

Question 111) - Are there within the times any preferred times?

A: Yes, there are preferred times:

1. Isfar [Yellowing of the sky] is preferred for Fajr. Begin the Salah at that time and recite the Sunnah Qira'ah in such a way that upon completion, if

any nullification of the Salah is discovered, it can be repeated inclusive of the Wudu with Masnun Qira'ah. It should not be delayed so much that there is

doubt if the sun might have risen. Use al-Bahr ar-Raiq ~260/1~

2. It is Mustahab to delay azh-Zhuhr in summer and to perform early in winter.

3. It is Mustahab to delay al-'Asr both in summer and winter as long as the sun has not changed i.e. it has not become so weak that there is no difficulty

to directly stare at it.

4. It is Mustahab to perform al-Maghrib early both in winter and in summer.

5. It is Mustahab to delay Isha when a third of the night has passed. These are the general rules, it is however preferred to hasten with al-'Asr and Isha

when the day is cloudy and to delay the others.

6. He who loves Tahajjud should delay Witr to the end of the night if he is certain that he will awake. He who is uncertain and fears that he might not awake should perform Witr before he sleeps.

~ al-Quduri ~