

THAWĀB FOR ṢALĀT AL-JAMĀ'AT

in the words of the Prophet of Islām Muḥammad ibn 'Abdullāh

(may Allāh shower him and his family with blessings)

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The Prophet of Allāh (blessings of Allāh be upon him and his family) said:

“Jibrā'il came to me after Ṣalāt al-Zuhr accompanied by 70,000 Angels and said (to me), 'O Muḥammad! Surely your Lord has conveyed His greetings to you and has granted you two gifts and He has not given either of these two gifts to any Prophet before you.' The Prophet replied, 'What are these two gifts?' Jibrā'il replied, 'The Witr Ṣalawāt which are three Rak'at (Ṣalāt al-Witr which is one Rak'at and Ṣalāt al-Shaf' which is two Rak'at) and the second gift which is the five daily Ṣalāt in Jamā'at.' I said to Jibrā'il, 'And what reward is there for my Ummah in the Ṣalāt al-Jamā'at?' Jibrā'il replied, 'O Muḥammad! If there are **two people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **150 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **three people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **600 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **four people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **1200 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **five people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **2400 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **six people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **4800 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **seven people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **9600 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **eight people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **19,200 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **nine people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **37,400 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**; If there are **ten people**, then Allāh will record the reward for each Rak'at is being equal to **72,800 Rak'at of Ṣalāt**. If there are more than ten people in the Jamā'at, then if all of the rivers in the Heavens and the Earth were to be changed into ink and all the trees were to be changed into pens and all of the Jinn and Mankind along with the Angels were to try to record the reward (for one Rak'at) they would not be able to record it. O Muḥammad! The Takbīr that the believers perform with the Imām (of the Ṣalāt) is better than 60,000 Hajj and 'Umrah and better than the world and all that is contained within it 70,000 times over. The one Rak'at that the believers pray with the Imām is better than 100,000 dinār of charity given to the poor people. The Sajdah that the believers perform with the Imām in Jamā'at is better than freeing 1,000 slaves.'”

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ):

أَتَانِي جِبْرِئِيلُ مَعَ سَبْعِينَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ بَعْدَ صَلَاةِ الظُّهْرِ فَقَالَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يُفْرُؤُكَ السَّلَامَ وَأَهْدِي إِلَيْكَ هَدْيَيْنِ لَمْ يُهْدِهِمَا إِلَيَّ نَبِيٌّ قَبْلَكَ قُلْتُ مَا الْهَدْيَانِ قَالَ الْوُتْرُ ثَلَاثُ رَكَعَاتٍ وَ الصَّلَاةُ الْخَمْسُ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ قُلْتُ يَا جِبْرِئِيلُ وَمَا لَأُمَّتِي فِي الْجَمَاعَةِ قَالَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِذَا كَانَا اثْنَيْنِ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ مِائَةَ وَخَمْسِينَ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا ثَلَاثَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ مِنْهُمْ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ سِتِّمِائَةَ صَلَاةٍ وَإِذَا كَانُوا أَرْبَعَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ أَلْفًا وَمِائَتَيْنِ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا خَمْسَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ أَلْفَيْنِ وَأَرْبَعِمِائَةَ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا سِتَّةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ أَرْبَعَةَ أَلْفٍ وَ ثَمَانِمِائَةَ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا سَبْعَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ تِسْعَةَ أَلْفٍ وَ سِتِّمِائَةَ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا ثَمَانِيَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ تِسْعَةَ عَشَرَ أَلْفًا وَ مِائَتَيْنِ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا تِسْعَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ سِتَّةً وَ ثَلَاثِينَ أَلْفًا وَ أَرْبَعِمِائَةَ صَلَاةً وَإِذَا كَانُوا عَشْرَةً كَتَبَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ بِكُلِّ رَكَعَةٍ سَبْعِينَ أَلْفًا وَ أَلْفَيْنِ وَ ثَمَانِمِائَةَ صَلَاةً فَإِنْ زَادُوا عَلَى الْعَشْرَةِ فَلَوْ صَارَتْ بَحَارُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَ الْأَرْضِ كُلُّهَا مِدَادًا وَ الْأَشْجَارُ أَقْلَامًا وَ الثَّقَلَانِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ كِتَابًا لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يَكْتُبُوا ثَوَابَ رَكَعَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ يَا مُحَمَّدُ تَكْبِيرَةٌ يُدْرِكُهَا الْمُؤْمِنُ مَعَ الْإِمَامِ خَيْرٌ لَهُ مِنْ سِتِّينَ أَلْفَ حَجَّةٍ وَ عُمْرَةٍ وَ خَيْرٌ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَ مَا فِيهَا سَبْعِينَ أَلْفَ مَرَّةٍ وَ رَكَعَةٌ يُصَلِّيَهَا الْمُؤْمِنُ مَعَ الْإِمَامِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ مِائَةِ أَلْفِ دِينَارٍ يَتَصَدَّقُ بِهَا عَلَى الْمَسَاكِينِ وَ سَجْدَةٌ يَسْجُدُهَا الْمُؤْمِنُ مَعَ الْإِمَامِ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عِتْقِ مِائَةِ رَقَبَةٍ.

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Ponder upon this point: If you were to pray just **one** 2 Rak'at Ṣalāt in Jamā'at with 10 people just **ONE TIME**, this would be equivalent to performing the Ṣalāt of 23½ years (17 Rak'at per day x 365 days in one year x 23½ years = ≈145,600)!!