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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

'Ā'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) asked the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) about the ruling on looking hither and thither during the prayer, and whether it affects the validity of prayer. He told her that this looking is a means by which the devil snatches away a portion of a slave's prayer in a swift and hidden manner so as to affect its validity and decrease its reward.

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