



Q: What is the ruling on one who pays Zakat-ul-Fitr (obligatory charity paid before the Festival of Breaking the Fast) during the Khutbah (sermon) after Salat-ul-'Eid (the Festival Prayer) due to forgetfulness?

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A: Paying Zakat-ul-Fitr before Salah (Prayer) is Wajib (obligatory), but if one forgets to pay it then nothing is required of them other than paying it once they remember, because it is Faridah (obligatory act). It is not permissible for anyone to deliberately delay paying it until after Salat-ul-'Eid, according to the more correct of the two views held by the scholars, because the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) ordered the Muslims to pay it before Salat-ul-'Eid.

Source: Fatwas of Ibn Baz