



## May Allah fill their graves and houses with fire, as they distracted us from the middle prayer until the sun set

'Ali ibn Abi Tālib (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "May Allah fill their graves and houses with fire, as they distracted us from the middle prayer until the sun set." In another narration: "They distracted us from the middle prayer", meaning: the 'Asr prayer. Then he offered it between the Maghrib and the 'Ishā'. Ibn Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The polytheists distracted the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) from observing the 'Asr prayer till the sun became red or yellow. So the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "May Allah fill their bellies and graves with fire!"

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Muslim - Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

The polytheists kept the Messenger (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) and his Companions too preoccupied to offer the 'Asr prayer till sunset, as they were garrisoned to protect Madīnah against them. Consequently, the Messenger (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) invoked Allah, the Almighty, against them, asking Him to fill their stomachs, houses, and graves with fire as a punishment for hurting him and his Companions and distracting them from offering the 'Asr, which is the best prayer.

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