
Eating the meat of dead animals

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

Question: What is the permissibility of eating the meat of dead animals in an desolate desert, when a person exhausted his food since a long period but he has enough water to enable him to reach inhabited areas.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: If one is under the compulsion of necessity to eat that meat and fears death if he does not eat it, then it is allowed for him to eat it, because Allaah (Exalted be He) says: [**Forbidden to you (for food) are: Al-Maitah (the dead animals - cattle - beast not slaughtered), blood, the flesh of swine, and that on which Allaah's Name has not been mentioned while slaughtering, (that which has been slaughtered as a sacrifice for others than Allaah, or has been slaughtered for idols) and that which has been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by the goring of horns - and that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal - unless you are able to slaughter it (before its death) - and that which is sacrificed (slaughtered) on An-Nusub (stone-altars). (Forbidden) also is to use arrows seeking luck or decision; (all) that is Fisqoon (disobedience of Allaah and sin). This day, those who disbelieved have given up all hope of your religion; so fear them not, but fear Me. This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islaam as your religion. But as for him who is forced by severe hunger, with no inclination to sin (such can eat these above mentioned meats), then surely, Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful**]².

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

² [Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:5]