

Is Islaam to be practiced only in the Masjid?

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

Question: Is Islaam restricted to the performance of certain rites or is it applied to all aspects of life? What is the ruling on saying that Islaam is to be practiced only in the Masjid (mosque) and that it should not interfere in politics or in transactions and the like?

Shaykh Bin Baaz (May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him): Islaam is not only limited to private life but it provides a comprehensive system pertaining to worship, socio-economic matters, at home and during travel, etc. **[O you who believe! Enter perfectly in Islaam (by obeying all the rules and regulations of the Islaamic religion)]**¹ A servant must fear and submit to Allaah and apply His law to all things and not only to worship in the Masjid, but to all social matters with his household, neighbours and guests. One must do so in business applying the Islaamic teachings in selling and beware of Riba (usury/interest), cheating, deceit, and lying.

Islaamic teachings must be applied to all aspects of life in adversity and prosperity, at home or abroad. The philosophy that Deen (religion) of Islaam should be restricted to worship only within the Masjid is adopted by misguided secularists who call to atheism. A Muslim must adhere to Islaam in all affairs and situations. One must obey Allaah, fulfil Obligations, shun His Prohibitions, and observe His Limits; be it at home, in the market, sea, air, or wherever one may be.

¹ سورة البقرة – Soorah al-Baqarah [2:208]