

MONTHLY AHKAM | May 2020 - 5 /May/ 2020

Foreplay with One's Wife While Fasting

question| 1. A man has foreplay with his wife during the day in the month of Ramadan without discharge of semen or intention to ejaculate, does it invalidate his fast?

A: Although this action is *makrūh*, but his fast is not affected.

Having Sex while Fast is forgotten

question| 2. If someone forgets his fast and has sex, is his fast valid?

answer| If he forgets that he is fasting and has sex, his fast is in order. However, as soon as he remembers, he should terminate it; otherwise his fast is not valid.

Janābah & Menses during the Month of Ramadan

3. In Ramadan, if one becomes *junub* at night but does not make *Ghusl* before morning *adhān* inadvertently, e. g. he becomes *junub* in sleep and wakes up after morning *adhān*, his fast is in order.

4. In Ramadan, one whose duty is to make *Ghusl* before morning *adhān* but is unable to do so, e. g. as the time is too short or water is harmful for him, he should make *tayammum* instead of *Ghusl*.

5. To become *junub* in sleep during the day does not invalidate the fast.

6. If a woman starts menses, her fast becomes void.

To Delay *Ghusl* and Make *Tayammum* in Shortage of Time

question| 7. One becomes *junub* in sleep and wakes up before morning *adhān*, can he neglect *Ghusl* and makes *tayammum* just before *adhān*?

answer| If he delays *Ghusl* until the time becomes too short to make *Ghusl*, he has committed a sin. In this case, he should make *tayammum* and his fast is valid.

Fajr *Adhān* in the Middle of *Ghusl*

question| 8. One wakes up several minutes before *fajr adhān* and finds out that he is *junub*, but *adhān* starts in the middle of *Ghusl*, is his fast valid?

answer| If he started *Ghusl* while he was sure or thought that he had enough time to make *Ghusl*, it is sufficient and the fast is valid.

To Neglect *Ghusl* and Remain *Junub* due to Shyness

question| 9. We live in a cold area where there is no bathroom or any place for bathing. At times, we wake up in a state of *janābah* before the morning *adhān* during the blessed month of Ramadan. As it is shameful for youths to get up at midnight before the eyes of the people and to take a bath with the water of a water-skin or a pool, and water is also cold at that time, what is our duty concerning fasting on the next day in such a condition? Is *tayammum* permissible? And what is the rule if one breaks his fast for not having performed the *Ghusl*?

answer| The solitary of difficulty or that it is considered as a fault is not a *shar'ī* excuse. Rather, one is obligated to take *Ghusl* in any manner that he can, as long as it does not involve unbearable hardship on the *mukallaf* or harm. In case it is harmful or unbearably difficult, he can perform *tayammum* instead and if he does *tayammum* before the *fajr adhān*, his fast is valid, and if he does not do *tayammum*, his fast would be invalid; but it is obligatory for him anyway to refrain from fast invalidators throughout the day.

Not Knowing How to Make *Ghusl* or Its Being Obligatory

question| 10. A youth was masturbating due to ignorance before, and after, reaching fourteen. As he did not know that discharging semen makes him *junub* and he is required to do *Ghusl* for praying and fasting, so he did not perform the *Ghusl* after the discharge of semen. What is his duty? Is it obligatory for him to perform the *Ghusls* of this period during which he was masturbating and had seminal discharge? Are all his prayers and fasts which made during this period and until now invalid and should he repeat them?

answer! A single *Ghusl* of *janābah* is sufficient for all the past discharges of semen. And it is obligatory for him to make *qaḍā'* of all prayers he is certain he offered in the state of *janābah*. As to the fasts, if he was doing this act at night and did not know he was *junub*, he would not be obligated to make up these fasts and they would be ruled as valid. But if he knew that he had had a discharge of semen and had been *junub* without knowing that *Ghusl* is necessary for the validity of his fast, it would be obligatory for him to make *qaḍā'* of the days he had fasted in the state of *janābah*.

To Fast after an Invalid *Ghusl*

question! 11. I used to do *Ghusl* of *janābah* in this order: first, the right side of the body, then the head, and thirdly the left side. What is my duty in regard to the prayers I offered and the fasts I kept, taking into consideration that I had dealt with this issue with negligence and did not ask and investigate about it?

answer! *Ghusl* performed in the mentioned manner is invalid and does not remove the state of *janābah*. Accordingly, the prayers performed with such a *Ghusl* are invalid and it is obligatory to repeat them as *qaḍā'*. As for the fasts, they are considered valid as you believed that *Ghusl* in the said manner was valid and you had not remained *junub* intentionally.

Kaffārah of Masturbation While Fasting

question! 12. Someone masturbated although he knew that masturbation would invalidate the fast. Does he have to offer the two-fold *Kaffārah*?

answer! The two-fold *Kaffārah* is not obligatory for him if he masturbated intentionally and ejaculated, although it is a recommended caution to pay the two-fold *Kaffārah*.

To Watch Erotic Scenes While Fasting

question! 13. Someone who is fasting looks at a sexually arousing scene during the month of Ramadan and becomes *junub*, does it invalidate his fast?

answer! If he looks in order to ejaculate or he knows that he will become *junub* if he looks at it, or he is in the habit of that yet looks at it intentionally and becomes *junub*, then, the rule of intentionally becoming *junub* applies to him. So he should observe both *qaḍā'* and *Kaffārah*.

To Attribute a Lie to Allah, the Prophets and the Infallible (P. B. U. T)

14. To attribute a lie to Allah, the prophets S. A. W and the infallible A. S, by obligatory caution, invalidates fast although he repents later and declare that it was a lie.

To Attribute a Lie to Fatimah Al-Zahra A. S

question! 15. Is the fast valid if someone attributes a lie to Fatimah Al-Zahra?

answer! Yes, by obligatory caution, it makes fast invalid.

Smoking/Using Drugs

question! 16. Please, give your opinion concerning smoking by a person who is fasting.

answer! By obligatory caution, one has to avoid taking in cigarette smoke and the like while fasting. The same rule is applied to drugs absorbed through nose or put under the tongue.

To Vomit in a State of Nausea

question! 17. A fasting person vomits as he is in a state of nausea, what about his fast?

answer! It is no problem if it occurs involuntarily. If he vomits intentionally, the fast is void.

The Criterion for Validity of a Physician's Forbidding

question! 18. Considering that some physicians are not aware of Islamic laws, should the patient obey a physician's order if he forbids fasting?

answer! If the physician's statement makes the patient certain that fasting is harmful for him or he fears of harm in fasting — either on the basis of his statements or on some other reasonable roots — then it is not obligatory for him to fast.

To Use Asthma Spray

question| 19. I am suffering from a lung disease and cannot avoid the medicine, especially when it is aggravated. I use spray as a medicine and in severe situations use some device as well. Can I use medicine while fasting?

answer| If it is used only to open respiratory tract, it does not validate fast.

Infusions/Injections

question| 20. Please explain your view on having injections while fasting during the blessed month of Ramadan?

answer| It is based on obligatory precaution for the fasting person to avoid having any kind of supportive, nutritional or intravenous injections. The same rule is applied to all kinds of intravenous fluid infusions. However, there is no objection to using anesthetic injections and intramuscular ones for treatment purposes.

Blood Transfusion

question| 21. I am suffering from thalassemia and should receive blood during fast. Is my fast valid or I should perform its *qaḍā'*?

answer| Blood transfusion invalidates fast based on obligatory precaution.

To Bleed While Fasting

question| 22. Does it invalidate my fast if my body is bleeding?

answer| It is not among fast invalidators. However, it is *makrūh* for a fasting person, if it leads to — in bloodletting, etc. — his weakness.

Dental Restorations/ Extractions for a Fasting Person

question| 23. Do dentistry acts, like extractions, root canal therapy, anesthesia, and fillings, make fast invalid?

answer| If nothing enters the throat, the fast is valid.

To Doubt Swallowing Gum's Blood

question| 24. My gums often bleed and the blood gets mixed with saliva. At times I am not sure whether the saliva that enters my throat is mixed with blood or not. Please tell me what I am supposed to do to overcome this problem.

answer| If the blood from your gums dissolves in the saliva, then the saliva is pure and can be swallowed. If you are not sure whether the saliva is mixed with blood or not, it can still be swallowed without affecting the fast.