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Q 4: If a person travels by plane for a long distance that usually takes one or two hours or less, can they shorten Prayer and break their fast during the month of Ramadan? Is it permissible for a person who travels a distance of two hundred miles or more in a car to shorten their prayer? Is it true, as some claim, that this is a gift from Allah which we should accept?

A: It is an act of Sunnah (commendable act) to shorten Prayer and break fast when traveling for the distances mentioned above. There is no difference whether the distance is traveled in a long or short period of time and whether hardship is known to be associated with traveling or not. The shortening of Prayer is a merciful concession granted by Allah (may He be Praised) to His servants.

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

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