

Question 254) - Although Makruh, if he prayed four Rak'at' has his Fard obligation been fulfilled?

travelling the distance of three days swiftly in two days salah is shortened. Whoever measures even that distance calls it the distance of three days (as Ibn al-Humam stated in al-Fath) That the imam ruled according to travelling stations does not exclude those who measure according to distance, especially if the journey of a day is set for a particular distance. Contemporary travellers are in severe need of having a measurement in Farsakh or miles as the case may be' If the Fatwa is given as per the latter 'Ulama (i.e. in Farsakh); then it will be easier and better' If one chooses the compromise distance of 18 Farsakh, then we reach a figure of 48 miles because research shows a Farsakh equals 3 miles. if we convert it into kilometres which is most commonly used these days, we reach a figure of just? over 98km. if we give a Fatawa on 15 Farsakh, we reach a Qasr distance of 45 miles or just over 82km. some 'Ulama regard the distance as about 88km based on 16 Farsakh. Allaah knows best' Ibnul Humam stated, "If the one who can do the miracle of traversing distances in moments is believed that he traversed the Qasr distances in moments Qasr will be necessary upon him. This far off because the difficulty of journey which is a cause of Qasr is not imagined"" However' journey in itself has been declared to be a difficulty, whether there be\_ additional difficulty or not. The degree of difficulty is not considered. The Fuqahahad ruled that the ruling does not change for one who travelled three days distance in two days and for one who travelled it in three days. if that is the ruling then it should not change for a miraculous journey in moments or one who travels fast in a car or plane. Had there been planes in the time of Ibnul Hummam he would have had to resort to the example of miracles' Today any pious or sinful man can travel the three days distance in moments' Think about that.

A: If he prayed four and sat in the second Rak'ah for the duration of Tashshahud then the first two suffice for his Fard and the next two are Nafl.

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