

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Our Lord (glorified and exalted be He) descends each night to the earth's sky when there remains the final third of the night, and He says: "Who is saying a prayer to Me that I may answer it?"

Who is asking something of Me that I may give it him? Who is asking forgiveness of Me that I may forgive him?"

Hadith Qudsi 35

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was asked: "Which of the actions is best?"

He replied: "Observing prayer early in its period."

Abu Dawud 2: 426

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "The first matter that the slave will be brought

to account for on the Day of Judgement is the prayer.

If it is sound, then the rest of his deeds will be sound. And if it is bad, then the rest of his deeds will be bad."

At-Tabarani

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "If a person had a stream outside his door and he bathed in it five times a day, do you think he would have any filth left on him?"

The people said, "No filth would remain on him whatsoever."

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ then said, "That is like the five daily prayers: Allah wipes away the sins by them."

Sahih al Bukhari, Muslim

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Salah is a pillar of the religion (Islam).

He who establishes it, establishes religion; and he who destroys it, destroys religion."

Tabrani

There is a story that one of the Saliheen was asked how he kept his khushu' in prayer (concentration & humbleness etc). He said, 'I imagine that Allah is before me, that the Angel of Death is at my back, that the gardens of Jannah are to my right, that the fires of Jahannum are on my left and that I am standing on the Sirat'