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**ON THE RULING AND LEGITIMACY OF  
PRAYING TWO RAKA'AH AFTER 'ASR<sup>1</sup>**

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**Question:**

I have understood from you O Shaykh that the two Raka'ah after 'Asr, so when is the time when it is forbidden to pray after 'Asr?

**Answer:**

As for the two Raka'ah after 'Asr then I have mentioned previously that the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*) prayed them, as did a group of Companions and Taabi'een which I found number eleven in their number. One narration from them is sufficient, the narration of 'Aa'ishah is sufficient. As for the prohibition to pray after 'Asr then this is restricted to when the Sun becomes yellowish in colour and so long as the sun has not gone down. If the sun is apparent then there is no dislike of praying at that time after 'Asr. Many famous *abaadeeth* have arrived in this issue which show that the prohibition of praying after 'Asr is restricted to when the sun goes down. One of our brothers has authored a good treatise, which I read and introduced, entitled *I'laam Ahl ul-'Asr bi's-Sunniyyat ir-Raka'tayn Ba'd il-'Asr* [Informing the People of the Era of the Sunnah of Praying Two Raka'ah After 'Asr].<sup>2</sup> Within this book he relays all of the *abaadeeth* and narrations and explains that which will assure the Sunni's soul, who looks for the proof, and the student of knowledge who knows the principles of deduction, that the two Raka'ah after 'Asr is from the Sunnah.

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<sup>1</sup> From our Shaykh's Q&A session dated Saturday 16 May 2009 CE, it can be referred to here: [www.mashhoor.net](http://www.mashhoor.net)

<sup>2</sup> **Translator's note:** Abu'l-Haarith Taahir bin Najmuddeen al-Mahasee, *I'laam Ahl ul-'Asr bi's-Sunniyyat ir-Raka'atayn Ba'd al-'Asr* [Informing the People of the Era of the Sunnah of Praying Two Raka'ah After 'Asr]. Amman, Jordan: Daar ul-Athariyyah, 1430 AH/2009 CE. Intro by Shaykh Mashhoor.