

Islam Question & Answer

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7 - Prayer starts and person needs to go to bathroom

the question

If prayer starts (i.e. the iqama is called) and the person feels the call of nature, what should he do?

Detailed answer

He should go to the restroom and tend to the call of nature even if this means he will miss the jama'at (congregational prayer). The evidence: Abullah Bin Arqam said, "The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: 'If one of you needed to go to the restroom and the salaah starts, he should start with the restroom.' "¹

From the book What Should You Do in the Following Situations... ?

¹ Abu Dawood 88 and Sahih al-Jaami' 373.