



QUESTIONS ON THE MASAJID: WOMEN SEEING THE LINES OF SALAAT AND MAKING THE ADHAAN OUTSIDE?

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[Q1]: In our *masjid* in Toronto, at the time of *salaat*, the sisters move from their area to the brother's area of the *musalla*. They do this in order to see the rows of the men. We understand that some of the *'ulamaa* are of this opinion. However, they still place barriers between themselves and us (dividers), what is the correct position in this affair?

[A1]: They should put holes in it (to ensure they can see the lines of the men). Some *'ulamaa* say they have to see the lines but not the Imaam (as is sometimes mistakenly understood). This situation (should occur) only if you are sure there will be no *fitnah*, if you think their will be *fitnah*, then send them back (to their section).

[Q2]: We live in a Non-Muslim country (Canada). However, in wishing to cling to the authentic *sunnah*, we make the *adhaan* outside, loud and clear. The *kuffar* have not complained and we have no problems. However, the question arises, 'Is this necessary since the people are non-Muslims and won't respond?' Should we continue to make the *adhaan* outside?

[A2]: You should do it (make the *adhaan* outside); there are a few points,

- I. It announces the time of prayer, some Muslims may be walking or driving by and may be unaware due to being busy or awaking from sleep.

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- II. The *mu'adhin* will have the longest neck on *yumul-kiyyamah* (the day of judgement) and the trees and rocks supplicate and bear witness on the day of reckoning for the caller to prayer.
- III. The *adhaan* is made as it is an act of worship and the reward is with Allaah. Do not stop calling it outside.
- IV. Who said the *adhaan* is only for the Muslims? It is for all of the people, and it may be a source of guiding them to Islaam and Allaah is the All-Powerful.

Also, we do not say it is a *bid'ah* to make the *adhaan* inside (the *masjid*) but it is best to do it from the highest point, on the roof is best and this is how Bilaal (*radiyallaahu 'anhu*) made the *adhaan* and Allaah knows best.

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