



Fifth question from Fatwa no. (9184):

Q 5: Sometimes I get up late and go to offer Salah (Prayer) immediately. However, I offer it quickly so that I do not miss its prescribed time, and also not to miss the bus which takes me to work. Can I delay offering the Fajr (Dawn) Prayer until the time of noon and offer it a few minutes before it, as there is no time to offer Fajr Prayer when I go to work? Can I offer Salah quickly in a way that affects its integral pillars so that I do not go to work late if I offer it

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the way it should be offered? Or shall I offer it when I reach my office with Khushu` (the heart being attuned to the act of worship) and calmly, although I do not have time to offer it then? Please advise, may Allah reward you.

A: First, you should put an alarm clock in your bedroom and set it to a time before the Fajr Prayer, so that you can wake up to offer Salah. If you do not have an alarm clock, you can ask the Mu'adhin (caller to Prayer) or some of your neighbors or brothers to wake you up at the time of Salah, so that you can offer it congregationally in the Masjid (mosque). **Second**, you should offer Salah calmly with Khushu` so that it is valid, accepted and rewarded. You are not allowed to delay it, offer it hastily or be lazy in offering it, as this is the way hypocrites offer Salah. You should be keen on offering the Five Obligatory Daily Prayers on time congregationally more than you are keen on your worldly job. Beware of preferring this world to the afterlife, as Allah says, (Guard strictly (five obligatory) As-Salawât (the prayers) especially the middle Salât (i.e. the best prayer – 'Asr). And stand before Allâh with obedience [and do not speak to others during the Salât (prayer)].) Allah also says, (Successful indeed are the believers.) Those who offer their Salât (prayers) with all solemnity and full submissiveness.) until He says, (And those who strictly guard their (five compulsory congregational) Salawât (prayers) (at their fixed stated hours).) These are indeed the inheritors) Who shall inherit the Firdaus (Paradise). They shall dwell therein forever.)

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Allah also says, (Indeed whosoever purifies himself (by avoiding polytheism and accepting Islâmic Monotheism) shall achieve success,) (And remembers (glorifies) the Name of his Lord (worships none but Allâh), and prays (the five compulsory prayers and the Nawâfil - additional prayers).) (Nay, you prefer the life of this world,) (Although the Hereafter is better and more lasting.)

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

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