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## Making up missed Ramadhans

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> was asked that if a person never fasted Ramadhan for months after having reached the age of responsibility but then he started practicing, is it then incumbent upon him to make up those missed Ramadhans? So he replied, “The strongest opinion from the statements of the people of knowledge is that it is not incumbent upon him to make up those months which, without an excuse, he had left, based upon the fact that worship is scheduled [to be performed at certain times] and when a person delays it beyond its legislatively appointed time, then it is not accepted from him, and making it up later will not benefit him at all.”<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> Fiqhul-Ibaadaat, pp. 256-257.