

Qaza Namaz that does not exist

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Question: When to offer Qaza namaz?

Arabic word *Salah* = *Namaz* = Prayer

Qaza namaz = missed prayer that you want to offer later.

Answer: *Qaza namaz* refers to the missed prayer. If someone did not offer *salah* on time then it is understood that he can offer it later.

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا

"... prayers are enjoined on believers at fixed times". Quran 4:103

1. Fajir has 2 rakah [units] of obligatory [*fard*] prayer.
2. Zuhar has 4 rakah [units] of obligatory [*fard*] prayer.
3. Asar has 4 rakah [units] of obligatory [*fard*] prayer.
4. Maghrib has 3 rakah [units] of obligatory [*fard*] prayer.
5. Isha has 4 rakah [units] of obligatory [*fard*] prayer.

There is no obligatory prayer than above namaz. It is important to note that **Allah has prescribed *salah* on its fixed time**. So much is the emphasis on fixed time *salah* that **even during war, *salah* has to be offered on its time**. Imagine! If there has to be a situation when *salah* should NOT be offered on its time then it should be during war but even that is not the case.

Quran 4:102 explains in details - how a group should offer *salah* during war. Even though one has to shorten the prayer in such situation yet there is no exemption from offering *salah* on its time. Even if someone is ill during war then also he is not told that he should offer *salah* later or he should compensate for missed *salah* later.

Then how can we think that we can offer *salah* LATER if we have missed it.

Quran says that if someone has missed fast during month of *Ramdhan* because of illness or journey then he should fast LATER after *Ramdhan*. Refer to Quran 2:184-185.

But when it comes to *Salah* then nowhere does Quran say that one should compensate for missed prayer later. On the contrary, Quran says that *Salah* is FARD on prescribed times. **Fasting later is allowed by Quran but same is not the case with *Salah*.**

Salah is obligatory on its time. When time for *Salah* has gone then there is no meaning of missed *Salah*. For example if you missed breakfast and woke up at 1 pm then you cannot eat 'breakfast'. Either you will have lunch or dinner but breakfast you cannot have because its time has gone. Similarly, once you missed *Fajir* and time of *Fajir* has passed then there is no meaning of *qaza Fajir salah*.

Also, before telling anyone - "I could not wake up for *Fajir salah*" - please check if ACTUAL case is "I did NOT wake up for *salah*". It has become fashion

If one misses *salah* and later on offers *namaz* in the name of *qaza namaz* then it will be considered as *nafil* [optional] prayer and it will give *sawab*, but it will be **never** "compensation" or equivalent to the *salah* missed. So, even if one offers so called *qaza namaz* after knowingly missing the *namaz*, it will be considered that he did not offer that *fard salah*. If someone missed *salah* in spite of all his efforts then *inshallah* God will forgive.

Today – it has become fashion that people miss *salah*; they don't make effort to offer *salah*; later on they offer *qaza salah* for the missed prayer. They should remember that they have earned sin by missing *salah* and *qaza salah* will not be compensation or expiation for the missed *salah*.

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