

Q: Are there any Sunnan to be performed before the 'Asr prayer?

We have already discussed the Sunnan of 'Asr prayer in great detail, thus it can be concluded that there is nothing to be performed before the 'Asr prayer. A: Sheikh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said, "As for before 'Asr prayer, no one told us that the Prophet ﷺ performed Sunnan at that time. What was reported in this regard is either weak or a mistake."¹ The correct opinion - and Allah knows best – is that the Muslim should not specify a certain Sunnah before the 'Asr prayer and they should leave this unrestricted. Hence, if 1 Refer to: Al-Fatawa, 23/125 someone wants to pray two raka'at or more, let them do so the same as they do with the other prayers. Yet, they should not offer additional raka'at at times when it is prohibited. Accordingly, it is not allowed to offer a Sunnah prayer before the 'Asr prayer and make this a regular Sunnah.