

11 - Can One Make Up `Asr after Maghrib?

the question

If a person missed `Asr (afternoon prayer), and when he arrived at the masjid he found Maghrib (sunset prayer) had started, what should he do?

Summary of answer

If a person missed `Asr prayer and when he arrived to the mosque he found Maghrib prayer has started, he should pray Maghrib with the imam, then pray `Asr afterwards

Detailed answer

Sheikh Al-Islam Ibn Taimiyyah (may the mercy of Allah be upon him) said that if a person missed `Asr prayer and when he arrived to the mosque he found Maghrib prayer has started, he should pray Maghrib with the Imam then pray `Asr afterwards, as agreed upon by all leading scholars.

The question of, “does he repeat Maghrib?” has two scholarly opinions:

- The first is that he repeats Maghrib. This is the saying of Ibn `Umar, Malik, Abu Hanifah and Ahmad in what is most well-known about this issue.
- The second opinion is that he does not repeat Maghrib. This is the saying of Ibn `Abbas, the Shafi'i School of Fiqh, and the second opinion of Ahmad's school of Fiqh.

The latter is more correct, for Allah did not make it obligatory on the person to offer a prayer twice if he has feared Allah as much as he can. (Majmu` Fatawa Ibn Taymiyyah 22/106)

For more details, please refer to the following answer: [49019](#) , [20013](#) , [96463](#) , [97455](#) , and [21616](#) .

And Allah knows best.

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