8971 - Moving to another mosque after Fajr for a halaqah

the question

We pray Fajr in a mosque that is close to us, then we young men get up and go to another mosque in which there is a study-circle (halaqah) for memorizing Qur'aan. This mosque is not far away, it takes only five minutes on foot. Does this moving (to the second mosque) mean that we will lose the reward for a complete Hajj or 'Umrah with the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)? Because in the hadeeth he said: "Whoever prays Fajr then sits remembering Allaah until the sun rises will have…"). Does this mean its rising or does it mean when it has risen to the height of a spear [above the horizon]? I.e., should we pray the two rak'ahs when the sun rises, or do we have to wait until it has risen to the height of a spear [above the horizon]?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

There is nothing wrong with moving from one mosque to another after the prayer in order to attend a class or study circle. This is better than sitting in the first mosque until the sun rises, because it is for the purpose of seeking knowledge. With regard to the two-rak'ah prayer, this should be done after the sun has risen to the height of a spear [above the horizon].