

Menstruating woman's prayer before sunset

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee

Article taken and slightly adapted from: ferkous.com

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: When a woman gets purified of her menses before the time of Al-Maghrib (the sunset) prayer starts: does she pray –after her purification- Adh-Dhuhr and Al-‘Asr prayers or only Al-‘Asr is sufficient. And when she misses Al-‘Asr prayer because of her excuse to take shower: is it incumbent upon her to make up both prayers or only Al-‘Asr is sufficient? May Allaah reward you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (May Allaah the Most High preserve him): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers until the Day of Resurrection:

When the woman gets purified of her menses before the time of prayer comes to an end, she must perform that prayer. If she gets purified before sunset with an extent of time enough for one prayer only or she catches up with one Rak‘a (a prayer unit), then she must perform Al-‘Asr prayer only according to the hadeeth of the Prophet (May the *peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*): “**He who catches up with one prayer unit of Al-‘Asr prayer, indeed he catches up Al-‘Asr**”¹, this is because Adh-Dhuhr prayer was out when she got purified. Consequently, she is charged of no obligation in respect to the fact that Adh-Dhuhr prayer’s time has come to an end with no obligation upon her to perform it. But, if there exists an excuse that hinders her in performing that prayer till its time comes to an end, in this case she ought to make up only the missed prayer (Al-‘Asr). Whereas, if she gets purified before sunset with enough time to establish both prayers in this case she performs Adh-Dhuhr as a precautionary measure and Al-‘Asr as obligatory. Similarly, if she gets purified before sunrise with an extent of time enough for one prayer unit (Rak‘a) in this case she is obliged to perform the dawn prayer (Al-Fajr), this corresponds to the case if she menstruates after the time of a prayer has started, she must make up that prayer after its time is out in a case she did not perform it till she menstruates, according to the Messenger’s saying (May the *peace*

¹ Reported by Al-Bukhaaree (579) and by Muslim (608), from the hadeeth of Aboo Hurayrah (May Allaah be pleased with him).

Menstruating woman's prayer before sunset

and blessings of Allaah be upon him) “**He who catches up with one unit of a prayer, he has caught up with the whole prayer**”.²

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*); and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

² Reported by Al-Bukhaaree (580) and by Muslim (607), from the hadeeth of Aboo Hurayrah (*May Allaah be pleased with him*).