

Making up for Salaah missed due to sleep or negligence

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Question: Allaah has guided me to obey Him. I offer the daily prayers on time except for Fajr (Dawn). Sometimes I get up late after sunrise. Is my Fajr Prayer offered at that time valid? How can a Muslim make up for the Salaah they missed like `Asr (Afternoon) Prayer? Will they make up for it at the time of the Maghrib (Sunset) Prayer or delay it until the next `Asr Prayer?

Answer: The Salaah you miss due to sleep or forgetfulness should be offered the moment you wake up or the moment you remember. It does not matter if you wake up or remember it after sunrise. This is based on the Hadeeth in which the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ said: **Anyone who misses a Salaah because of sleep or forgetfulness should offer it when they remember it; there is no Kaffarah (expiation) for it except this.**

As for the Salaah you intentionally abandoned while believing in its obligation, according to the more correct of the two scholarly opinions such an act constitutes major Kufr (disbelief that takes the Muslim out of Islam).

You should not make up for it, but you have to repent to Allaah, seek His Forgiveness, and regret abandoning it. You should observe the Five Obligatory Daily Prayers regularly. This is based on the Hadeeth in which the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: **The covenant that distinguishes between us and them (the disbelievers) is Salaah. Anyone who abandons it has committed Kufr (disbelief).**

Another Hadeeth states: **Between a servant and Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship) and Kufr is abandoning Salaah.**

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him