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Missed Salah (Prayer) should be made up for in case a person forgets or is asleep

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Making up for prayers which a person misses due to sleep or negligence

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Q: Allah has guided me to obey Him. I offer the daily prayers on time except for Fajr (Dawn). Sometimes I get up late after sunrise. Is my Fajr Prayer offered at that time valid? How can a Muslim make up for the Salah he missed like 'Asr (Afternoon) Prayer. Will he make up for it at the time of the Maghrib (Sunset) Prayer or delay it until the next 'Asr Prayer?

A: The Salah you miss due to sleep or forgetfulness should be offered the moment you wake up or the moment you remember. It does not matter if you wake up or remember it after sunrise. This is based on the Hadith in which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (He who misses a prayer because he sleeps or forgets it should offer it when he remembers it, there is no expiation for it, except this.)

As for the Salah which you intentionally abandon while believing in its being obligatory, the most sound of the two views held by scholars is that such an act constitutes a major Kufr (disbelief).

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You should not make up for it, but you have to repent, regret it and ask Allah's forgiveness for abandoning it. You should observe the five daily prayers regularly. This is based on the Hadith in which the Prophet said: (That which differentiates us from the disbelievers and hypocrites is our performance of Salat. He who abandons it, becomes a disbeliever.)

Another Hadith states: (What makes one a disbeliever and a polytheist is abandoning prayers.)

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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