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Question: Is it permissible for the person offering Salaah (Prayer) alone to pray without Adhaan (call to Prayer)?

Answer: Yes, it is permissible for a person offering Salaah alone to pray without the Adhaan, but if he is in the desert or on a remote farm and the like, it is prescribed for him to recite the Adhaan even if he is going to pray alone, and the Iqaamah (call to start the Prayer) is prescribed at all times, because of the general meaning of the evidence, and because of the saying of Aboo Sa`eed al-Khudree (the venerable Sahaabee) (رضي الله عنه)¹ to `Abdullah al-Ansaaree, "I see that you like sheep and the wilderness. When you are with your sheep in your wilderness, and you recite the Adhaan for your prayers, raise your voice, for no jinn or man or anything within the voice range of the Mu'addhin (caller to Prayer) hears the call, but will bear witness for him on the Day of Resurrection." Aboo Sa`eed said, I heard this from the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)².³

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

^{2 (}صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ This Hadeeth is related by Imaam Ahmad and Al-Bukhaaree.