

Performing the Witr salaah in Jamaa'ah is Best even to the One who Regularly Performs the Tahajjud salaah

Q: Salaah-477: Please state the proof for performing the Taraaweesh salaah in Jamaa'ah during Ramadhaan and state whether a person regular with Tahajjud salaah should perform the Witr salaah in Jamaa'ah or wait to perform it at the time of Tahajjud, as encouraged by the Ahadeeth?

Answer: The details of the twenty Rakaahs Taraaweesh salaah have passed in a previous fatwa. Haafidh Ibn Hajar Asqalaani RAH. reports from Imaam Raafi'ee RAH. that Rasulullaah SAW. led the Sahabah RADI. in twenty Rakaahs for two nights. However, when they had gathered on the third night, Rasulullaah SAW. remained in his room and told them the next day, "I feared that it may be made obligatory for you and you will then not be able to cope."

After quoting this narration, Ibn Hajar RAH. states that this narration is authentic according to all scholars from the time of Hadhrat Umar RADI. to this day, all the pious Predecessors and the entire Ummah have been performing the Taraaweesh salaah and the Witr salaah in Jamaa'ah. It is therefore best for even the person regular with Tahajjud to perform the Witr salaah with the Jamaa'ah during Ramadhaan.'And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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