



The Chapter on Prayer

Focus: “Narrations on the Excellence of the Five Daily Prayers”

[1] / [1]: Umar Ibn al-Khattaab – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated, I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), say:

Indeed, actions are judged by intentions, and everyone will have what was intended.

Collected by al-Bukhaaree (#1), and Muslim (#1907).

[2] / [2]: Abu Hurayrah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated, The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

The five daily prayers and *Jumu'ah* to *Jumu'ah* wipe away the sins that occur between them; as long as it is not a major sin.

In another wording found in Muslim,

Ramadhaan to Ramadhaan

Collected by Muslim (#233).

[3] / [3]: M'adaan Ibn Abee Talhah – may Allah have mercy on him – narrated:

I met Thaubaan, the freed slave of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), and I asked him to inform me about an act, that by way of it, Allah will admit me into Paradise, or, about the act which is most beloved to Allah, The Most High.

He remained quiet. So, I asked him again, and again, he remained quiet. Then, I asked him again, for a third time, and he said: I asked the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) about that, and he (ﷺ) said:

Prostrate abundantly, sincerely for Allah. Every prostration you make, sincerely for Allah, is a cause for Allah to raise you a degree and to remove a sin from you.

Ma'daan – may Allah have mercy on him – said:

Then, I met Abu al-Dardaa' – may Allah be pleased with him – and I asked him the same question. He said the same thing as Thaubaan.

Collected by Muslim (#488).

[4] / [4]: Rabee'ah Ibn K'ab al-Aslamee – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated:

I used to aid the Prophet (ﷺ) in the evening. I would bring him water to make *wudhoo*, and I would help him with his needs. So, he (ﷺ) said to me:

Make a request.

I replied: I ask you for your companionship in Paradise. He (ﷺ) said:

Is there something other than that?

I said: That is my request. He (ﷺ) said:

Help in the fulfillment of your request by making an abundance of prostration.

Collected by Muslim (#489).

This is the only *Hadeeth* narrated by Rabee'ah Ibn K'ab in *Saheeh* Muslim.

[5] / [5]: Abu Hurayrah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated, The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

Whoever ritually purifies himself, in his home, and walks to one of the Houses of Allah, in order to pray an obligatory prayer, one of his footsteps wipes away a sin, and the other raises him a level.

Collected by Muslim (#666).

[6] / [6]: Abu Hurayrah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated that he heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying:

What would you say if one of you had a river in front of his door, and he took a bath in it five times a day? Would any dirt remain on him?

They said: No dirt would remain on him.

He (ﷺ) said:

That is the example of the five daily prayers. Allah wipes away the sins due to them.

Collected by al-Bukhaaree (#528) and Muslim (#667).

[7] / [7]: Abu Hurayrah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

Whoever goes to the Masjid, or returns from it, Allah prepares for him pleasures within Paradise, each time he goes, and each time he returns.

Collected by al-Bukhaaree (#528) and Muslim (#667).

[8] / [8]: Abu Maalik al-Ash'aree – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

Ritual purification is half of faith (i.e. half of Prayer).

The statement *al-hamdolillah* (i.e. All praise is due to Allah) fills up the scales. The statements *subhaanAllah* (i.e. Allah is free from any imperfection) and *al-hamdolillah* – combined, or individually – fill that which is in the Heavens and the Earth.

The Prayer is light.

Charity is proof.

Patience is illumination.

And the Qur'aan is a proof for you or against you.

Everyone starts out the day a vendor of his/ her soul, either working towards its salvation, or working towards its ruin.

Collected by Muslim (#223).

Translated by:
Jameel Finch, Abu Adam
First Edition: 6th of *Thul-Q'idah*, 1442 AH