

## Virtues of Prayers\* (Salat)

### Hadith – 1

Abu Zar *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that once the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* came out of his house. It was autumn and the leaves were falling off the trees. He caught a branch of a tree and its leaves began to drop in large number. At this he remarked, 'O, Abu Zar! when a Muslim offers his salat to please Allah, his sins are shed away from him just as these leaves are falling off this tree. (**Ahmad**)

### Hadith – 2a

Abu Huraira *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that once the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* asked his companions, 'Do you think that dirt can remain on a person bathing 5 times a day in a brook running in front of his door?' 'No', replied the companions, 'No dirt can remain on his body.' The Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* remarked: 'So, exactly similar is the effect of salat offered 5 times a day. With the Grace of Allah, it washes away all the sins'. (**Bukhari, Muslim**)

### Hadith – 2b

Jabir *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that he heard the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* saying: The likeness of 5 times daily salat is as the likeness of a deep brook running in front of the door of a person who bathes therein 5 times a day. (**Muslim**)

### Hadith – 3

Huzaifa *RadiyAllahu `anhu* says that, whenever the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* happened to face any difficulty, he would at once resort to salat. (**Ahmad, Abu Dawud**)

### Hadith – 4

Abu Qatada bin Rabiyy *RadiyAllahu `anhu* says he heard the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* saying, "Allah has said, "(O, Muhammad!) I have ordained 5 times daily salat for your followers. I have made a covenant with Myself that whoever is regular in performing his salat at its fixed hour, he shall be admitted into Paradise. Those of your followers, who do not guard their salat, are not included in this covenant." (**Abu Dawud, Ibn Maja**)

### Hadith - 5

Ibn Salman *RadiyAllahu `anhu* says that he heard one of the companions of the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* narrating, "When we had won the battle of Khaibar, we began to buy and sell among ourselves the booty that had fallen to our lot. One of us went to Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* and said, 'O, Prophet of Allah, no one else has earned so much profit as I have obtained in today's trade.' How much did you earn? Asked the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam*. He replied, 'I kept on selling and buying till I earned a net profit of 300 Oqiya of silver.' The Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* said, "Shall I inform you of something better than that?" He exclaimed, 'Do tell me, O, Prophet of Allah!' The Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* remarked 'Two rakats nafil after (Fard) salat. (**Abu Dawud**)

### Hadith – 6

Ammar bin Yasir *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates that he heard the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* saying: "When a person finishes his salat, he gets 1/10<sup>th</sup>, 1/9<sup>th</sup>, 1/8<sup>th</sup>, 1/7<sup>th</sup>, 1/6<sup>th</sup>, 1/5<sup>th</sup>, 1/4<sup>th</sup>, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> or ½ of the maximum reward (according to the quality of salat performed by him). (**Abu Dawud, Nasai**)

### Hadith – 7

Abu Huraira *RadiyAllahu `anhu* narrates, "We heard the Prophet *Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam* saying, 'The first deed of a person to be reckoned for on the Day of Judgment will be his salat. A person will succeed and attain his goal if his salat is accepted. He will fail and lose badly if it is rejected. If any deficiency is found in his Fard salat, Allah will say (to the angels): "Look for any Nafil salat in his account". Then the deficiency in his Fard salat will be made good by Nafil salat. The rest of the religious practices (viz. Fast, Zakat etc.) will then be reckoned for in the same manner."

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\* The English translation describes the meaning of the *Hadith*. The scholarly reader is requested to refer to the original Arabic text in the books of *Hadith* referenced above.