

The man who prays Fajr in the Masjid is a Mu'ahad; so respect him

Explanation from Riyad-us Saliheen by Shaykh Uthaymeen

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ صَلَّى الصُّبْحَ فَهُوَ فِي ذِمَّةِ اللَّهِ

Whoever prays the Morning Prayer; then he is under the protection of Allah.¹

When Fajr prayer arrives many people are sleeping, thus the hypocrites are lazy as it relates to this prayer. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ أَثْقَلَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى الْمُنَافِقِينَ صَلَاةُ الْعِشَاءِ وَصَلَاةُ الْفَجْرِ وَلَوْ يَعْلَمُونَ مَا فِيهِمَا لَأَتَوْهُمَا وَلَوْ حَبْوًا

The most burdensome prayers for the hypocrites are the Isha prayer and the Fajr prayer. If only they knew what (reward) there is in them, they would come to them even if they had to crawl.²

His statement: "he is under the protection of Allah", means he has entered a covenant with Allah; so it is as though he is the Mu'ahad of Allah (Mu'ahad is someone granted protection) therefore no one should harm him. For this reason he صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ صَلَّى صَلَاةَ الصُّبْحِ فَهُوَ فِي ذِمَّةِ اللَّهِ فَلَا يَطْلُبُكُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ ذِمَّتِهِ بِشَيْءٍ فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ يَطْلُبُهُ مِنْ ذِمَّتِهِ بِشَيْءٍ يُدْرِكُهُ ثُمَّ يَكْبَهُ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ فِي نَارٍ جَهَنَّمَ

"Whoever prays the Morning Prayer is under the protection of Allah, so beware that Allah should call you to account regarding His protection; for surely whoever He calls to account regarding His protection He will seize him and throw him on his face into the Hell-fire."³

This is proof that **it is obligatory to respect the Muslims who have affirmed and demonstrated their Islam by praying Fajr in the Masjid**. And it is not permissible for anyone to transgress them. This is because no one prays Fajr in the Masjid except for a believer.

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¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 3946

² Sunan Ibn Majah 797

³ Sahih Muslim 657