

Making up previous Ramadaan Fasts missed with a valid excuse

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(Al-Hudaa wan-Noor: 81)

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

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹ : Another Ramadaan has come round and you haven't made up for the [Ramadaan] fasts you missed from the previous year?

There is no harm in that, [but] you should begin making them up at the first opportunity that arises, even if many Ramadaans have passed you by.

Questioner: Yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): There is no harm in that but it is better for a person to be quick to make up missed fasting days, whether a man or a woman, due to the Most High's Statement,

“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden [i.e., Paradise] as wide as the heavens and the earth.” [Soorah Aali-Imraan 3:133]

But if he isn't quick, then, firstly, that doesn't take that obligation away from him, so he must [still] make them up, and [secondly], he doesn't have to do anything more than simply making them up.

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