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TIME OF FAJR PRAYER

The first timing of the fajr (Morning Prayer) is the rising of the second dawn, which is the whiteness that spreads horizontally in the horizon, while the last timing for fajr is till the sun that not risen.

TIME OF ZOHR PRAYER

The first timing of Zohr is when the sun has declined (After Zawwaal). The last timing for Zohr, according to Imam Abu Hanifah (RA) is when the Shadow of each thing is equal to twice its size excluding the fay' (Shadow) of declined.

The other jurist, Imam Shafi', Imam Malik, Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, Imam Muhammad and Imam Abu Yusuf (*Radiallahu Anhum*) said: "When the Shadow is equal to its size."

TIME OF ASR PRAYER

The first timing for the Asr (Middle) prayer begins when the Zohr timing is over, according to both views, While its last timing is till the sun has not set.

TIME OF MAGHRIB PRAYER

The first time for the Maghrib (Evening) prayer is when the sun sets and its last timing is till the Shafaq dust – evening glow) has not disappeared. Shafaq is the whiteness on the horizon after the redness, According to Imam Abu Hanifah (*Radiallahu anhu*), and according to the two jurists, it is the redness itself.

TIME OF ISHA PRAYER

The first time of the Isha is when the Shafaq disappears, While the last time for it, is till the rise of the second dawn.

(Ref: Al Hidayah "awwalain" Page 76 – 79)

What is the basis of establishing prayer timings?

The basis lies in the following Hadith:

Hazrat Jabir (*Radiallahu anhu*) reports that Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) came to the Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" and said "Stand up and offer your prayers."

So, the Holy Prophet prayed "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" his Zohr Salaat when the sun has already declined.

Then the Asr time came and Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) said "Stand up and offer Asr Prayer."

So, the Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" prayed his Asr Salaat when the shadow of anything was same to its true length.

Then Maghrib time came, Again Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) said to Stand up and offer Mahgrib.

So, the Nabi "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" stood up and prayed his Maghrib Salaat when the sun had already set.

Then at Isha time, Again Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) asked the Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" to stand up and pray Isha which he "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" did when the Shafaq has disappeared.

Then Fajr time came, Again Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) said: "Stand up and Pray Fajr." The Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" offered his Fajr Salaat when the second dawn was shining.

Then, on the next day, Zohr time came again. And Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) again said "Stand up and Pray." So, the Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" stood up and prayed Zohr when the shadow of anything had already reached the same length of its own size.

When Asr time came, Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) told the Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" to stand up and pray, which the latter did for Asr, While the length of the shadow of anything was double its own size.

Then at Maghrib time, the Holy Prophet prayed "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" it at the same timing as the day before.

Then at Isha time half of the night had gone, or one-third of the night, The Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" prayed Isha.

Then Hazrat Jibrail (*Alaihis Salaam*) came back in the morning when the second dawn was bright. He again said: "Stand up and pray." The Holy Prophet "*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*" Prayed Fajr.

(Ref: Masnad Imam Ibn e Hambal – Nasaai – Jami' Tirmizi)

Jazaakallah

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