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Question: Allaah forbade Zina (sexual intercourse outside marriage) and abandoning Salaah (Prayer). Which of them is more grievous?

Answer: Abandoning Salaah is a graver and more serious sin than Zina. Abandoning Salaah is major Kufr (disbelief that takes the Muslim out of Islam), whereas Zina is one of the major sins, which does not render the person who commits it a Kaafir (disbeliever) as long as he does not deem it lawful. Nevertheless, Had (ordained punishment for violating Allaah's Law) must be carried out on the perpetrator if his offence is reported to the ruler.

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

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