Lesson Two

FIQH OF (THE 5 DAILY) NAMAZ

TIMES

The times of the obligatory prayers

Prayer	Beginning Time	Ending Time		
Fajr	True dawn: (is the whiteness	sunrise		
	that appears from the east and spreads			
	throughout the			
	horizon)			
Zohr	MiddayAfter Zawwal (when	When Asr time		
	the sun begins to descend)	begins		
Asr	When the shadow reaches	Sunset		
	twice the length of an object			
	its original shadow of noon			
Maghrib	After sunset	When Isha time		
		begins		
Isha	When the astronomical twilight	The beginning of		
	disappears (disappearance of	Fajr time		
	whiteness in the sky)			
	In the summer months-			
	(disappearance of redness in			
	the sky)			

The rakaats to be prayed for each prayer

	No of rakats	Sunnah (M/GM)	Fardh	Sunnah (M/GM)	Nafl	Witr waajib	nafl
Fajr	4	2 (M)	2				
Zohr	12	4(M)	4	2(M)	2		
Asr	8	4(GM)	4				
Maghrib	7		3	2(M)	2		
Isha	17	4(GM)	4	2(M)	2	3	2

M: muakidah

GM: Ghair Muakidah

Prohibitively disliked times for all prayers

- 1. 20 mins after sunrise
- 2. midday (zawwal)
- 3. 20 mins before sunset (the exception is the current Asr Prayer, if someone hasn't prayed their Asr namaz yet and the time has gone into the last 20mins before maghrib, they have to pray within the prohibitively disliked time, but leaving it till this long without any valid Islamic shar'i reason is extremely disliked and sinful).

Disliked times for Nafl Prayers

- 1. during the time of the Khutba (on Jum'aa day/ eid day)
- 2. before the fajr prayer
- 3. after the Fajr prayer until 20 mins after sunrise
- 4. after asr prayer until Maghrib time

Note: make up prayers (qaza) are not disliked in points 2-4 above, only disliked during a formal Khutba (on Jum'aa day/ eid day).