

What if the Sunnah Prayers before Jumu'ah are Missed?

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Question

What do the scholars of Islam and the jurists of the sacred law state regarding the following matter: If the pre-Fard Sunnah prayers (sunnah qabliyyah) of the Friday prayer are missed for some reason, can they be performed after the obligatory (fard) Jumu'ah prayer?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

If the pre-Fard Sunnah prayers of Jumu'ah are missed, they can be performed after the obligatory Jumu'ah prayer, as long as it is still within the time. However, it is preferable (afdāl) to perform these missed sunan after performing the post-Fard Sunnah prayers (sunnah ba'diyyah) of Jumu'ah first. Once the time for Zuhr ends, these Sunnah prayers cannot be made up (qaḍā).

Furthermore, it should be remembered that performing the pre-Fard Sunnah prayers of Zuhr and Jumu'ah before the obligatory prayer is an Emphasized Sunnah (Sunnah Mu'akkadah). To perform them after the obligatory prayer without a valid legal excuse is disliked, and to make a habit of doing so is a sin. Therefore, without a valid legal reason, these Sunnah prayers should not be delayed until after the obligatory prayer; rather, they should be performed before it.

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ knows best.)

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