

128712 - She did 'umrah and did not complete saa'i, then she did 'umrah several times after that

the question

A long time ago I went with my family to do 'umrah and I did not complete saa'i at that time because I was tired. I do not remember whether I had reached puberty at the time or not, then I forgot about it. Please note that I have done 'umrah more than once since then. Praise be to Allaah, I got engaged and my engagement lasted for a year, then due to some circumstances there was a separation. I heard a fatwa which said that a woman did not complete her 'umrah and got married, and the shaykh ruled that her marriage was invalid and she had to repeat it. After I heard that, I remembered my incomplete 'umrah and this matter has preoccupied my mind a great deal. What do I have to do now? What should I do with regard to my incomplete 'umrah? What about the engagement that took place? Does it come under the heading of haraam? And the last question with regard to the future, if I get engaged — will there be any problem with it?.

Detailed answer

Saa'i is one of the essential parts of 'umrah, without which it is invalid and incomplete. If a person does 'umrah and does not do saa'i and was not prevented from completing 'umrah by an enemy or sickness that prevented him from completing his 'umrah, then he is still in his state of ihram and he has to go back and do saa'i and cut his hair. This applies to the adult who is accountable. With regard to someone who is not an adult or accountable, the matter is easier. A number of scholars are of the view that his ihram is not binding, and whatever he has done will be accepted from him, and if he interrupts his ihram or does not complete his 'umrah, there is no sin on him. This is the view of the Hanafis and Ibn Hazm, and was the view favoured by Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allaah have mercy on him) among later scholars.

See: al-Sharh al-Mumti', 7/21; Majmoo' Fataawa Ibn
'Uthaymeen, 22/148

Based on that, if you did this 'umrah before you reached
puberty, you do not have to do anything.

If it was after you reached puberty, and you did a complete
'umrah after that, then the complete 'umrah will suffice for the one that
was incomplete. That is because your ihram for the second 'umrah was
superfluous, because you were already in ihram, so the saa'i and cutting the
hair count towards the first 'umrah, and thus your obligations have been
discharged.

We asked Shaykh 'Abd al-Rahmaan al-Barraak (may Allaah
preserve him) about a woman who did 'umrah and forgot to cut her hair, then
she went and entered ihram for another 'umrah and did tawaaf and saa'i and
cut her hair.

He replied: Overlapping two 'umrahs is not correct according
to the fuqaha' of the Muslims, so the second 'umrah is superfluous, and her
cutting her hair counts towards the first 'umrah. End quote.

If your marriage contract was done after the valid 'umrah —
as we understand from your question — then it is a valid contract, because
it took place after exiting ihram following 'umrah.

And there is nothing wrong with you doing the marriage
contract in the future.

And Allaah knows best.