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Replying to the Azan

The Azan is the arabic term for the call to prayer. When the Azan for Salah is called out it is mustahab (rewarding) to reply to the Azan by repeating the words after the Muazzin. This practice has been encouraged in a number of Ahadith.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr ibn Aas رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulallah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, *“When you hear the Muazzin then repeat what he says ...”* (Sahih Muslim)

Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulallah صلى الله عليه وسلم, *“When the Muazzin says 'Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar' then the one who says 'Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar' ...(mentioning the other words of the Azan)..., - when he says Lailaha Illallah, then say Lailaha Illallah from the heart (with conviction), you will enter Jannah.”* (Sahih Muslim)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه narrates, *“We were with Rasulallah صلى الله عليه وسلم when Hazrat Bilal رضي الله عنه stood up to call out the Azan. When he completed the Azan, Rasulallah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'Whoever says these words with conviction will enter Jannah.'”* (Sunan Nasai)

It is understood from these Ahadith that in addition to responding to the Azan by proceeding for Salah, we should also respond to the words of the Azan.

At Hayya alas Salah and Hayya alal Falah, these words should be repeated after the Muazzin and additionally La hawla wala quwwata illa billah should be recited.

When the Azan commences, all activities should be suspended and the Azan should be responded to with complete attention. If a person is engaged in the recitation of the Qur'an it is recommended to stop recitation and reply to the Azan. However, those engaged in learning and teaching of Deen may continue and reply after the Azan is complete.



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