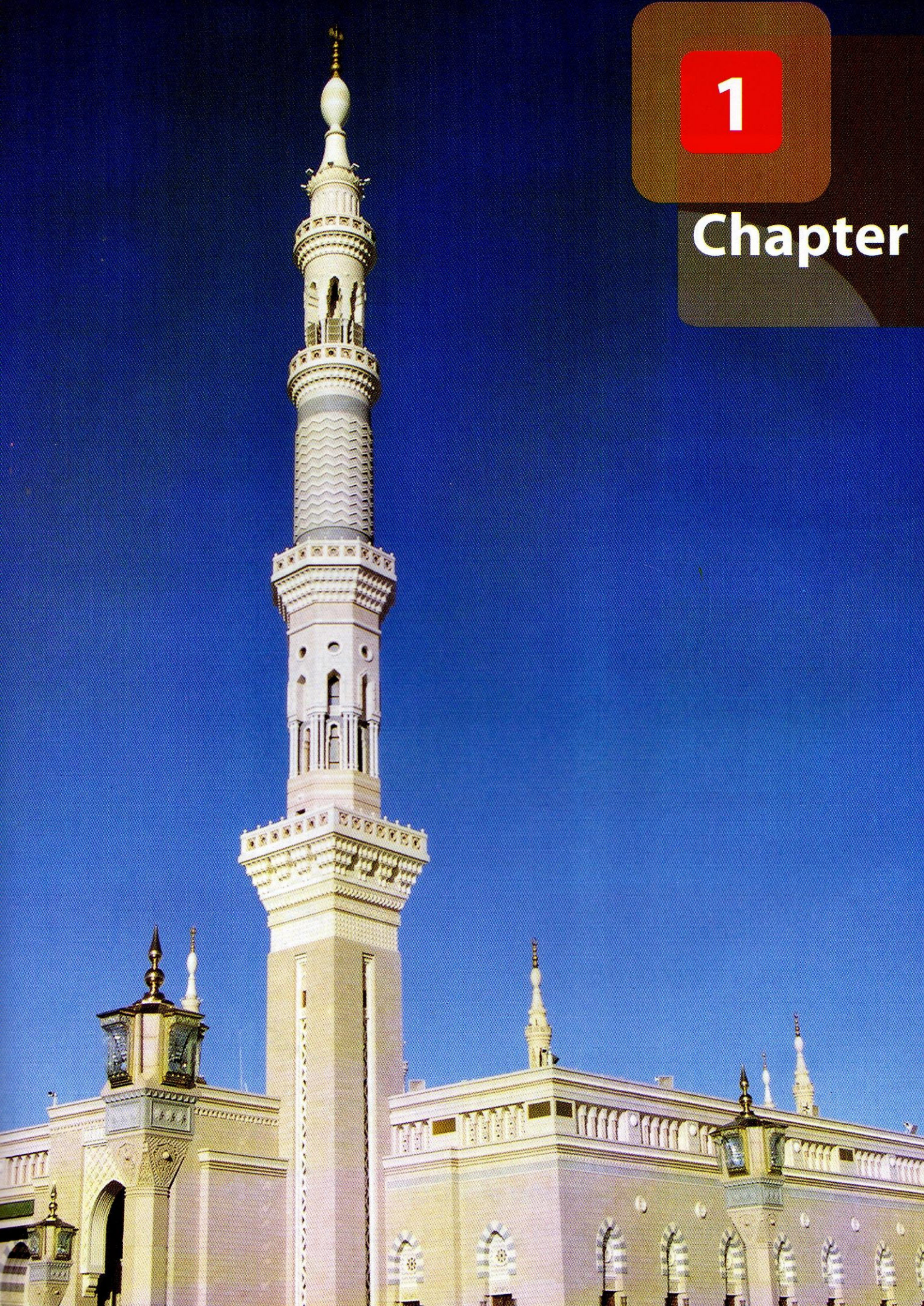


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# Chapter





The Mu'adh-dhin calls out the adhan five times a day at the mosque. The mu'adh-dhin is the person who calls the adhan - the call to prayer. If you climb a city rooftop at the time of any of the five daily prayers, you can hear several calls, with long sweeping voices coming in from different directions. The call to prayer is one of the most beautiful sounds. It is delightful to wake to the sound of the dawn adhan, or hear the Isha adhan when the evening is cool and gentle.

The call to prayer punctuates daily life five times. It draws Muslims out of their everyday activities to matters of great importance - salah.

**The wording of the adhan is:**

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

*Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar*

*Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great*

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

*Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar*

*Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great*

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

*ash-hadu an laa-ilaaha illallaah*

*I testify that there is no god but Allah*



أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

*ash-hadu an laa-ilaaha illallaah*

*I testify that there is no god but Allah*

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

*ash-hadu anna muhammadar-rasoolullaah*

*I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah*

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

*ash-hadu anna muhammadar-rasoolullaah*

*I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah*

حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ

*hayya alassalaah, hayya alassalaah*

*Hasten to the prayer, hasten to the prayer*

حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

*hayya alal falaah, hayya alal falaah*

*Hasten to success, hasten to success*

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

*Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar*

*Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great*

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

*Laa-ilaaha illallaah*

*There is no god but Allah*

After saying

حَيِّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ حَيِّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ

*hayya alassalaah, hayya alassalaah*

*Hasten to the prayer, hasten to the prayer*

حَيِّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ حَيِّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

*hayya alal falaah, hayya alal falaah*

*Hasten to success, hasten to success*

the mu'adh-dhin adds the following statement twice in the dawn prayer:

الصَّلَاةُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ النَّوْمِ

*Assalaatu khayrum-minan nawm*

*The prayer is better than sleep*

As the mu'adh-dhin calls the adhan, a Muslim should repeat after him whatever he says, except for these two statements:

حَيِّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ حَيِّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ

*hayya alassalaah, hayya alassalaah*

*Hasten to the prayer, hasten to the prayer*

حَيِّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ حَيِّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

*hayya alal falaah, hayya alal falaah*

*Hasten to success, hasten to success*



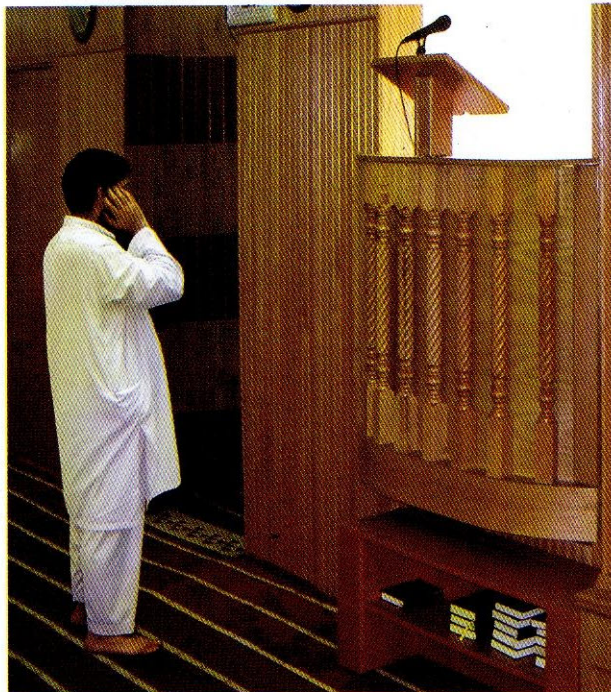
Instead, one should say after each one of these statements,

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

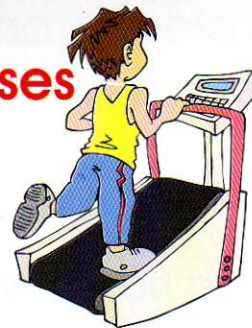
*Laa hawla wa laa quwwata illaa billaah.*

*There is no power and no might except with Allah*

Allah's Messenger ( ﷺ ) said, "When you hear the adhan, repeat what the mu'adh-dhin says". (Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim)



## Exercises



### Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks.

1. The mu'adh-dhin calls out the \_\_\_\_\_ five times a day. Muslims then get ready to offer \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When you hear the adhan you should prepare yourself for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Exercise 2

Learn the wording of the adhan by heart.