

Making up missed fasts

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

Question: There is a woman who did not fast the month of Ramadhaan because of childbirth, and she has not made up that month. That was a long time ago and she is not able to fast. What is the ruling?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (*May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him*): What this woman has to do is repent to Allaah from what she has done, because it is not permissible for a person to delay making up Ramadhaan until the next Ramadhaan comes except for a legitimate Shar'ee excuse. So she has to repent, then if she is able to fast, even if it is day after day, then she should fast. If she cannot do that, then she should see: if it is for an ongoing reason, then she should feed one poor person for each day. If it is for a temporary reason that it is hoped will disappear, she should wait until it disappears, then she should make up the days she owes.