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## Can't make up missed prayer if preoccupied with business or amusement

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**Questioner:** A brother says, I missed the 'Asr prayer and Maghrib time started, which of the two should I pray? Ya'nee, he went to the mosque and they were about to pray Maghrib?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)<sup>1</sup>: If he missed 'Asr because of one of the two legislated reasons, i.e., sleep or having forgotten, then he prays 'Asr before Maghrib. As for if he missed 'Asr without one of these two excuses, then there is no place for him to pray it, neither before Maghrib or after it.

**Questioner:** But what's meant, O Shaykh, ya'nee, that he prays Maghrib [with the Jamaa'aah] with the intention of 'Asr?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): What else? I've already answered you, may Allaah bless you, he prays it before Maghrib. When I say: he prays it before Maghrib it's obvious that [I meant that] he prays 'Asr, but with the condition that he had forgotten to pray it or overslept—as for if he was preoccupied with his business and merchandise, or [absorbed in] play and amusement and so on, then he has missed the prayer and there is no chance for him to repeat it, neither before Maghrib or after it.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 259.