Jewish Festivals: Ending: Before Havdala: Baruch HaMavdil

Say *baruch ha'mavdil bein kodesh l'chol* (without saying God's name!) if:

- It is already “dark” (you can see three medium-size stars--*tzeit ha'kochavim*), and
- You want to end the *Jewish festival* (and *Shabbat*) before saying *ma'ariv's amida* or *havdala*.

NOTE Saying this formula allows you to do *melacha*, but you may not eat or drink until you have said or heard *havdala*.

NOTE Men must still say the *amida* and men and women must say or hear *havdala* later even if they said *baruch ha'mavdil bein kodesh l'chol*. For how late you may say *havdala* after a *Jewish festival*, see *Jewish Festival Havdala* at Night or Next Day.

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