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## Preference between that of Itikaf in the Masjid al-Haraam and staying at home for the woman

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### Question<sup>1</sup>:

What is better; Itikaf for a woman in the Masjid al-Haraam in the last ten days in the month of Ramadan, taking into consideration that this will strengthen her worship or is it better for her to stay in her home?

### Shaykh Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>2</sup> answered:

‘For her to stay in her home is better, and I stipulate for her to return to the saying of the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>3</sup>

‘Their homes are better for them.’

### Comments:

‘Amr bin AbdulMuna’im Saleem adds some notes to this answer:

‘The principle of performing Itikaf for a woman in the Masjid is legislated in the Sharee’ah’ by the text of the Book and the Sunnah.

Allaah (تعالى)<sup>4</sup> said: [And do not have relations with them as long as you are staying for worship in the Masajid]<sup>5</sup>

And from Umm-al-Mumineen<sup>6</sup> ‘Aaishah (رضى الله عنها)<sup>7</sup> who said: ‘One of the wives of the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) made Itikaf with the Messenger and she began her menses. . .’<sup>8</sup>

As for what is better, then her staying and remaining in the home is better. This is just like the verdict of her going out to the masjid, which is that it is allowed, even though her prayer in her home is better than her prayer in the Masjid as is indicated in the Sunnah. There is no proof which is more evident than the hadeeth of Ibn Umar (رضي الله عنه)<sup>9</sup> which the Shaykh mentioned.’

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<sup>1</sup> From: Jamia’ Masail an-Nisa’ p. 54 collected by ‘Amr bin AbdulMuna’im Saleem

<sup>2</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>3</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

<sup>4</sup> (تعالى) Ta’aala (He, The Most High)

<sup>5</sup> Soorah al-Baqarah[2: 187]

<sup>6</sup> Mother of The Believers

<sup>7</sup> (رضى الله عنها) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah be pleased with her

<sup>8</sup> Collected by Bukhaaree, Aboo Daawood & Ibn Maajah

<sup>9</sup> (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him