

## Islam Question and Answer

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When can adhkaar al-sabaah be recited?

### Question:

If i forgot to say Athakar Assabah before sunrise, is acceptable if i say it whenever i wake up??

### Answer:

Praise be to Allaah.

Adhkaar al-sabaah (supplications recited in the morning) are not connected only to the time when the sun rises; in Arabic the word subh (morning) applies to dawn and the first part of the day, as is stated in *al-Qaamoos al-Muheet*, 291 [a famous Arabic language dictionary – Translator]. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

*“... and celebrate the Praises of your Lord in the evening and in the morning.” [Ghaafii 40:55 – Yusuf ‘Ali’s translation]*

Ibn Katheer said in his *Tafseer* (4/86) that this means in the early part of the day and in the early part of the night. But the best time of the day for making dhikr is after the dawn prayer, because Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

*“... and glorify the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun, and before its setting...” [Taa-Haa 20:130]*

and the Prophet ﷺ (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Whoever prays Fajr in congregation, then sits and remembers Allaah (makes dhikr) until the sun rises, then prays two rak’ahs, will have a reward like that for Hajj and ‘Umrah complete, complete, complete.” (*Saheeh al-Jaami’*, 6222).

Based on the above, this is how we understand the reports narrated on this topic, such as the ahaadeeth:

“Whoever says, in the morning and the evening, ‘*Subhaan Allaahi wa bi hamdih* (Glory and praise be to Allaah)’ one hundred times, will not come with anything better than it on the Day of Resurrection, except for one who does likewise or does more.” (Reported by Muslim, 2692).

“*Allaahumma bika asbahnaa wa bika amsaynaa wa bika nahyaa wa bika namoot wa ilayka al-nushoor* (O Allaah, by Your blessings we reach the morning, by Your blessings

we reach the evening, by Your blessings we live, by Your blessings we die, and unto You is the Resurrection).” (Reported by Abu Dawood in *al-Sunan*, no. (5068); al-Nisaa'i in *al-Sunan al-Kubra* (9836). Al-Albaani said it is a saheeh hadeeth).

Therefore you can say Adhkaar al-Sabaah when you wake up from sleeping, because it is still the time of subh (morning). And Allaah is the Source of strength.

**Note:**

Muslim reported in his *Saheeh* (no. 747) that the Prophet ﷺ (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever sleeps without doing his regular dhikr or part of it, then recites it during the time between Fajr prayer and Zuhr prayer, it will be recorded as if he had recited it at night.”

In *Sharh Muslim* (6/27), al-Nawawi said:

“This indicates that it is mustahabb (liked, preferred), to recite awraad (dhikr, supplications) regularly, and that if one misses it, one can make it up later.”

In *'Awn al-Ma'bood* (4/198) it says:

“This hadeeth indicates that it is permissible to recite *wird* regularly at night, and that it is permissible to make it up if one misses it because of sleeping or any other reason. It also indicates that the one who does this between Fajr prayer and Zuhr prayer is like the one who does it at night, so it is mustahabb to make up tahajjud if one misses it at night.”  
And Allaah knows best.

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