

Ibn Baaz's sincerity and the number of times he performed Hajj

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

Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin al-'Abbaad (حفظه الله)¹ said about Shaykh ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)²:

"And I also remember that when he went to Qassim in 1385ah to get married there, I was with the Shaykhs who went along with him. On the way there we were passing through a valley [and I recall it was one] which had trees and half way through the day a solar eclipse occurred. So he led us in the eclipse prayer in that valley, may Allaah have mercy on him."

"And I remember one year when I was at the Islaamic University of Madeenah I entered the Prophet's Mosque with him after they had called the adhaan for the midday prayer, and I was next to him.

So he prayed four rak'ahs and I prayed two.

And it is known that the supererogatory prayers [Sunan ar-Raatibah] are ten in number and that praying twelve is more complete. So when I gave salaam he turned towards me and said, "You only prayed two rak'ahs." I said, "Yes." So he said, "Praying twelve is more complete and greater in excellence."

"... and he performed Hajj forty-seven times, may Allaah have mercy on him ..."

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him