

Fataawaa Regarding: The Six Fasts Of Shawwaal

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[Q]: Is the fasting of the six days (of Shawwaal) a must after the month of Ramadaan immediately after the day of 'eed, or is it permissible (to do so) after 'eed by (a number of) days in the month of Shawwaal or not?

[A]: It is not a must for him to fast immediately after 'eed al-fitr, rather it is permissible to begin fasting after 'eed by a day or (a number of) days. And (also) to fast them continuously or intermittently in the month of Shawwaal according to that which is easy for him. And the issue is quite open in this matter, and it is not obligatory, rather it is a sunnah.

And with Allaah lies all the success, and may Allaah send prayers and salutations upon our Prophet Muhammad (sal-Allaahu `alayhe wa sallam) and his family and his companions.

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[Q]: I began fasting the six (days) of Shawwaal, however I was unable to complete them because of extenuating circumstances and work. Now I have two days remaining, so what do I do O Eminence (Shaykh), do I make these days up or is there any sin upon me?

[A]: Fasting the six (days) of Shawwaal is a recommended act of worship and not an obligation. So for you is the reward of that which you fasted of them, and it is hoped for you the complete reward if that which prevented you from fasting them all was an Islamically acceptable reason. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu `alayhe wa sallam) said: "If the servant becomes ill or is travelling then Allaah writes for him that which he used to do when he was in good health and back at home (i.e. not travelling)", narrated by al-Bukhaaree. And there is nothing for you to make up for that which you left of them.

And with Allaah lies all success.

Shaykh Ibn Baaz ²

[Q]: Someone used to fast the six (days) of Shawwaal. If he (then) becomes ill or something prevents him from fasting or he just becomes lazy from fasting in a particular year, is there any sin upon him, because we have heard that whoever fasts them (six days of Shawwaal) in (any particular) year then it is obligatory for him not to leave them (i.e. continue to fast them every year)?

[A]: The fasting of the six (days) of Shawwaal after the day of 'Eed (al-Fitr) is a Sunnah, and it is not obligatory upon whoever fasts them once or more (than

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once) to continue fasting them, and there is no sin upon whoever leaves off fasting them.

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