

Bilal that he (Bilal) came to the Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) to inform him about the dawn prayer. Aisha kept Bilal engaged in a matter which she asked him till the day was bright and it became fairly light. Bilal then stood up and called him to prayer and called him repeatedly. The Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) did not yet come out. When he came out, he led the people in prayer and he (Bilal) informed him that Aisha had kept him engaged in a matter which she asked him till it became fairly light; hence he became late in reaching him (in time). He (Bilal) said: Apostle of Allah, the dawn became fairly bright. He said: If the dawn became brighter than it is now, I would pray them (the two rak'ahs of the sunnah prayer), offer them well and in a more beautiful manner.

Book 4, Number 1253:

Narrated AbuHurayrah: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: Do not omit them (the two rak'ahs before the dawn prayer) even if you are driven away by the horses.

Book 4, Number 1256:

Narrated AbuHurayrah: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: If any of you prays two rak'ahs before the dawn prayer, he should lie at his right side. Marwan ibn al-Hakam said to him: Is it not enough that one of us walks to the mosque until he lies at his right side? According to the version of Ubaydullah, he (AbuHurayrah) replied: No. This statement (of AbuHurayrah) reached Ibn Umar. He said: AbuHurayrah exceed limits on himself. He was asked: Do you look askance at what he says? He replied: No, but he dared and we showed cowardice. This (criticism of Ibn Umar) reached AbuHurayrah. He said: What is my sin if I remembered and they forgot?

Book 4, Number 1258:

Narrated Aisha, Ummul Mu'minin: When the Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) prayed the two rak'ahs of the dawn prayer, he would lie down if I was asleep; in case I was awake, he would talk to me.

Book 4, Number 1259:

Narrated AbuBakrah: I came out with the Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) to offer the dawn prayer. When he passed by a sleeping man he called him for prayer or moved him with his foot. The narrator Ziyad said: This tradition has been reported to us by AbulFadl.

Book 4, Number 1262:

Narrated Qays ibn Amr: The Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) saw a person praying after the congregational prayer at dawn was over. The Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) said: There are two rak'ahs of the dawn prayer (i.e. the prescribed rak'ahs). The man replied: I did not pray the two rak'ahs before the dawn prayer. Hence I offered them now. The Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) kept silent.

Book 4, Number 1264:

Narrated Umm Habibah: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: If anyone keeps on praying regularly four rak'ahs before and four after the noon prayer, he will not enter the Hell-fire.

Book 4, Number 1265:

Narrated AbuAyyub: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: The gates of heaven are opened for four rak'ahs containing no taslim (salutation) before the noon prayer.

Book 4, Number 1266:

Narrated Abdullah ibn Umar: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: May Allah show mercy to a man who prays four rak'ahs before the afternoon prayer.

Book 4, Number 1269:

Narrated Ali ibn AbuTalib: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) prohibited to offer prayer after the afternoon prayer except at the time when the sun is high up in the sky.