

## Warning one neglecting Hajj

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

### Concerning the warning against someone who neglects Hajj with the ability of performing it

**Question:** I have read in the book “Al-Kabaa'ir” (The Major Sins) of Imaam Al-Haafidh Shams Ad-Deen Adh-Dhahabee that the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said: “Whoever owns provision and a transportation that allow him to perform Hajj to the sacred House but does not perform it, there is no blame if he dies as a Jew or a Christian”. So, I can afford Hajj, but we, me and my wife, economise money in order to buy a house. So what is the ruling of this deed?

**Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee** (*May Allaah the Most High preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

This hadeeth intends to cast a harsh warning on the one who can afford Hajj but do not perform it, and over-reproaches the one who neglects it, and this, by comparing him to a Jew or a Christian. Ahl Al-Kitaab (People of the Book; the Jews and Christians) are specifically mentioned here, because they do not abide by the Book. So, the one who neglects Hajj is compared to them as he does not also abide by the Book of Allaah and fling it behind his back as if he did not know it. It is known that the ability of performing Hajj comes after the essential needs like food, drink, garment and other basic livelihoods.

Whereas, the hadeeth mentioned in the question cannot be taken as a proof to support what is explained above, since it does not stand as a proof. In fact, it is reported by At-Tirmidhee in the chapter of “Hajj” number (817) from the Marfoo` (raised to the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*)) hadeeth of Alee (*May Allaah be pleased with him*). He (At-Tirmidhee) said: “This is a Ghareeb (strange) hadeeth, its Isnaad (chain of narration) is criticised”. Al-Albaanee judged this hadeeth as Da'eef (weak) in “Da'eef Al-Jaami`” number (5860) and in “Da'eef At-Targheeb Wat-Tarheeb” number (753).

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The enjoined person (to perform religious duties) should know that the basic necessity of a house is taken into consideration only if he does not have a personal house, but if he has a convenient house or he wants just to acquire another residence more than his need, he must -in such a case- give precedence to Hajj and perform his duty as well as he is able.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*May He be Exalted the Most High*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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