



Neglecting Salah (Prayer) in congregation without a valid excuse

The fifth question of Fatwa no. 7044

Q 5: Does a person have to go to the Masjid (mosque) to perform the five daily prayers in congregation regularly? Is he held sinful if he offers some prayers at home without having a valid excuse? He hears Adhan (call to Prayer) and the Masjid is not far from home.

A: Offering the five obligatory prayers is incumbent upon all adult Muslim men. A person who neglects offering Salah in congregation without a valid excuse is considered to be committing a sinful act. This is based on the Hadith in which the Prophet (peace be upon him) is reported to have said, (Whoever hears the Adhan and does not come to it (the prayer), then there is no prayer for him except with an excuse.)

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Narrated by [Ibn Majah](#) and [Al-Daraqutny](#). Its Isnad (chain of narrators) is Sahih (authentic). When [Ibn 'Abbas](#) (may Allah be pleased with them both) was once asked about the excuse which may allow a person to pray at home, he said, "Only in case of danger or illness."

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

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