

## Muslim who for many years did not fast Ramadhaan

[Majmoo' Fataawa ash-Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen, 19/87]

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

**Question:** What is the ruling on the Muslim who for many years did not fast Ramadhaan, even though he did some of the other obligatory duties, and he had no impediment that was keeping him from fasting? Does he have to make up the fasts if he repents?

**Shaykh al-Uthaymeen** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup>: The correct view is that he does not have to make up the fasts if he repents, because in the case of every act of worship that is connected to a specific time, if a person deliberately delays it without an excuse, then Allaah will not accept it from him.

Based on that, there is no benefit in making it up. But he has to repent to Allaah, (*may He be glorified and exalted*), and do a lot of righteous deeds. And whoever repents, Allaah will turn to him in mercy.

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