

Regarding getting pleasure from unrelated woman without intercourse

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

Question: There is a man in his prime youth who is guided by Allaah to the straight path. He asks how he can expiate some of his past sins, especially concerning the fasting.

He says that he had a girl friend. One day in Ramadhan, he was alone with her and did some acts with her, but he did not have intercourse with her (being aware that what he perpetrated is forbidden). He asks about the religious rulings that result from his acts.

May Allaah bless you, and peace be upon you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Ferkous 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.

It is known that the sacredness of the month of Ramadhan is major, and transgressing it incurs major sin due to the paramount importance it has.

Among the aspects of the sacredness of this month, the fact that one should avoid lewdness, lying speech and other bad things. In addition, committing these acts – concerning their effects – can be manifested in two things:

The first: the sin that the perpetrator should repent of at once, and the good actions he should perform abundantly, as Allaah (Mighty and Majestic is He) says:

﴿إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ ذَلِكَ ذِكْرَى لِلذَّاكِرِينَ﴾

The meaning of the verse:

﴿That is a reminder (an advice) for the mindful (those who accept advice)﴾

[Hood: 114]

Allaah (Mighty and Majestic is He) also says:

﴿إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا﴾

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The meaning of the verse:

﴿**Except those who repent and believe (in Islaamic Monotheism), and do righteous deeds; for those, Allaah will change their sins into good deeds, and Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful**﴾

[Al-Furqaan (The Criterion): 70]

And he who is sincere in his repentance and renounces his sin, he should find Allaah Merciful and Forgiving.

The second: his fasting should be invalid by committing sexual intercourse, whether the latter is licit or illicit. So, he should compensate that day and follow it with fasting two consecutive months which are an expiation.

As for he who had not committed the forbidden sexual intercourse, by not penetrating a sex, which is innately desired and religiously forbidden, it is to be said that, according to the soundest opinion of the scholars, sins do not annul fasting, but they reduce its perfection.

However, if being alone with that unrelated woman and embracing her was a cause to get discharge, the person do not make up for that day, according to one of the two opinions of the scholars, and he will not be asked to perform expiation.

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

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