

Saying Ramadhaan Kareem

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بِ هَلَلِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Questioner: When the fasting person falls into a sin and he is prohibited from that sin he will say, Ramadhaan Kareem. So what is the ruling concerning this phrase and what is the ruling concerning this behaviour?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: said: The ruling concerning this is, this phrase Ramadhaan Kareem is not correct, and the only phrase that should be said is Ramadhaan Mubarak or what resembles that. Because Ramadhaan is not the one that gives such that it can be called generous (Kareem), rather it is only Allaah (رَبِّهِ)² that put virtue in it and made it a virtuous month and made the time period for performing (the fasting) a pillar from Islaam.

And it is as though the one who said this thinks that due to the nobility of this month it is permissible to commit sins. And this is in opposition to what the people of knowledge have said (for they have said) that the sins are multiplied if they are done during virtuous times or noble places so this is the opposite of what this person has assumed.

And they have said that it is incumbent upon the person to have Taqwaa of Allaah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)³ during every time and in every place especially during virtuous times and in noble places.

And Allaah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الصِّرَاطَ الَّذِي أَمَرَ بِكُمْ لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيهِ آيَاتٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ

["Oh you who believe fasting has been prescribed for you like it was prescribed for those before you that you may obtain Taqwaa."]

So the wisdom behind the obligation of fasting is to gain Taqwaa of Allaah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) by doing what He has ordered and avoiding what He has prohibited. And it has been established that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁴ said:

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (سُبْحَانَهُ) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

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

⁴ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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من لم يَدَعْ قَوْلَ الزُّورِ، وَلا عَمَلَهُ، وَلا جَهْلَهُ فَيَسْتَلِمْ لِنَفْسِهِ، فَلا يَدْعُ طَعَامَهُ وَلا شَرِبَهُ

Whoever does not abandon falsehood in word and action, then Allaah (عزوجل) has no need that he should leave his food and drink.

Therefore fasting is worship for Allaah and cultivation for the soul and a safeguard for it from the prohibitions of Allaah. And it is not like this one without knowledge has said that due to the nobility of this month and its blessing, sinning is allowed in it.