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Leaving Masjid after Adhan

The second question of Fatwa No. 5133

Q: What is the ruling on leaving the Masjid (Mosque) after the Adhan (call to Prayer)? Moreover, does the same ruling apply to a person who may be in a room, not used for Salah, within the precincts of the Masjid but when leaving, he passes through the courtyard of the Masjid?

A: It is not permissible to leave the Masjid after hearing the Adhan except to perform Wudu', answering the call of nature, or any other necessity. It is reported that [Abu Hurayrah](#) (saw a person leaving the Masjid after the Adhan. Upon this he remarked, "This (man) disobeyed Abu Al-Qasim (peace be upon him).") Related by Muslim in his Sahih. The same ruling applies for a person who is in a room inside the precincts of the Masjid.

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

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