## At the Time of Fajr, if the Time for Performing Wudu is Limited, Can One Perform Tayammum Instead?

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#### Question

What do the noble scholars and jurists of Islamic law say about the following: If one wakes up for the Fajr prayer at such a time that if he performs wudu, the time for Fajr will end, is it permissible to perform tayammum and offer salah instead of performing wudu?

#### **Answer**

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If one wakes up for Fajr at a time when performing wudu, or in the case that ghusl is obligatory, performing ghusl would leave such limited time that the sun will rise before being able to perform the salam of the Fajr salah, then in such a case, they should perform tayammum instead of wudu or ghusl and then offer their salah. However, it will be necessary to repeat the salah later after performing wudu or ghusl.

It is stated in Al-Durr Al-Mukhtar:

يتيمم لفوات الوقت قال الحلبي: فالأحوط أن يتيمم ويصلي ثم يعيد

(Al-Durr Al-Mukhtar, Vol. 1, p. 361-362, Publ. Dar Al-Ma'rifah, Beirut)

It is stated in Radd Al-Muhtar 'Ala Al-Durr Al-Mukhtar:

تأخيره إلى هذا الحدعذر جاء من قبل غير صاحب الحق، فينبغي أن يقال يتيمم ويصلي ثم يعيد الوضوء كمن عجز بعذر من قبل العباد (Radd Al-Muhtar 'Ala Al-Durr Al-Mukhtar, Vol. 1, p. 362, Publ. Dar Al-Ma'rifah, Beirut)
Our Master, A'la Hazrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عليه رحمة الرحمن states in Fatawa
Razawiyah:

ہر نماز موقت کہ بعدِ فوت جس کی قضاہے جیسے نماز پنجگانہ وجمعہ وو ترجب طہارت آب (یعنی پانی سے وضو کرنے) سے وقت جاتا ہوتیہم سے وقت کے اندر
پڑھ لے کہ قضانہ ہموجائے پھر پانی سے طہارت کرکے اعادہ کرسے ۔ اقول: اس میں یہ تفصیل ہمونی چاہئے کہ مثلاً مبح (نماز فجر کیلیئے) اتنے تنگ وقت اٹھا کہ
وضو کرسے یا نہانے کی عاجت ہے اور غسل کربے توسلام نماز سے پہلے سورج چمک آئے ۔ ۔ ۔ توتیم سے پڑھ لے پھر غسل یا وضو کرکے دوبارہ بعدوقت
پڑھے ۔ ۔ ۔ (کیونکہ) فجر وجمعہ وعیدین سلام سے پہلے خروج وقت سے باطل ہموجاتی ہیں بخلاف باقی صلوات کہ ان میں وقت کے اندر تحریمہ بندھ جانا کافی

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Translation: In all those salah which have a stipulated time (i.e. qada' must be offered for them if they are missed, such as the five daily prayers, Jum'ah, and witr), if attaining purity (i.e. performing wudu) with water will cause the time to run out, they must be offered with tayammum within the time so that it doesn't become qada'. Afterwards, they must attain purity through water and repeat it. I say: This should include the following detail: For example, if one wakes up at such a time that if one performs wudu or ghusl (if he is required to perform ghusl), the sun will rise before he can perform salam, he should offer the salah with tayammum. Afterwards, he should repeat it after performing wudu or ghusl... This is because Fajr, Jum'ah,

and both Eid salah become nullified if the time ends before performing salam, as opposed to the other salat; performing Takbir Tahrimah within the time is sufficient in them. (Fatawa Razawiyah, Vol. 3, p. 439, Publ. Raza Foundation, Lahore)
A'la Hazrat عليه , in his Fatawa Razawiyah, was asked, "if a person wakes up when a limited time is left for Fajr and the salah will become qada' if they perform ghusl, is it permissible to wash the sitr and then offer salah". He رحمة الشعليه replied:

Translation: If the time for salah is limited, they should wash the impurity, perform tayammum, then offer salah. Then they should take a shower and repeat the salah after sunrise. (Fatawa Razawiyah, Vol. 3, p. 307, Publ. Raza Foundation, Lahore) It is stated in Bahar-E-Sharī'at:

Translation: If the time is limited and if one performs wudu or ghusl, the salah will become qada', they should perform tayammum and offer the salah. Afterwards, it is necessary to repeat the salah after performing wudu or ghusl. (Bahar-e-Sharī'at, Vol. 1, Pt. 2, p. 352, Publ. Maktaba-Tul-Madinah, Karachi)

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّم knows best.)

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