

Muslims in North Pole regions today benefit from a question asked by Companions

Explained by Shaykh Uthaymeen

Shaykh Uthaymeen said in his explanation of Riyadis Saliheen<sup>1</sup>:

The Messenger of Allah عليه الصلاة والسلام warned against the Dajjal<sup>2</sup> with a serious intense warning. He stated that the major Dajjal would appear during the last days and times and he would remain upon the earth for only forty days. But one of these days will be like a year; twelve months.

The sun will remain in the highest point in the sky for six months from the East to the West and it will not set for this long period of time. Then it will remain set with continuous night for six months. This is the first day. The second day will be like a month. The third day will be like Friday<sup>3</sup>, while the remaining thirty-seven days will be like normal days.

When the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم stated this Hadith to the Companions they did not regard it as problematic that the sun will remain for an entire year without revolving around the earth although now it revolves around the earth every twenty four hours. Allah's infinite power is above this being problematic. Allah has power over all things.

The Companions did not usually ask about matters related to the universe because they knew the power of Allah the Exalted; thus they asked about matters that were important to them. They asked about matters pertaining to the legislation.

When he told the Companions one day would be like one year they said: "O Messenger of Allah, on that day which is like a year, will the prayers of one day suffice us?" He replied: "No, make an estimate of time".

Meaning, estimate the time between each prayer and pray accordingly. For example when Fajr enters we pray the Morning Prayer, and when the time passes between the Morning Prayer and the sun reaching its zenith we pray Dhur prayer; even if the sun is still in the foremost part of the East, and it will be in the foremost part of the East because it will remain there for six complete months. Therefore estimate the time. Consequently on the first day (the first day the Dajjal appears) we will pray a years'

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<sup>1</sup> شرح رياض الصالحين باب تحريم الظلم والأمر برد المظالم

<sup>2</sup> The Dajjal is often referred to as the anti-Christ

<sup>3</sup> Translator's note: As Shaykh Uthaymeen will later explain "Friday" here means one week.

worth of prayers. And on this day we will also estimate the fast (of Ramadan) and thus fast a months' worth of fasting. The same applies for Zakat. This could perhaps be a riddle. In what case will Zakat of wealth become obligatory although the person only had it for one day?

The second day we will estimate a months' worth of prayers and on the third day we will estimate a weeks' worth of prayers. On the fourth day the days will return to normal days.

There is a lesson in Allah inspiring the Companions to ask this question because now you find people in the regions of the North Pole and South Pole who have six months of darkness. If not for this Hadith this would be problematic for them. How should they pray? How should they fast? But now we apply this Hadith to their situation. We say: Those who have six complete months of sun light should estimate the times for their prayers just as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم directed the Companions to do during the days of the Dajjal.

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