

Subject: Importance of Prayer

Level : Beginners

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "أَرَأَيْتُمْ لَوْ أَنَّ نَهْرًا بِبَابِ أَحَدِكُمْ يَغْتَسِلُ فِيهِ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ خَمْسًا هَلْ يَبْقَى مِنْ دَرَنِهِ شَيْءٌ؟" قَالُوا: لَا يَبْقَى مِنْ دَرَنِهِ شَيْءٌ. قَالَ: فَذَلِكَ مَثَلُ الصَّلَوَاتِ الْخَمْسِ يَمْحُو اللَّهُ بِهِنَ الْخَطَايَا. [متفق عليه]

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying, "Say, if there were a river at the door of one of you in which he takes a bath five times a day, would any dirt remain on him?" They replied, "No soiling would left on him." He (ﷺ) said, "That is the five prayers. Allah removes all sins as a result of performing them."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

The Meaning of the Hadith

This hadith from the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) teaches us about the importance of praying five times a day. He gives us a simple example to help us understand. Imagine if there was a river right outside your house, and you could take a bath in it five times a day. The Prophet asked his friends if any dirt would be left on a person who bathes that often. They all said that no dirt would be left, as the person would be very clean.

Just like the river cleans away all the dirt from our bodies, the five daily prayers clean away our sins. When we pray five times a day, it is like taking a spiritual bath. Each prayer helps to remove the mistakes and bad things we might have done. This makes our hearts and souls clean, just like the river makes our bodies clean.

Praying five times a day is very important in Islam because Prayer is the second pillar of Islam. It helps us to stay connected to Allah and reminds us to be good and do good things. When we pray, we ask Allah for forgiveness, guidance, and help in our daily lives. This keeps us close to Allah and makes us better people.

So, remember to pray five times a day, just like you would take a bath to stay clean. It is a special way to wash away our sins and keep our hearts pure. This way, we can always try to be our best and live a life that makes Allah happy.

Activities

Complete the Hadith

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Answer the Questions

1- What did the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ compare the five daily prayers to?

2- What happens to our sins when we pray five times a day ?

True or False

1- Praying five times a day is like taking a bath five times a day. (True/False)

2- The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said that some dirt would still remain on a person who bathes five times a day. (True/False)

3- The five daily prayers help to remove our sins. (True/False)

1- What did Prophet Muhammad ﷺ use to explain the importance of the five daily prayers?

- a) A tree
- b) A river
- c) A mountain

2- According to the hadith, how many times a day do Muslims pray?

- a) Three times
- b) Five times
- c) Seven times

3- What does praying five times a day help to remove?

- a) Dirt
- b) Sins
- c) Food

Multiple Choice

1- The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) compared the five daily prayers to taking a bath in a

2- Praying five times a day is like taking a spiritual

3- When we pray, we ask Allah for guidance, and help.

4- Prayer is the pillar of Islam.

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