



Third question from Fatwa No. 2736

Q 3: Is Jumu'ah Salah (Friday prayer) in an old Masjid (mosque) better than Salah in a new one? If the new Masjid is closer to my house and the old one is further away, where should I perform Salah? What are the virtues of performing Jumu`ah (Friday) Prayer in an old Masjid in congregation?

A: If there is a need to build a new Masjid due to great numbers of people, then there is no special virtue for the old Masjid over the new one. The basic rule is that there is no difference between performing Salah here or there unless there is a proof for that. But if the Masjid is further away from a person's home, it will be better. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ﴿ "The person who will receive the highest reward for prayer is the one who comes to perform it in the Masjid from the farthest distance." ﴾ This Hadith was reported by Muslim. Performing Salah in one of these Masjids is not better than another unless people in this Masjid are more or the Imam is better and more upright with regard to his Salah or Khutbah (sermon).

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