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### The Tent made for Women to offer Salah next to the Masjid

**The seventh question of Fatwa no. (5315):**

**Q 7: A Masjid (mosque) took a building in the shape of a tent, as there is no place for women to offer Salah (Prayer) inside the Masjid. This tent is a little far from the Masjid. Can it be considered a Musalla (a place for Prayer) for women? Can a menstruating woman enter it? Is Salah valid beside the men?**

**A:** It is not obligatory for women to offer Salah in the Masjid or in congregation. However, they are allowed to go to the Masjid to offer Fard (obligatory) or Nafilah (supererogatory) Salah. It is permissible for them to offer Salah in a tent behind the men, provided that they cover up and they do not wear perfume, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, [\(Do not forbid the female Servants of Allah from going to the Masjids.\)](#) It is considered a Musalla if it is inside the walls of the Masjid. It is prohibited for a menstruating woman or a Junub (person in a state of major ritual impurity) to sit there; they are only allowed to pass, as Allah says, [\(O you who believe! Approach not As-Salât \(the prayer\) while you are in a drunken state until you know \(the meaning\) of what you utter, nor while you are in a state of Janâba, \(i.e. in a state of sexual impurity and have not yet taken a bath\) except while travelling on the way \(through a mosque\), till you wash your whole body \(Ghusl\).\)](#) The menstruating woman takes the same ruling as the Junub.

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