



Is a Muslim who can hear the Adhan (Call to Prayer) at a distance obliged to attend the congregational Salah?

The third question of Fatwa no. 7811:

Q 3: If I can hear the Mu'adhin (caller to Prayer) at a distance of eight hundred meters, should I pray where I am or go to the Masjid (Mosque) where the call to prayer was made?

A 3: You have to go to this Masjid and pray there with the congregation, or in any other Masjid that may be nearer to you, for the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, (Whoever hears the call (Adhan) but does not come to it (the prayer), there is no prayer for him except with an excuse (to miss the congregation).)Related by Ibn Majah and Al-Daraqutny, Ibn Hibban and Al-Hakim with a good Sanad (chain of narrators).

It is also narrated by Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said, (A blind man came to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) and said: O Messenger of Allah! I have no one to guide me to the Masjid. He, therefore, asked the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) to allow him to perform Salah in his house. He (peace be upon him) granted him permission. Then, when the man turned away he called him and said: Do you hear the call to Salah? He said: Yes. He (the Prophet) said: Respond to it.)Related by Muslim.

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