

131632 - Is it valid to Pray `Isha' at Maghrib's Time?

the question

The Adhan of Maghrib was given, and I thought it was `Isha', so I prayed Maghrib with four Rak`ahs, intending it as `Isha'. When I sat with my family and the Adhan was given for `Isha', I wondered about that, and they told me that the Adhan for `Isha' had only just been given. Should I repeat Maghrib prayer or not?

Summary of answer

Praying `Isha' before Maghrib is not valid. If this happens mistakenly, one must first complete the missed Maghrib prayer, then repeat `Isha' to fulfill the obligations in the correct order.

Detailed answer

Shaykh `Abd Al-`Aziz ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

If she did not pray Maghrib, and she prayed `Isha' before Maghrib, thinking that the Adhan was for `Isha', and she forgot to pray Maghrib, then she should repeat it; she should pray Maghrib and then repeat `Isha', because she prayed `Isha' at the wrong time, at the time of Maghrib.

But if she had prayed Maghrib when the sun set, then her Maghrib prayer was valid, but she had to repeat `Isha' because she prayed it before its time.

Prayer offered at the wrong time is not valid, but if she had not prayed Maghrib, she must make up Maghrib then pray `Isha'. (End quote from Fatawa Nur `ala Ad-Darb, 2/728)

For more details, please see the following answers:

[What Are the Times of the Five Daily Prayers?](#)

[Praying Maghrib behind one who is praying `Isha'](#)

[Can You Pray Maghrib and `Isha Together Due to Short Nights?](#)

Is Combining Maghrib and Isha when Raining Allowed?

Joining Maghrib and ‘Isha’ because of the curfew

And Allah knows best.