

One who prays in Ramadhaan but not in other months

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

Question: What is the ruling on the one who preserves the prayers in the month of Ramadhaan and he fasts six days from the month of Shawwaal, however, after Ramadhaan he abandons the prayer, consumes intoxicants, and fornicates; the general people with us are like this, so what is their ruling? When we advise them they do not accept it.

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (رَجَمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: The one who does this, based upon that which is correct from the statements of the people of knowledge, is considered a disbeliever. This is because the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said:

“There is not between the servant and disbelief and polytheism except the prayer; the one who abandons it has disbelieved.”

And the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“The covenant that is between us and them is the prayer...”

Na’am. I added (mistakenly) to the first Hadeeth. I will repeat it:

“There is nothing between the servant and disbelief and Shirk except the prayer.” (That’s it)

And he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also says in the Hadeeth of Buraydah:

“The covenant that is between us and them is the prayer, he who abandons it has disbelieved.”

Allaah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)³ says in His Noble Book, reporting about some of the believers will say to some of those who are in the Hellfire:

مَا سَأَلَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ۚ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ ۚ ۳

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

² (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

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["What has landed you in the Fire? The will say: 'We were not from those who used to pray.]"⁴

Moreover, Allaah (عزوجل) says:

فَخَلَفَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ خَلْفٌ أَضَاعُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَاتَّبَعُوا الشَّهْوَاتِ فَسُوفَ يَلْقَوْنَ غِيًّا ٥٩

["Then, there has succeeded them a posterity who have given up as-Salaat (the prayers) [i.e. made their Salaat (prayers) to be lost, either by not offering them or by not offering them perfectly or by not offering them in their proper fixed times, etc.] and have followed lusts. So they will be thrown in Hell.]"⁵

And Allaah (تبارك وتعالى)⁶ has said:

فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ ۚ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ ٥

["Woe to those who pray! Those who are negligent as it relates to their prayer.]"⁷

Allaah (تبارك وتعالى) says:

فَإِنْ تَابُوا وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ فَإِخْوَانُكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ ۗ ١١

["But if they repent and establish the prayer and pay Zakaat, then they are your brothers in religion.]"⁸

What is understand from the verse is that those who do not do that, then they are not our brothers in religion.

⁴ سورة المدثر – Soorah al-Muddathir [74:42-43]

⁵ سورة مريم – Soorah Maryam [19:59]

⁶ (تبارك وتعالى) (Tabaraka wa Ta'ala) The Blessed and the Most High

⁷ سورة الماعون – Soorah al-Maa'oon [107:4-5]

⁸ سورة التوبة - Soorah at-Tawbah [9:11]