

# The 5 Categories of People According to Their Salah

Ibn al-Qayyim رحمته الله described ṣalāh as the scale by which you can measure yourself. Ṣalāh is a measure of your progress in your journey to Allah ﷻ, measuring whether you are falling behind or are well ahead into your journey to Him.

**Task: Read each section carefully. Then walk around the class, and fill in the ‘Outcome’ column:**

		Outcome
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Careless in his wuḍū and the prescribed times</li> <li>Careless in the limits and essential pillars of the prayer</li> </ul>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He safeguards the times, limits, outward pillars and wuḍū</li> <li>However, he is distracted by the devils’ whispers</li> </ul>	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He upholds the limits and essential pillars</li> <li>In ṣalāh, he is in a constant battle with the devils, trying to fight off their whispers.</li> </ul>	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He stands in prayer, perfecting its rights, limits and pillars</li> <li>His heart is engrossed in safeguarding its limits and rules. His focus remains fully on performing the prayer as it ought to be performed; completely and perfectly.</li> </ul>	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He stands in prayer and establishes it as the fourth does, but along with this, he places his heart before his Lord. In this state, he beholds his Lord – ever vigilant before Him, filled with His love and glory – as if, seeing Him, he is physically present before Him.</li> <li>Therefore, the distractions and the whispers vanish, as the veil is lifted between him and his Lord.</li> </ul>	