

Glad tidings for the men who frequent the Masjid

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Question: Can we testify that a man is a believer merely because he regularly attends the Masjid for prayer; as it appears in a hadeeth?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Yes. There is no doubt that the one who attends the prayers in the Masjids, his attending the prayer is proof of his 'Eemaan. This is because the only thing that brought him out of his home, taking the trouble to come to the Masjid is his faith in Allaah (سبحانه)². As for the statement of the questioner: "As it appears in the hadeeth"; then he is alluding to what has been narrated from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسْجِدَ فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ

"When you see a man regularly coming to the Masjid, bear witness that he is a believer."

But this narration is weak, and it has not been authentically reported from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

س11: هل يشهد للرجل بالإيمان بمجرد اعتياده المساجد كما جاء في الحديث؟

الجواب: نعم لا شك أن الذي يحضر الصلوات في المساجد، حضوره لذلك، دليل على إيمانه، لأنه ما حمله على أن يخرج من بيته ويتكلف المشي إلى المسجد إلا الإيمان بالله - عز وجل

وأما قول السائل (كما جاء في الحديث) فهو يشير إلى ما يروى عن النبي، صلى الله عليه وسلم: (إذا رأيتم الرجل يعتاد المساجد فاشهدوا له بالإيمان) ولكن هذا الحديث ضعيف لا يصح عن النبي، صلى الله عليه وسلم

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¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

³ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him