
Missed Fasting when New Ramadaan Approaching

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Question: A woman has to make up some missed days of fasting for the past Ramadaan because she was in menstruation (at that time). But now she is pregnant and the next Ramadaan is coming soon and she is not able to make up for her missed days until after the coming month of Ramadaan has passed. So what should she do?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: If a woman is able to make up for missed days of Ramadaan that are binding upon her, after Ramadaan, then (the rule is that) she can skip the fast (in Ramadaan) and make it up afterward. But this means that she is obligated to make it up right away. What is important is that she frees herself from her responsibility of this obligation. But suppose, for example, she dies before fulfilling this responsibility. In this case, she is to request in her Will that which will expiate her from this burden. And the expiation is considered as proceeds in cases such as these.

In the event that she is neither pregnant nor breast-feeding and she misses some days of Ramadaan because of her menstruation, then she is obligated to make up for these lost days (Qadaa). And if (after this), she is followed by pregnancy and then breast-feeding, it is permitted for her to delay the Qadaa (making up of the missed days). But she should then make up the missed days (later) without doing the Fidyah (feeding of poor people) or the Kafaarah (expiation).

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him