There Is No Alternative (Substitute) for the Mosque

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Perhaps, it is self-evident to say that there is no substitute for the mosque, so there is no need to confirm that, for it is legislated (enacted) by Islam, and it called and invited to it. This is theoretically right, well—known according to the views of most Muslims. But anyhow, we notice practically a great deal of cases, as hesitation, retreat or withdrawal from going to the mosques, and at the least extent they abandon or forsake the basic objectives for which the mosque has been built. For this reason I have seen it is proper to talk about this subject, to remind the readers of the objectives for which the mosques have been built, and also to mention and remind of the perils or dangers which we may face when we
distance ourselves or go far away from them. As a matter of fact, the project of the mosque has changed into an action of induction and awakening of the Muslims to the extent that it frightened the idolaters and the hypocrites, so they have started to seek for a new style and a way to motivate their groups, and to forbid them from going gradually towards the great school of the Prophet (S.A.) of Allah Almighty. They have attempted to have a camp for themselves to gather together, but far away from the attention or sight of the Prophet (S.A.) and the Muslims. So we have to take the chance of benefiting from the mosque and fulfilling its objectives properly and effectively.