

## 42314 - Is the farewell tawaaf obligatory for the people of Jeddah?

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### the question

We live in Jeddah and we wanted to do Hajj. We went for Hajj, but we did not do the farewell tawaaf because my father refused and said to us that no one needs to do this tawaaf except those who are travelling. What should we do?.

### Detailed answer

The scholars of the Standing Committee were asked:

I live in the city of Jeddah and I always go to Makkah.

Should I bid farewell to the Sacred House after Hajj, or should I delay that until I am going to travel to my own country? Is there any expiation to be offered for delaying the farewell tawaaf?

They replied:

If you do Hajj then do not leave for Jeddah after your Hajj until you have performed the farewell tawaaf. If you left before performing the farewell tawaaf, then you have to offer a sacrifice to be slaughtered in the Haram; and you should not eat any of it, rather it should be given to the poor, because the farewell tawaaf is obligatory after Hajj, because of the general meaning of the hadeeth of Ibn 'Abbaas (may Allaah have mercy on him): "The people were commanded that the last thing they do should do is to circumambulate the House, but an exception was made for menstruating women." (Saheeh - agreed upon). So you have to repent to Allaah for going out to Jeddah before performing the farewell tawaaf.

Shaykh 'Abd al-'Azeez ibn Baaz, Shaykh 'Abd al-Razzaaq 'Afeefi, Shaykh 'Abd-Allaah ibn Ghadyaan. Fataawa al-Lajnah al-Daa'imah

li'l-Buhooth al-'Ilmiyyah wa'l-Ifta' (11/303).

Shaykh 'Abd al-'Azeez ibn Baaz (may Allaah have mercy on him)  
was asked:

Is it permissible for a pilgrim to travel to Jeddah without  
performing the farewell tawaaf? What should the one who has done that do?

He replied:

It is not permissible for a pilgrim to leave Makkah after  
Hajj until he has done the farewell tawaaf, because the Prophet (peace  
and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "No one among you should leave  
until the last thing he has done is to circumambulate the House." Narrated  
by Muslim. And in al-Saheehayn it is narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas (may  
Allaah be pleased with him) said: "The people were commanded that the last  
thing they do should be to circumambulate the House, but an exception was  
made for menstruating women." So it is not permissible for the people of  
Jeddah or al-Taa'if or anywhere else to leave Makkah after Hajj without  
performing the farewell tawaaf.

Whoever travels before  
doing the farewell tawaaf has to offer a compensatory sacrifice for having  
omitted an obligatory action. And there are other views concerning that, but  
this is the correct view on this matter according to the scholars. Some of  
the scholars said that if he goes back with the intention of performing the  
farewell tawaaf, that is sufficient and he does not have to offer the  
sacrifice, but this is subject to further discussion. In order to be on the  
safe side, if a believer travels a distance that allows him to shorten his  
prayers without performing the farewell tawaaf, he should offer a sacrifice  
to make up for this defect in his Hajj.

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If he cannot slaughter a sheep because he cannot afford it,  
then he does not have to do anything and he does not have to fast.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allaah have mercy on him) said,  
after a detailed discussion on the ruling on one who omits an obligatory  
action:

In that case we say to  
one who has omitted an obligatory action: Offer a sacrifice in Makkah and  
distribute it (its meat) to the poor; either do this yourself or appoint a  
person whom you trust to do it for you. If you are unable to do that, then  
your repentance is sufficient and you do not need to fast. This is what we  
think concerning this matter.

Al-Sharh al-Mumti', 7/441.

And Allaah knows best.