

Islam Question & Answer

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10993 - His work is 40 miles away; should he shorten his prayers?

the question

I travel approximately 40 miles to work by car everyday between Monday and Friday, leaving the vicinity of my city. I return home each day in the evening. May I shorten my prayers at work even if I am travelling everyday?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

If a person travels 100 km from his town, or thereabouts, he may follow the rulings of travel by shortening his prayers, not fasting, combining his prayers and wiping over his socks [in wudoo'] for three days, because this distance is considered to be traveling. The same applies if he travels 80 km or thereabouts; that is considered to be the distance which dictates that prayers may be shortened according to the majority of scholars.