

Virtues of Walking to the Masjid

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has mentioned many virtues for a person who makes wudhu at home and goes walking to the Masjid for the Fardh Salaah. The further a person walks the greater the sawaab (reward) he receives. Every step to the Masjid earns him a reward and gets a sin of his forgiven. It is for this reason that some of the Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum) would take small steps when going to the Masjid to earn more sawaab.

Ahaadith on the virtues of walking to the Masjid

- ***A reward for every step:*** When a person performs wudhu correctly and walks towards the Masjid, with the intention of performing Salaah, then for each step that he takes, Allah Ta'ala gives him a reward and wipes out a sin. [Bukhaari #647]
- ***Rewards for walking to the Masjid from a distance:*** Once the Banu Salimah intended to move closer to the Masjid. This news reached Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). He said to them, "I have heard that you wish to come live closer to the Masjid." They replied, "Yes, O Nabi of Allah, we intend that." Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said to them, "O Banu Salimah! Stay where you are. For every step you take you will be rewarded. Stay where you are for every step you take you will be rewarded." [Muslim #280]
- ***A perfect light on the Day of Qiyaamah for those who walk to the Masjid in darkness:*** Once Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) gave glad tidings to those Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum) who used to go walking to the Masjid for Salaah in the darkness of the night by saying; "Glad tidings of a perfect noor (light) on the day of Qiyaamah to those of you who walk to the Masjid in the darkness of the night." [Mu'jamul Awsat #847]
- ***Reward equal to a person in Ihraam going to perform Haj:*** Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that the one who makes wudhu at home and then comes out of his house for the Fardh Salaah, his reward is like the reward of a person who comes out of his house in the state of Ihraam with the intention of performing Haj. [Abu Dawood #559]