

Fasting day of Arafat with days to make up from Ramadhaan

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

حكم صوم يوم عرفة لمن عليه قضاء

Question: Is it permissible to fast the day of Arafat if there are days left to make up from Ramadhaan?

Shaykh ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: The person performing Hajj does not fast the day of Arafat. It is obligatory for him to break his fast on the day of Arafat. As for those not performing Hajj then it is recommended for them to fast the day of Arafat, as it is a virtuous day. Fasting this day is atonement for the previous year and the following year. It contains a great deal of good, but those performing Hajj do not fast; because the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² stood upon Arafat and he was not fasting and he prohibited fasting that day. As for those not performing Hajj, there is no problem if they fast. But if he has days to make up (from Ramadhaan) then he begins with the make-up days. And if he makes up his missed days from Ramadhaan by fasting on the day of Arafat, and the first nine days of Dhul Hija, then this is good.

هل يجوز صوم يوم عرفة وقد يوجد أيام قضاء من رمضان؟

الحاج لا يصوم عرفة، الواجب عليه أن يفطر في يوم عرفة، أما غير الحاج فيستحب لهم صيامه فهو يوم فضيل، صيامه يكفر السنة التي قبله والتي بعده، وفيه خير عظيم لكن الحاج لا يصومون؛ لأن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وقف في عرفة مفطراً ونهى عن الصوم فيها أما غير الحاج فلا بأس أن يصوم، لكن إذا كان عليه صوم قضاء يبدأ بالقضاء وإذا صام يوم عرفة عن القضاء وأيام التسع عن القضاء فهو حسن

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

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him