

## Chapter – 09

## Times of Prayers

## (اوقات نماز)

[فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَوْقُوتًا، (04:103)]

[أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِدُلُوكِ الشَّمْسِ إِلَى غَسَقِ اللَّيْلِ وَقُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ إِنَّ قُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ كَانَ مَشْهُودًا، (17:78)]

[وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ، (50:39)]

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- 495 Once Gabriel came and offered the prayer (*Fajr prayer*) and Allah's Prophet prayed too, then he prayed again (*Zuhr prayer*) and so did Allah's Prophet and again he prayed (*Asr prayer*) and Allah's Prophet did the same; again he prayed (*Maghrib-prayer*) and so did Allah's Prophet and again prayed (*Isha prayer*) and so did Allah's Prophet. And then Gabriel said to the Prophet, "I was ordered to do so (to demonstrate the prayers prescribed to you)" *Narrated: Abu Masood Ansari and Ibn Shahab.*
- 496 Once a delegation of Rabi'a tribe came to the Prophet and said, "Please order us to do something good": The Prophet said, "I order you to believe in Allah and His Messenger, offer prayers perfectly and at the stated times, pay Zakat (*obligatory charity*), keep fasting in Ramazan, and give one fifth share (*Khumus*) in Bait-ul-Mall (*State Treasury*). And said abstain from drinking alcohol. *Narrated: Ibn 'Abbas.* (See Hadith - 52).
- 497 I gave my pledge of allegiance to Allah's Prophet, to offer prayers perfectly, to pay Zakat regularly, and to give good advice to every Muslim. *Narrated: Jarir Bin 'Abdullah.*

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- 498 Once I was sitting with 'Umar and he said, 'Who amongst you remembers the statement of Allah's Prophet about the afflictions?' I said, 'I know it as the Prophet had said, 'The afflictions caused for a man by his wife, money, children and neighbor are amended by his prayers, fasting and charity.' 'Umar said, "I did not mean that, but I asked about that affliction which will spread like the waves of the sea." I said, "O leader of the faithful believers! You need not be afraid of it, as there is a closed door between you and it. Later, people asked me , "who is this closed door?" I said, "The door was 'Umar himself." *Narrated: Hudhaifa.*
- 499 The Prophet said, "Offer prayers perfectly, at the two ends of the day and in some hours of the night. He said, "It is for all my followers." *Narrated: Ibn Mas'ud.*
- 500 It was asked the Prophet "Which deed is the dearest to Allah?" He replied, "To offer the prayers at their stated fixed times, to be good and dutiful to your parents and to participate in Jihad in Allah's cause." *Narrated: Ibn Mas'ud.*
- 501 Allah's Prophet said, "If anyone of you take a bath five times a day would you notice any dirt on him?" The Prophet added, "That is the example of the five prayers with which all evil deeds are washed out." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*
- 502/503 I said, "Now-a-days I do not find things as they were at the time of the Prophet. Somebody said "The prayer is as it was." I said, Don't you know, you have become careless about the timings of prayers? *Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 504/505 The Prophet said, "Whenever anyone of you offers his prayer he is speaking in private to his Lord. So he should not spit to his right but under his left foot." (See Hadith - 394to404). ---- (*in the second hadith it is added that*): Do the prostration properly and do not put your forearms flat with elbows touching the ground. *Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 506to510 Prophet said, "When day's temperature goes high, then offer Zuhr prayers when it becomes a bit cooler and the shadows of hillocks appear. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah, Abu Dhār Ghifari and Abu Saeed.*

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- 511 Allah's Prophet came out and offered the Zuhr prayer when the sun declined at mid-day. He then stood on the pulpit and spoke about the Day of Judgment. In the last, he said that "Paradise and Hell-fire were displayed in front of me on this wall just now and I have never seen a better thing (*than the Paradise*) and a worse thing (*than the Hell-fire*)." *Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 512 The Prophet used to offer the Fajr prayer when one could recognize the person sitting by him. He used to recite between 60 to 100 verses of the Qur'an. He used to offer the Zuhr prayer as soon as the sun declined at noon, and the 'Asr at a time when a man might go and return from the farthest place in Medina and find the sun still hot. (*The sub-narrator did not mention what was said about the Maghrib*). He did not mind delaying the 'Isha prayer to one third of the night or the middle of the night." *Narrated: Abu Minhal and Abu Barza .*
- 513 When we offered the Zuhr prayers behind Allah's Prophet we used to prostrate on our clothes to protect ourselves from the heat. *Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 514 The Prophet prayed eight Rakat for the Zuhr and 'Asr, and seven for the Maghrib and 'Isha prayers in Medina. Ayub said to Jabir that, "Perhaps those were rainy nights." Jabir said, "May be." *Narrated: Ibn 'Abbas.*
- 515to517 Allah's Prophet used to offer the 'Asr prayer when the sunshine had not disappeared from my chamber. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 518 (*Prayer Timings*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-512 above. *Narrated: Abu Barza Aslami and Siyar bin Salama .*
- 519 We used to pray the 'Asr prayer and after that if someone happened to go to the tribe of Bani Amr bin Auf, he would find them still praying the 'Asr prayer. *Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 520 We prayed the Zuhr prayer with 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz and then went to Anas bin Malik and found him offering the 'Asr prayer. I asked him, "O uncle! Which prayer have you offered?" He said "The 'Asr and this is the time of the prayer of Allah's Prophet which we used to pray with him." *Narrated: Abu Umama.*

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- 521 We used to pray the 'Asr and after that if one of us gone to Quba he would arrive there while the sun was still high.  
*Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 522 Allah's Prophet used to offer the 'Asr prayer at a time when the sun was still hot and high and if a person went to Al-'Awali of Medina, he would reach there when the sun was still high. --- Some of Al-'Awali of Medina were about four miles or so from the town. *Narrated: Anas Bin Malik.*
- 523 Allah's Prophet said, "Whoever misses the 'Asr prayer (*intentionally*) then it is as if he lost his family and property."  
*Narrated: Abdullah Bin 'Umar*
- 524 We were with Buraida in a battle on a cloudy day and he said, "Offer the 'Asr prayer early as the Prophet said, "Whoever leaves the 'Asr prayer, all his good deeds will be annulled."  
*Narrated: Abu Al-Malih.*
- 525 We were with the Prophet and he looked at the full-moon and said, 'Certainly you will see your Lord as you see this moon and you will have no trouble in seeing Him. So if you can control Shaytan, then do not miss offering the prayers before the sun-rise (*Fajr*) and prayers before sunset (*'Asr*).' He then recited the following verse of Quran:
- وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ
- {And celebrate the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before its setting." (50.39)}
- Narrated: Jarir Bin Abdullah.*
- 526 The Noble Prophet said, "Angels come to you in succession by night and day and all of them get together at the time of the Fajr and 'Asr prayers. Those who have passed the night with you ascend to the Heaven and Allah asks them, though He knows everything about you, "In what state did you leave my slaves?" The angels reply: "When we left them they were praying and when we reached them, they were praying too."  
*Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*
- 527 Allah's Prophet said, "If anyone of you can get one Rakat of the 'Asr prayer before sunset, he should complete his prayer. If any of you can get one Rakat of the Fajr prayer before -----

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- sunrise, he should complete his prayer." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*
- 528/529 The Prophet said, 'The period of your stay as compared to the previous nations is like the period equal to the time between the 'Asr prayer and sunset. The example of a man who employed laborers to work for him from morning till night. The people of the Torah were given the work and they acted upon it till mid-day then they were exhausted and were given one Qirat each. And then the people of the Gospel were given the work and they acted upon it till the 'Asr prayer then they were exhausted and were given one Qirat each. And then Muslims were given the work and they acted upon it till sunset and they were given two Qirats each. On that, the people of both the scriptures said, 'O our Lord! You have given them two Qirats and given us one Qirat, though we have worked more than they.' Allah said, 'Have I grab some of your rights?' They said, 'No.' Allah said: "That is my blessing I bestow upon whomsoever I wish." *Narrated: Salim bin 'Abdullah and Abu Musa.*
- 530 We used to offer the Maghrib prayer with the Prophet and after finishing the prayer one of us may go away and could still see as far as the spots where one's arrow might reach when shot by a bow. *Narrated: Rafi' bin Khadij.*
- 531 The Prophet used to pray the Zuhr at mid-day, and the 'Asr at a time when the sun was still bright, the Maghrib after sunset (*at its stated time*) and the Isha at a variable time. Whenever he saw the people assembled for Isha' prayer he would pray earlier and if the people delayed, he would delay the prayer. And the Prophet used to offer the Fajr Prayers when it is still dark. *Narrated: Jabir bin 'Abdullah.* (See Hadith - 512).
- 532 We used to pray the Maghrib prayer with the Prophet immediately after the sun disappeared from the horizon. *Narrated: Salama Bin Aku'.*
- 533 (*Joining Prayers*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-514. *Narrated: Ibn Abbas.*
- 534 The Prophet said, "Do not be influenced by Bedouins regarding the name of Maghrib prayer which is called 'Isha' by them." So call Maghrib for the prayers on sunset and later

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prayer after some hours is Isha. *Narrated: 'Abdullah Al-Muzani.*

- 535 One night Allah's Prophet led us in the 'Isha' prayer. After completion of the prayer, he faced us and said, "Do you know the importance of this night? Nobody present on the surface of the earth to-night will be living after one hundred years from this night." *Narrated: 'Abdullah Bin 'Umer.* (See Hadith - 117).
- 536 (*Prayer Timings*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith-512 and 531above. *Narrated: Narrated: Jabir bin 'Abdullah..*
- 537 Allah's Prophet once delayed the 'Isha' prayer and that was during the days when Islam still had not spread. The Prophet did not come out till 'Umar informed him that the women and children had slept. Then he came out and said to the people of the mosque:"None amongst the dwellers of the earth has been waiting for it except you." *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 538 One night the 'Isha' prayer was delayed by the Prophet to the middle of the night. He then came out and led the people in prayer. After finishing from the prayer, he addressed the people saying, "Have the glad tiding. It is from the blessing of Allah upon you that none amongst mankind has prayed at this time." So we returned happily after what we heard from Allah's Prophet. *Narrated: Abu Musa.*
- 539 Allah's Prophet disliked to sleep before the 'Isha' prayer and to talk after it. *Narrated: Abu Barza.*
- 540 (*Delay in 'Isha Prayer*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 537 above. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 541/542 Once Allah's Prophet delayed the 'Isha' prayer then he said, 'Hadn't I thought it hard for my followers, I would have ordered them to pray (*'Isha' prayer*) at this time.' *Narrated: 'Abdullah Bin 'Umer.*
- 543 (*Emphasis on Fajr and 'Asr prayers*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 525. *Narrated: Jarir Bin 'Abdullah.*
- 544/545 Allah's Prophet said, "Whoever prays the two cool prayers (*'Asr and Fajr*) will go to Paradise." *Narrated: Abu Bakr bin Abi Musa.*
- 546/547 Zaid Bin Thabit told me that "We took the "Sahar" (*the meal taken before dawn while fasting*) with the Prophet and then stood

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- up for the prayer." I asked him how long the interval between the two (*Sahar and prayer*) was. He replied, The interval between the two was just sufficient to recite fifty to Sixth verses. *Narrated: Anas.*
- 548 I used to take the "Sahar" meal with my family and hasten so as to catch the Fajr (*morning prayer*) with Allah's Prophet. *Narrated: Sahl bin Sa'ad.*
- 549 The believing women covered with their veiling sheets used to attend the Fajr prayer with Allah's Prophet, and after finishing the prayer they would return to their home and nobody could recognize them because of darkness. *Narrated: 'Aisha.* (See Hadith - 363).
- 550/551 Allah's Prophet said, "Whoever could get one Rakat of the Fajr prayer before sunrise, he got the morning prayer and whoever could get one Rakat of the 'Asr prayer before sunset, he has acquired the 'Asr prayer." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.* (See Hadith - 527).
- 552to554 The Prophet forbade praying after the Fajr prayer till the sun rises and after the 'Asr prayer till the sun sets. *Narrated: Ibn 'Abbas and Ibn 'Umer.*
- 555 Allah's Prophet forbade two kinds of sales, two kinds of dresses, and two prayers. He forbade offering prayers after the Fajr prayer till rising of the sun and after the 'Asr prayer till its setting. He also forbade "Ishtimal-Assama" and "al-Ihtiba" in one garment in such a way that one's private parts are exposed towards the sky. He also forbade the sales called "Munabadha" and "Mulamasa." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.* (See Hadith - 359).
- 556to560 Allah's Prophet said, "There is no prayer after the morning prayer till the sun rises, and there is no prayer after the 'Asr prayer till the sun sets." *Narrated: Ibn 'Umer, Abu Saeed Al-Khudri, Muawiya and Abu Hurairah.* (See Hadith - 552to554 above).
- 561to564 By Allah! Who took away the Prophet. The Prophet never missed two Rakat after the 'Asr prayer till he did not meet Allah. He used to pray them in the house and never prayed them in the mosque, lest it might be hard for his followers. He loved what was easy for people. ---- In his last days, it became

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- heavy for him to pray while standing, so he used to offer most of the prayers while sitting. *(The third hadith says that):* The Prophet never left two Rakat (*Sunnah*) before Fajr prayer. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 565 *(Emphasis on 'Asr prayers):* This is repeated hadith. See hadith-524. *Narrated: Abu Al-Malih.*
- 566 One night we were traveling with the Prophet. When people were going to take a sleep Bilal said, 'I will make you get up.' So all slept and Bilal rested his back against his Rahila and after some time he too slept. The Prophet got up when the edge of the sun had risen and said, 'O Bilal! What about your statement?' He replied, 'I have never slept such a deep sleep.' The Prophet said, True! 'Allah captured your souls when He wished, and released them when He wished. --- O Bilal! Get up and pronounce the Adhan for the prayer.' When the sun came up and became bright, we stood up and prayed." *Narrated: Abu Qatada.*
- 567 On the day of Al-Khandaq (*the battle of trench*) 'Umar bin Al-Khattab came cursing the disbelievers of Quraish after the sun had set and said, "O Allah's Prophet we could not offer the 'Asr prayer till the sun had set." The Prophet said, "I, too, have not prayed." ---- We turned towards Buthan, and the Prophet and we all performed ablution and offered the 'Asr prayer after the sun had set, and then we offered the Maghrib prayer. *Narrated: Jabir Bin 'Abdullah.*
- 568 The Prophet said, "If anyone forgets in prayer he should pray that part when he remembers it. There is no expiation except to pray the same." Then he recited:
- وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذِكْرِي
- {Establish prayer for My remembrance. (20:14)}
- Narrated: Anas.*
- 569 *(Delayed prayer for 'Asr):* This is repeated hadith. See hadith-567 above. *Narrated: Jabir.*
- 570 *(Timings of prayers):* This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 512. *Narrated: Abu Minhal and Abu Barza.*



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- 571 Anas told us that once we waited for the Prophet for the 'Isha prayers till it was midnight. He came and led the prayer, and after finishing it, he addressed us and said, "All the people prayed and then slept and you had been in prayer as long as you were waiting for it."---- Hassan-Al-Basari said, "The people are regarded as performing good deeds as long as they are waiting for doing good deeds." *Narrated: Qurrah bin Khalid.*
- 572 (*Life of maximum 100 years*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 117 and 535. *Narrated: 'Abdullah bin 'Umar.*
- 573 The Suffa Companions were poor people. Therefore the Prophet said, 'Whoever has food for two persons should take a third one from them (*Suffa companions*). And whosoever has food for four persons he should take one or two from them' Abu Bakr took three men and the Prophet took ten of them." Abu Bakr took his supper with the Prophet and remained there till the 'Isha' prayer was offered. Abu Bakr returned after a long portion of the night had passed. Everyone was waiting for him. Anyways, we all ate to our fill and the food was more than it was before its serving. *Narrated: 'Abdur Rahman bin Abu Bakr.*