



Sharayi' al-Islam (Salat)

Lesson 4

The Times of Prayers

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The Preliminaries of Salah

2nd: The Times of the Prayers

The Preferred Times of the *Zuhr* and '*Asr* Prayer

It is said that the time of the *zuhr* prayer begins when the sun crosses the meridian till the shadow of an object becomes as long as its height and the time of the '*asr* begins after completing the *zuhr* until the shadow is doubled. What we just mentioned (According to some) is just for an unconstrained person, and for one who

is constrained, the time extends even after these limits till when the sun sets.

The Preferred Times of the *Maghrib* and '*Isha* Prayer

The preferred time of the *maghrib* prayer begins with the sunset till when the reddish afterglow vanishes and that of the '*isha* begins after the afterglow till one-third of the night.

Note:

In an emergency case, the time of the '*isha* prayer extends until midnight and according to some schools, until dawn.



The Preferred Time of the *Fajr* Prayer

The preferred time of the *fajr* prayer begins with daybreak until the rise of the reddish glow (*humrah*).

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In the author's opinion, the mentioned times are just the preferred times.

The Times of the Daily *Nawafil*

The time of the *nafileh* of the *zuhr* begins when the sun crosses the meridian till the shadow of an object becomes longer than it by two steps, and by four steps for the *nafileh* of the '*asr*.

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Note:

If the time of the *nafileh* passes while the person has performed only a single *rak'ah* of the *nafileh*, he can complete it as mitigated as possible.

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