

Not made up fasts owed from two years ago

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

Question: There was a woman who did not fast in Ramadhaan because of nifaas (postpartum bleeding) and she could not make up the fasts because of breastfeeding, before the next Ramadhaan came. What does she have to do?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (*May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him*): What this woman has to do is fast to make up the days when she did not fast, even if that is after the following Ramadhaan, because she only refrained from making them up between the first Ramadhaan and the next because of this excuse. But if it is not difficult for her to make them up during the winter, even if it is day after day, then she has to do that, even if she is breastfeeding. So she should be keen to do as much as she can in order to make up last Ramadhaan before the next Ramadhaan comes. But if she cannot do that, there is nothing wrong with delaying it until the next Ramadhaan comes.