

11 - Missed asr prayer and maghrib started in masjid

the question

If a person missed asr (afternoon prayer), and when he arrived to the masjid he found maghrib (sunset prayer) has started, what should he do?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Sheikh al-Islam Ibn Taimiyya (may the mercy of Allah be upon him) said that he should pray maghrib with the imam (prayer leader), 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. This is the saying of Ibn Omar, Malik, Abi Hanifa and Ahmad in what is most well-known about this issue. The second opinion is that he does not repeat. This is the saying of Ibn Abbas, the Shafiei madhab, and the second opinion of Ahmads school of thought.

The latter is more correct, for Allah did not make it obligatory on the person to pray a salaah twice if he has feared Allah as much as he can (wallahu a'lam [and Allah knows best]).¹

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¹ Majmooa Fatawi Ibn Taimiyya 22/106.