

Ruling on Zakaah

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Question: what is the ruling on a man who testifies that there is no god worthy of worship but Allaah and offers the Salaah (prayer), but does not pay the Zakaah? As this person refuses to pay the Zakaah, should Funeral Prayer be offered for them when they die?

Answer: Zakaah is one of the pillars of Islam and if one gives it up, denying that it is obligatory, then its rulings should be explained to them. If however they still refuse to pay the Zakaah, they are considered to be a disbeliever and after they die, Funeral Prayer should not be offered for them nor should they be buried in the Muslim graveyards. However, if one abandons paying Zakaah out of miserliness while believing that it is a religious obligation, they will be committing a major sin, but they are not to be considered disbelievers. If they die in this case, their body should be washed and the Funeral Prayer should be offered for them, and Allaah may punish or forgive them on the Day of Resurrection.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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