in front of your door (thoroughly cleansing you)." (Muslim)

Neglecting Prayer (Salah)

Prayer is the duty of every Muslim when they reach puberty. Anyone who does not Prayer it is out of the protection of Allah ﷻ.

﴿مَا سَأَلَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ﴿٣٣﴾ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمَصَلِّينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَلَمْ نَكُ نَطْعُمُ الْمَسْكِينِ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَكُنَّا نَخُوضُ مَعَ الْخَآ

ئِضِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَكُنَّا نَكْذِبُ بِيَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٣٧﴾ حَتَّىٰ أَتَانَا

الْيَقِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾ فَمَا تَنْفَعُهُمْ شَفَاعَةُ الشَّافِعِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾﴾

(The people in Hell will be asked) "What brought you into hell?" They will answer: "We did not use to offer the Salah (Prayers), we did not use to feed the poor, we used to join those who wasted their time in vain talk, and we used to deny the Day of Judgment, until death overtook us." On that Day, no intercession of any intercessors shall profit them." (Qur'an, 74: 42 to 48)

Not Praying and denying its obligation is seen as disbelief and places the person outside the religion of Islam. All scholars agree on this point. They base their opinion on several Hadith, some of which are;

Hazrat Buraidah ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "The pact between us and them is Prayer. Whoever abandons it is a disbeliever." (Ahmad, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi)

Hazrat Jabir ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Between a person and disbelief is discarding Prayer." (Ahmad, Muslim)

Hazrat Buraydah ibn Al-Hasib ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "That which distinguishes us from the disbelievers and hypocrites is our commitment to Prayer. He who gives it up falls into disbelief." (Tirmidhi)

Hazrat Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'Aas ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ one day mentioned the Prayer and said; "Whoever guards and observes his Prayer, they will be a light and a proof and a saviour 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 saviour for him. On the Day of Resurrection, he will be with Qarun, Fir'aun, Haman and Ubayy ibn Khalaf." (Ahmad)