

## Shaykh's Fatwaa concerning menstruating woman sitting in the mosque

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**Questioner:** The menstruating woman, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>1</sup> permitted her to enter the mosque except that she is not allowed to perform Tawaaf?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>2</sup>: Yes.

**Questioner:** [If she enters the mosque does she] or does she not pray the two rak'ahs performed upon entering the mosque [Tahayyatul-Masjid]? Does she pray or [just] sit down in the mosque?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): She sits down without praying, it's not allowed for her to pray, she sits in the mosque without praying.

**Questioner:** ... [She sits] without praying, but what is the proof for that, O Shaykh?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): The proof is the hadeeth I mentioned to you which is in Saheeh Bukhaaree, "Do what the pilgrims do, except that you should not perform tawaaf and nor pray." So what does the pilgrim do? He enters the mosque, prays, performs tawaaf, sits, and reads the Qur'aan—the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) allowed her to do all of that but excluded the prayer and the tawaaf from it.

**Questioner:** This noble Prophetic hadeeth [states] that it is not allowed for her to pray ...

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Yes, and there are other hadeeths about the fact that the woman does not pray or fast but that she makes up the fast but not the prayer.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

<sup>2</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>3</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 160.