

leather (for his prayer), and now I see as if there is a hole in it from which the water is flowing. I never saw him protecting his clothes from the earth (as he did on that occasion).

## **05. Prayer (Kitab Al-Salat): Prayer at Night**

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Book 5, Number 1299:

Narrated Abdullah Ibn Abbas: In Surat al-Muzzammil (73), the verse: "Keep vigil at night but a little, a half thereof" (2-3) has been abrogated by the following verse: "He knoweth that ye count it not, and turneth unto you in mercy. Recite then of the Qur'an that which is easy for you" (v.20). The phrase "the vigil of the night" (nashi'at al-layl) means the early hours of the night. They (the companions) would pray (the tahajjud prayer) in the early hours of the night. He (Ibn Abbas) says: It is advisable to offer the prayer at night (tahajjud), prescribed by Allah for you (in the early hours of the night). This is because when a person sleeps, he does not know when he will awake. The words "speech more certain" (aqwamu qilan) means that this time is more suitable for the understanding of the Qur'an. He says: The verse: "Lo, thou hast by day a chain of business" (v.7) means engagement for long periods (in the day's work).

Book 5, Number 1302:

Narrated Aisha, Ummul Mu'minin: Do not give up prayer at night, for the Apostle of Allah (peace\_be\_upon\_him) would not leave it. Whenever he fell ill or lethargic, he would offer it sitting.

Book 5, Number 1303:

Narrated AbuHurayrah: The Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: May Allah have mercy on a man who gets up at night and prays, and awakens his wife; if she refuses, he should sprinkle water

on her face. May Allah have mercy on a woman who gets up at night and prays, and awakens her husband; if he refuses, she would sprinkle water on his face.

Book 5, Number 1304:

Narrated AbuSa'id ; AbuHurayrah: The Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: If a man awakens his wife at night, and then both pray or both offer two rak'ahs together, the (name of the )man will be recorded among those who mention the name of Allah, and the (name of the) woman will be recorded among those who mention the name of Allah. Ibn Kathir did not narrate this tradition as a statement of the Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him), but he reported it as a statement of AbuSa'id.

Book 5, Number 1309:

Narrated Aisha, Ummul Mu'minin: The Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: Any person who offers prayer at night regularly but (on a certain night) he is dominated by sleep will be given the reward of praying. His sleep will be almsgiving.

Book 5, Number 1320:

Narrated Abdullah ibn Habashi al-Khath'ami: The Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) was asked: which is the best action? He replied: To stand in prayer for a long time.

Book 5, Number 1322:

Narrated Abdullah ibn Abbas: The Prophet's (peace\_be\_upon\_him) recitation was loud enough for one who was in the inner chamber to hear it when he was in the house.

Book 5, Number 1324:

Narrated AbuQatadah: The Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) went out at night and found AbuBakr praying in a low voice, and he passed Umar ibn al-Khattab who was raising his voice while praying. When they both met the Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) together, the Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: I passed by