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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Upon entering the mosque pray two rak'ahs when the adhaan is being called or wait till the mu'addhin finishes?

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹ was asked, "If I enter a mosque and the mu'addhin is making the call to prayer do I have to follow the mu'addhin [i.e., repeat what he is saying after him] or should I perform the [two rak'ahs which have to be performed upon entering the mosque which are called] Tahayyatul-Masjid?

So he replied, "Apart from the second adhaan of the [day of] Jumu'ah, when a person enters [the mosque] and the mu'addhin is making the call to prayer he should answer the mu'addhin [i.e., repeat after him as is reported in the Sunnah] and then when he finishes he can perform the [two rak'ahs of] Tahayyatul-Masjid.

As for the second adhaan on Friday then he does not follow the mu'addhin but prays the [two rak'ahs of] Tahayyatul-Masjid so that he can finish and be free to listen to the sermon, because listening to the sermon is obligatory and answering [i.e., repeating after] the mu'addhin is a Sunnah."²

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

² Fataawaa Nurun-alad-Darb, CD.

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