

## Fasting Shawwaal when days left from Ramadhaan

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

### Question:

Is it permissible to fast six days from Shawwaal before one makes up that which is due upon him from days wherein he broke his fast during Ramadhaan?

**Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup>:

If one is able to make up the days wherein he broke his fast during Ramadhaan, and then fast the six days then this is an affair which is good. If he is not able to fast them both then it is permissible for him to fast the six days regarding which the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ بِسِتِّ مِنْ شَوَّالٍ فَكَأَنَّمَا صَامَ الدَّهْرَ كُلَّهُ

**"Whoever fasts Ramadhaan then followed it up with six days from Shawwaal, then it is as if he fasted for the entire year."**

Why do we say this? Because the time for making up the fast is broad; as opposed to fasting the six days. There is no room for it except within Shawwaal. As for the time of making up the fast, there has come on the authority of 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her, that she said: "I was not able to make up (my missed days of fasting) except in Sha'baan." Meaning: Because she was occupied by the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ

<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him