



The virtue of offering Salah in Makkah

Fourth question from Fatwa No. 6267

Q: Is the reward for offering Salah anywhere in Makkah multiplied as if it is in Al-Masjid Al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque)? Is the punishment for committing sins in Makkah multiplied just like the rewards of good deeds?

A: 1- There is disagreement among the scholars concerning this issue. However, the most preponderant view

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is that reward is multiplied anywhere in the Sanctuary (Makkah) because it is all considered Al-Masjid Al-Haram according to the Qur'an and Sunnah.

2- As to sins, they are not multiplied in terms of their number neither in Makkah nor anywhere else. In fact, sins are multiplied in terms of their intensity and gravity due to the time and place where the sins are committed, for example if they are committed during Ramadan, in the Noble Sanctuary, in Madinah, and the like. Allah (may He be Praised) says: [\(Whoever brings a good deed \(Islâmic Monotheism and deeds of obedience to Allâh and His Messenger peace be upon him\) shall have ten times the like thereof to his credit, and whoever brings an evil deed \(polytheism, disbelief, hypocrisy, and deeds of disobedience to Allâh and His Messenger peace be upon him\) shall have only the recompense of the like thereof\)](#) Also there are many Sahih (authentic) Hadith to the same effect.

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

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