

## Missed 'Ishaa in masjid and people praying taraaweeh

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Question:** What is the ruling of establishing a second congregation while the people are praying the Taraaweeh prayer in Ramadhaan? This is because I have heard some of the people say that it is an innovation, while some of them say in the (last) ten nights then there is no problem, as for other that, then it is an innovation; such as if one were to do it in the beginning of Ramadhaan or the middle part.

**Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)**<sup>1</sup>: That which is correct is that if a person enters the Masjid, whether he is alone or there is a group along with him, and the people are praying the Taraaweeh prayer they are to enter (the prayer) along with the Imaam intending 'Ishaa. Then when the Imaam makes the Tasleem they are to perform that which remains from the 'Ishaa prayer; each doing so individually and not as a congregation. This is that which is correct.

**As for establishing a second congregation in one Masjid, this is not legislated, without doubt.** However, we say: enter along with the Imaam, intending 'Ishaa.

If one were to say: Is it correct for one praying an obligation prayer to do so along with one praying a superogatory prayer? We say: Yes. This occurred during the time of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>2</sup>. Mu'aadh ibn Jabal (رضي الله عنه)<sup>3</sup>, used to pray the 'Ishaa prayer along with the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) then go to his people and lead them in the same prayer. So it was superogatory for him and for them it was obligatory. This was during the time of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Allaah (عز وجل)<sup>4</sup> approved of this. Rather, what is apparent is that the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) knew about that and approved of it. Imaam Ahmad ibn Hanbal (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) textually mentioned that if a man were to enter while the Imaam is praying Taraaweeh then he is to enter (the prayer) along with him intending 'Ishaa.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

<sup>3</sup> (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

<sup>4</sup> (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

<sup>5</sup> Source: Silsilah Al-Liqaa' Ash-Shahree No. 32