

Intercourse during the day in Ramadhaan but not ejaculating

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

Question: There is a man who had intercourse with his wife during the day in Ramadhaan, but he did not ejaculate. He was unaware of this ruling and the consequences, but he knew that intercourse with ejaculation is haraam. What is the ruling?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: The most correct view is that the one who does one of the actions that break the fast, or one of the actions that are forbidden when in ihram, or one of the actions that render the prayer invalid, when he is unaware of that, is not to be blamed. If this man who had intercourse with his wife during the day in Ramadhaan was unaware of the ruling and thought that the intercourse that is forbidden is that in which ejaculation occurs, then there are no consequences for that.

But if he was aware that intercourse (during the day in Ramadhaan) is haraam, but he did not know that expiation is required for it, then he has to offer expiation, because there is a difference between ignorance of the ruling and ignorance of the consequences. Ignorance of the consequences does not count as an excuse, whereas ignorance of the ruling does count as an excuse.

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