

Delaying performing Fajr Prayer from its due time

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Question 1: What is the ruling on the Salaah (Prayer) of a person who has been in the habit of offering the Fajr (Dawn) Prayer after sunrise for two years? He claims that sleep overpowers him as he stays up late until midnight sitting at cafés or nightclubs.

Question 2: Is it permissible to dine with this person, keep company with him, or live with him?

Answer: It is prohibited to delay Salaah until its appointed time elapses. Every Muslim should give due concern to offer Salaah at its appointed time. He may ask someone to remind him of its time or he may set his alarm clock at prayer time. A person is prohibited to stay up late at nightclubs or other places of entertainment which make him miss the Fajr Prayer or miss the reward of congregational prayer. The Prophet ¹(صلى الله عليه وسلم) forbade staying up after the time of Ishaah' (Night) Prayer, especially if there is no valid reason to do it. Every act that may cause delaying performance of Salaah is prohibited unless as required by the Sharee'ah (Islamic Law). It is desirable that you part company with this person, if he does not heed your advice.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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